

The Lamplighter – October 2021

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24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9 (NKJV)

Friends and Family of Oak Grove,

“It’s football time in Tennessee!” You get excited to hear those words on a Saturday when you lived away from this area as long as we did, and it brings back a sense of home. I have heard those words in Texas, North Carolina, and Missouri, and I have been standing in a boat, garage, living room, and even a church parking lot. Every time they brought me goosebumps because I knew what was coming.

This weekend the United States beat the European golfers by the largest margin ever. When the competition was won, two men hugged each other and shared the excitement of the moment. Anyone who has paid attention to golf over the past few years knows there has been a feud between Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka. Everyone wondered if these two could even play for the same team or would they be such a distraction that it would give the Europeans an advantage. After the matches, when the Team USA coach was interviewed, he mentioned that not only had the two gotten along all week, they each offered to play with the other if it would help the team win.

As a church, we remember the true call of Christ, “18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.” These words should motivate us to come together, set aside differences, and focus on the task at hand. Our goal, our passion, the thing that gives us goosebumps, is the call to “Go” and make a difference. We must be careful not to let our personal wants and needs distract us from the task at hand. So this month, find that renewed excitement about what God is calling you to accomplish. You have an incredible opportunity to complete a great task worthy of your time, energy, and tears. We have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. So all together, Let's GO!

Pastor Todd Haley



Our Christian love & sympathy are extended to:

- *Josh Wenger & family in the death of his grandfather, Garner Yates
- *David Middleton & family in the death of his wife, Melissa Middleton
- *The family of Charles Castle
- *Pattie Hurd & family in the death of her mother, Phoebe Freeman



Thanks to everyone for your kind words, cards, thoughts, and prayers during the passing of my sister, Deloris Middleton. We appreciated it very much.

Joann & D.L. Smith



I am very excited about what is going on in the Youth Dept. Our new year for Sunday School has started and we have welcomed the 7th graders and a new teacher to the department. Our Sunday School classes are growing. Youth on Wednesday is also growing. We are averaging over 20 students each week. God is moving in the hearts and lives of our young people and it is exciting to get to be a part of that.

Parents, I want to encourage you to come and eat with us on Wednesday nights. I want our youth group to have more family involvement. Come and check out what we are studying on Wednesday nights and if you want, you can help cook. We will be doing a meal every Wednesday.

Ramona



We are four weeks into our study of Philippians in Sunday school, and it has been fantastic! As Paul was writing from prison to the church at Philippi, he reported on how many of the guards had heard his testimony and how the faith of the Roman Christians had strengthened because of his suffering. This is such a great example of how we should face our struggles, that is with a strong faith and looking for ways to glorify God.

If you are not in a Sunday school class, let me encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings at 9:45. It is a wonderful way to study God's word as well as to pray and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Blessings,
Eric Counts



The change of the seasons has come again, and fall is in the air. I am so glad the Sunbeam Singers and Children's Choir have started back to weekly practice. Right now they are having several kids each week, but would always welcome more! We have wonderful leaders who do a great job. They would love to have your child join them on Wednesday evenings at 5:45 p.m.

Do you love to sing and praise the Lord? We are looking for participants for the Adult Choir. I invite anyone to be a part of this wonderful ministry, which has practice on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday, November 21st, we will have a special Thanksgiving service with testimonies, music, praise and worship. We are not currently having Sunday evening worship, so the exact time of the Thanksgiving musical is yet to be determined. More information will be coming at a later date.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to Rick Cox and our sound technicians. Thanks also to David Salyer for running the program that puts words on the screen each week. We appreciate our Facebook Live Streaming team as well. Many times we take these folks for granted, but we want you to know how much we appreciate you!

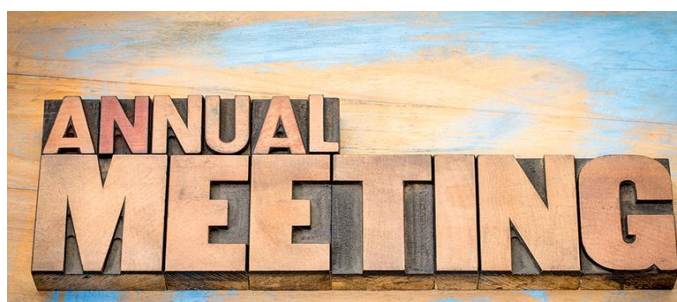
In Christian Love, Doug



October is Pastor and Staff Appreciation month. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Pastor Todd, Doug, Ramona and Eric for the way they serve Oak Grove Baptist Church and its people. This month we encourage you to honor our ministerial staff by sending a thank you card, email, or text. Give a small gift or a gift card. Say a sincere word of thanks from the heart and most importantly, pray for these leaders.



Registration for Upward will begin soon. Basketball is open to boys, grades K-9 and girls, grades K-7 (cost \$50). Cheerleading is open to girls, grades K-6 (cost \$50). Evaluations will be held in late October. You may go online to register your child (www.ogbchurch.org) or stop by the church office for a brochure. We look forward to a wonderful season!



The Annual Meeting of the Holston Valley Baptist Association will be Monday, October 18th at Ridgeview Baptist Church in Church Hill. The theme for this year is "All Things Become New". Due to high COVID numbers in our area, a meal will not be served this year and there will only be one session beginning at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be a missionary serving in Asia with the International Mission Board. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Drive-Thru Harvest Celebration

On Saturday, October 30th we will have a Drive-Thru Harvest Celebration from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Guests will remain in their cars as they drive thru for "Trunk or Treat" and a meal to go. We would love to have many participants to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. If you would like to participate, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We are also collecting individually wrapped candy/treat donations. You may leave donations in the red bin outside of the church office.



TRUNK OR TREAT

A Pumpkin Prayer



After Liz Curtis Higgs wrote the popular children's book *The Pumpkin Patch Parable*, people began using her analogies to say a prayer while carving their Halloween pumpkins. The pumpkin prayer, a Christian alternative to Halloween traditions, reminds people of all ages what God has done for us. Use it this fall when your family makes jack-o'-lanterns.

- While cutting off the top of the pumpkin, pray, "Lord, open my mind so I can learn new things about you." (See Proverbs 1:7.)
- While removing the seeds and pulp, pray, "Remove the things in my life that don't please you. Forgive the wrong things I do, and help me forgive others." (See Matthew 6:14-15.)
- While making eyes, pray, "Open my eyes to see the beauty you've made in the world around me." (See Psalm 104:24.)
- While making the nose, pray, "I'm sorry for the times I've turned up my nose at your many gifts." (See James 1:17.)
- While making the mouth, pray, "Let everything I say please you." (See Psalm 19:14.)
- While lighting the candle, pray, "Lord, help me show your light to others through the things I do." (See Matthew 5:16.)

After carving your pumpkins, display them as examples of how God's love transforms us into new creations.

(See 2 Corinthians 5:17.) Published in: [October 2009](#)



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Church Minister Relations Committee	6 6:30 Prayer Meeting	7 	8	9
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17	18 6:30 HVBA Annual Meeting - Ridgeview Baptist	19 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study	20 6:30 Prayer Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26 9:45 & 6:00 Women's Bible Study	27 6:30 Prayer Meeting	28	29	30 6:00-7:30 
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