

The Lamplighter – January 2022

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Philippians 4

- 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!
5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication,
with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;
7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ.
8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble,
whatever things are just, whatever things are pure,
whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report,
if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy
Meditate on these things.
9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me,
these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Friends and Family of Oak Grove,

As we move forward into a new year, the Church Council is asking the church to move into a season of prayer. We have been through a great deal in the last few years. Hopefully, we are moving forward and further into a bright, new future. God has been very good to our church. We have seen Him move in some incredible ways. It is both awe-inspiring and exciting.

Prayer needs to cover everything we do as a church. Through scripture, community experience, and even personal experience, we know that there is power in prayer. God is the one who should lead and guide our steps and our direction. If we are going to know His peace, we must seek His way in all we do.

So, I hope you will join us in setting aside a portion of your day to pray and ask for God's guidance in this church. We know a new season is upon us, and we need to focus our full and undivided attention on the Lord. We know God is already at work. Let us join Him in pursuit of great things.

**With love,
Pastor Todd**



Our Christian love & sympathy are extended to:

- *Ashley Kleiboer & family in the death of her great-grandmother, Charlotte Clopton
- *Evie Vaughn & family in the death of her brother, Steve Lytton
- *Steve, Amy, Jacob & Jeb Lambert in the death of Steve's mom, Nina Lambert



From the Minister of Education

What will 2022 have in store for you? Perhaps a new car, a new job, or maybe shed those stubborn pounds that you have been trying to lose for the last couple of years. For many of us, a new year is a great time to start new, good habits. Diets and exercise are some of the more popular new habits that folks start in the new year but another good one is going to Sunday School. If you are not in a Sunday School class already, join us at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. We are studying Ezekiel and Daniel this quarter and it is full of exciting lessons. In addition to the great lessons that you will be part of, Sunday School classes also serve as a small group, where we can pray and rejoice with each other. Make 2022 the start of a renewal for you beginning with Sunday school attendance.

Blessings,
Eric

Youth Events



Happy New Year! A New Year represents a new beginning, a new hope, and a time of putting the past behind us. When we accept Christ as our Savior we have a new beginning, a new hope and our past sins are forgiven. As this New Year begins let us as a church be adamant in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. I pray we will take the gospel outside the walls so that others will know the hope that is only found in Jesus Christ. I pray you all have a blessed New Year.

“Of all persons the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. He has dealt with life at its source. In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.” Aiden Wilson Tozer

Blessing,
Ramona



Dear Church Family,

What a beautiful time of year it has been! We have come through the Christmas season, as we reflected on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It was a great celebration as our choirs presented their Christmas musicals for the church. The Children and Preschool Choirs did a beautiful job and there was great attendance. The children made our sanctuary a joyful place to worship.

Thank you to the Adult Choir for the wonderful job they did on the Christmas Cantata and throughout the whole year as they led in worship. Your faithfulness is appreciated!

We are looking forward to the New Year. Plans are already being made for the spring season. It's a great opportunity for you to be a part of one of our choirs at Oak Grove Baptist Church.

I wish each and every one of you a very Happy New Year!
In Christian Love,
Doug



Upward practices will resume the week of January 2nd, with games beginning on Saturday, January 8th. We have many volunteers that are here all day for Saturday games. We need your help providing food for these volunteers.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Angela McPheron (angela@ogbchurch.org or 423-357-7241) if you would like to help. We are also in need of folks to share a devotion during half-time of each game. Please contact Diane Holcomb at 423-245-6077 to sign up. Thank you in advance for your support of this wonderful program!

In Case of Inclement Weather

In the event of bad weather, information regarding activities and services will be posted on our Facebook page and our website (www.ogbchurch.org). You will also receive a notification via One Call Now, our mass communication system. If you are new to Oak Grove, or you need to update your information, please stop by the Welcome Center to fill out a contact information sheet and turn it in to the office. This will ensure you will not miss out on important communications from OGBC.



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

The Samaritan's Purse project, Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and hygiene items and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Here at Oak Grove we gather supplies year-round for our shoebox gifts. Every month this year, we will announce different items that will be collected. For January, we are asking for toothbrushes and long, plastic toothbrush holders. You may leave your donations in the red bin outside of the office. Thank you!

Thank You!

Dear friends,
It is a great honor to serve at Oak Grove as your Pastor. Thank you for the very kind gifts, cards, letters, and encouragement you have given my family and me this year. We pray you and your family had a wonderful Christmas season and are looking forward to great things in this new year.

With love,
Todd, Rhonda, and Anna Haley

Oak Grove Baptist would like to thank all the volunteers that give of their time and talents here at the church. Many of you work tirelessly, not for show or accolades, but because of your desire to serve your Savior, Jesus Christ.

I would like to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who helped with the Christmas Angel party. You gave graciously of your money, talents, time, and prayers. Because of your generosity, Oak Grove was able to reach out to 24 families – 57 children – with the true Spirit of Christ. The families seemed very appreciative of the food, gifts and warm wishes they received. May God bless you richly for whatever part you played in sharing this season of God's love.

Elaine Hillman

Are You Ready?

"It is a solemn thing to part company with the old year," said J.C. Ryle (1816-1900), the first Anglican bishop of Liverpool. "It is a still more solemn thing to begin a new one. All before us is uncertain; we know not what a day may bring forth, much less what may happen in a year."

Ryle offered this challenge for the days and months ahead: "Walk more closely with God, get nearer to Christ, seek to exchange hope for assurance. Oh that you may endeavor so to grow in grace every year, that your last things may be far more than your first, and the end of your Christian course far better than the beginning!"



The 2022 Flower Chart will soon be posted on the bulletin board across from the office. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of someone, please sign up. Arrangements are \$35 each.



JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 6:00-8:00 Upward	4 6:00-8:00 Upward	5 5:30 Church Council 6:30 Prayer Meeting	6 6:00 Baptist Women 6:00-9:00 Upward	7 	8 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
9 8:00 Deacons' Meeting	10 6:00-8:00 Upward	11 6:00-8:00 Upward	12 6:30 Business Meeting	13 6:00-9:00 Upward	14	15 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
16 SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE  Sunday	17 Martin Luther King Day 6:00-8:00 Upward	18 6:00-8:00 Upward	19 6:30 Prayer Meeting	20 6:00-9:00 Upward	21 	22 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
23 	24 6:00-8:00 Upward	25 6:00-8:00 Upward	26 6:30 Prayer Meeting	27 6:00-9:00 Upward	28	29 9:00 – 4:00 Upward Games
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