

The Lamplighter – June 2023

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Luke 18

15 Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to Him and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. 17 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

Matthew 28

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.

Sometimes we forget the energy and excitement children bring to Christianity. They come with wide-eyed enthusiasm that, as adults, we have long ago forgotten. When the disciples were keeping the children away from Jesus, I am sure they were protecting Jesus or His teaching opportunity. Jesus did not see it the same way. He wanted the children to come and be part of His teachings. He wanted to remind the adults that faith can be seen in children. I am proud of Oak Grove for reaching out and having a ministry for children.

Yesterday I received a phone call from a mom looking for a new church. She had two children and wanted them to be part of a church. She told me she had called several churches around here, and each one told her they did not have a program for children. Imagine, a number of churches in our area are dying to the point that they can no longer offer anything for children.

At Oak Grove, our children’s ministry has some tremendous leaders. We have men and women who understand the importance of helping children know Jesus and grow in their faith. June is a great time to see this faith teaching and practice in action. We have Vacation Bible School first. During this really fun time, the kids will learn about Jesus and how to know Him and follow Him. There will be games, crafts, worship, and skits, all geared toward teaching about Jesus. If you have never helped in VBS, this is a wonderful chance to see God in action.

After Vacation Bible School, we are sending a group of youth and adults to Ocoee, Tennessee. That is about 3-3.5 hours from here, down toward Chattanooga. They will spend a week putting the love of God into action. The group will be helping restore a house for a person who cannot care for it themselves. These are men, women, and youth from our church who are taking the idea of God’s love and putting it into action so another person will know God exists and He has not forgotten you. What a great day to be at Oak Grove! God is doing some incredible work here. I hope you have a great month of June.

**With love,
Pastor Todd**



Our Christian love & sympathy are extended to:

*Pat Stilwell & family in the death of her son, Rodney Stilwell



We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest member!

We're so glad to have you!

CJ Calhoun



Dear Oak Grove Family,

We are grateful for the many expressions of love – kind words, encouragement, prayers, and donation of Bibles – during Steve's Dad's illness and death.

Much love, Steve & Amy Lambert



I hope that you will join us this summer in Sunday School as we will begin our study in the book of Jeremiah in June. Jeremiah is an incredible book that records Israel's disregard of God's commands before the Babylonian conquest of Jerusalem and God's resulting judgment. The story of Jeremiah and his dedication to communicating God's instructions to a disobedient Israel is amazing and will encourage you in your own ministry! Don't miss out on this incredible study over the next quarter starting in June!!



I wanted to thank everyone that helped make the High School Senior Recognition Day so special for the graduates and their families. I love doing ministry with you all. To the graduates - you guys are an amazing group. I will be praying for you all as you go off to college. I will always be here for you all. You have blessed my life in so many ways.

Don't forget to let me know if you are going to Ocoee. The cost is \$100.00 plus money for 2 meals. We will leave on Sunday, June 18 and return Friday, June 23. I will have a list of items you will need to bring and permission slips available for those wanting to go.

The youth will do a School's Out Cookout at Mount Carmel Park Wednesday, May 31. We will meet at the park at 6:30.

Ramona



We are so proud of all of our college graduates! May God bless each of you!

Nicole Byerley – East Tennessee State University – Access ETSU Program

Macy Carmack – East Tennessee State University – Master in Speech Language Pathology

Kailee Harris – University of Tennessee – Bachelor of Communications
with major in Journalism and Electronic Media

David McFarland – East Tennessee State University – Master of Science in Nursing
Family Nurse Practitioner, MSN-FNP

Katie McFarland – Liberty University – Master of Arts in Education

Callie Stidham – East Tennessee State University – Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Whitney Witt - Lincoln Memorial University – Master of Education in Special Education
(scheduled to graduate this summer)

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. Proverbs 16:3



Vacation Bible School at Oak Grove Baptist

June 12th – 16th, 9am to 12pm daily

Classes for 3 years – 8th Grade

*Make your ways known to me, Lord; Teach me your paths.
Psalm 25:4 (CSB)*

Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! Twists and Turns is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds. From classic tabletop games to video games and more, kids will play their way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives.

Each summer we have this amazing opportunity to share the love of Jesus with area children and their families. Please be in prayer for our VBS Director, Elaine Hillman and the many volunteers that are involved in making Bible School a success. Pray also for little hearts to be open to receive the Good News of the Gospel.



It has been many years since Oak Grove has put together a new pictorial directory. We started the process in 2020, taking photos of about half of our congregation, only to have the pandemic throw a wrench in that plan!

We are very excited to begin the process again. You might ask what is the importance of a current pictorial directory? We have many new faces in our church. This is an important tool to help everyone put faces with names and stay connected! It's also a way to document the history of our church. Photography dates will be Monday, August 14th & Tuesday, August 15th, with exact times to be announced. Sign-ups will be conducted online. For your convenience, we will have volunteers setup in the foyer for several Sundays to help with this process. Each family participating will receive a FREE directory and 8x10 portrait. Please remember if you do not participate, we cannot guarantee a copy of the directory for your family. You DO NOT have to be a member to be part of our directory.

June

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

For the month of June, we are collecting new baseball caps and sunglasses for boys and girls ages 10-14 years. Our goal is to collect enough items to send 250 shoeboxes. Want us to shop for you? We gladly accept monetary donations. Please mark your envelope "Shoebox". Thank you for your support of this ministry.



One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



Adult Choir Patriotic Musical Sunday, July 2nd at 11:00 AM

Every year we celebrate America's Independence and the men and women that have so bravely served this great country. All branches of the military will be recognized at this service. We are still in need of an Army representative. If you would like to participate, please contact Doug Wagner or the church office. We look forward to this special time of worship as we reflect on all the ways that God has blessed the United States.

June



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship, Jericho Junction, Children's Church, Nursery	Every Wednesday 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:15 Adult Choir			1 7:00  BAPTIST WOMEN	2	3 5:00-7:00 Gym T. Perry
4 8:00  Deacons Meeting	5	6	7 6:30 Prayer Meeting	8	9 	10
11 5:00 Church Council	12 Vacation Bible School 	13	14 6:30 Business Meeting (Vote on Nom Committee & Nominate Deacons)	15 6:00 Caring Card Ministry 	16 7:00 VBS Commencement	17
Vacation Bible School – June 12th – 16th						
18 	19	20	21 1 st Day of Summer 6:30 Prayer Meeting	22 10:00-2:00 Sew Loved	23	24
Ocoee Mission Trip – June 18th – 23rd						
TBAH Offering						
25	26 	27	28 6:30 Prayer Meeting	29	30	