

The Lamplighter – July 2023

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John 13

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

God has given every single person unique gifts. We have poets, composers, writers, and actors. We seem to notice the gifts artists share with the world. These gifts are unusual and stand out in a society in constant motion. Unfortunately, people sometimes forget they have unique gifts as well. Some people use their gifts as teachers, police officers, military personnel, and factory workers. There is a fantastic array of gifts being used every day. Every person has a gift to share if they are willing to try.

Some choose to make a difference, not only because they are gifted but because they love people. We call them servants. Jesus gave us the illustration when He washed the disciples’ feet. The Son of God, who was part of the creation of heaven and earth, chooses to perform the simplest of tasks, usually done by the last person in the house. The disciples sometimes argued over who was the greatest or most important among them. Jesus illustrated that the most important was the one who made an impact by choosing to serve.

On July 14, our church will lose a great servant after eight years of service. Angela has served this church very well. She grew up in the church and will continue to serve as a member in different capacities, but her time serving in the church office is ending. We will miss her greatly. Her smile, positive attitude, and kind words greeted everyone who walked through the door or made a phone call to Oak Grove. She has set the bar very high, and we are greatly appreciative of the wonderful job she has done. She has shown us a loving example of faithful service. The best we can say in return is, “Well done.” and “Thank you.”

**With love,
Pastor Todd**

This will be the last Lamplighter published for the foreseeable future.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, receiving of friends and the wonderful meal you brought to us. Please continue to keep Trae, Robin, and her family, and myself in your prayers. Thank you again.
Pat Stilwell & family

Thanks to all who have texted, called, or visited. Thanks also for the great food that was sent.
Love you all! Patsy Byerley

It has always been a blessing to work with VBS and this year was no exception. We averaged 94 students during the week and 58 adults on campus. While we did not have any public decisions for Christ, we planted a lot of seeds for Christ and the children learned that Following Jesus Changes Everything! I would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone who had a part in helping this be a great week – whether you were hands on-campus or a prayer warrior off campus. Please continue to pray for the children and families that were touched during the week. Pray that God will continue to work through the seeds planted in precious hearts during VBS.

Your Sister-in-Christ, Elaine Hillman, VBS Director

A great big “Thank You” to the Senior Adult Committee for the wonderful, well-planned Barter trip and the recent barbeque dinner event. We appreciate your hard work!



During the month of June we enjoyed a very successful VBS where we had 120 children enrolled and 65 adults that helped to teach them. Thank you to each of you that helped with this ministry. VBS is often one of the few times that some kids get exposure to the gospel. I know that is hard to fathom, but it is true. Even though VBS has concluded, let’s continue to encourage our children’s teachers and volunteers as they reach out to these young folks and teach about the hope and joy that comes from having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Blessings,
Eric Counts



Just dropping a few lines to remind everyone about our July 2nd Patriotic service. It is always one of our most moving services, as we pay tribute to those who gave so much so we can enjoy the freedoms that we have today!

It is a great opportunity to invite those might not come to a regular worship service, but would come to pay tribute to those who gave their lives, those who served in the military and those who are serving today.

As the musical concludes, we will Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb, for the beautiful nation that we so enjoy!

In Christian love, Doug



Canning College – Sponsored by UT Extension Institute of Agriculture Thursday, July 26th ~ 9:30am to 3:00pm at OGBC Gym

Learn how to safely preserve food in a pressure and water bath canner. Cost for the class is \$40 and includes an over 300-page canning recipe cookbook and 3 take-home jars of preserved food. Class is limited to 14 spots. Additional spots are available at no cost, but you will not receive the canning cookbook or the take-home jars of food. Please visit the address below if you would like to attend.

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OGBC Patriotic Musical

It's almost time for our annual celebration of Independence Day! This year our Sanctuary Choir will present their patriotic musical on Sunday, July 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Every branch of the military will be recognized. Anyone that has their military uniform is welcome and encouraged to wear it. The congregation is also asked to wear red, white, and/or blue. Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to this special service. It is always a blessing!

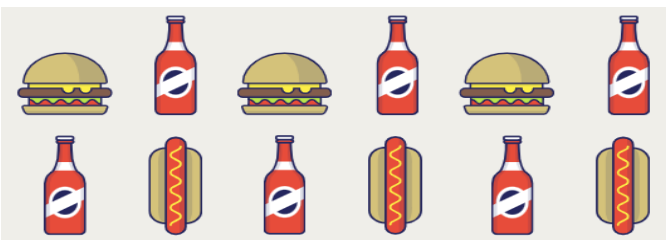


CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

Photography dates will be Monday, August 14th & Tuesday, August 15th, with appointments from 2:00 – 8:30 p.m. Sign-ups will be conducted online. For your convenience, we will have volunteers setup in the foyer throughout the month of July 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.



Please be in prayer for our youth as they plan this special event. The revival will be held in the gym both nights. Invite the young people in your life to come.



BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT & OUTDOOR MUSIC NIGHT

On Sunday, July 30th we will have a Back-to-School Cookout at 5:00 p.m. outside of the gym. The church will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, and drinks. We will have an outdoor Music Night that evening as well. Please bring your favorite dessert and a lawn chair.

Enjoy Your Freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV). We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship, Jericho Junction, Children's Church, Nursery</p>	<p>Every Wednesday 6:30 Young Adult Bible Study, Youth Bible Study, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 7:15 Adult Choir</p>					1
<p>2 11:00 </p>	3	<p>4  Church Office Closed</p>	<p>5 6:30 Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>6 7:00 </p>	7	8
<p>9 8:00  Deacons Meeting 5:00 Church Council</p>	10	11	<p>12 6:00  6:30 Business Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:00 </p>	14	15 12:00-5:00 Gym R. Manis
16	17	18	<p>19 6:30 Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>20 6:00 Caring Card Ministry </p>	21	22
23	25	25	<p>26 9:30-3:00 Canning Class (Sign-up required) 6:30 Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>27 10:00-2:00 Sew Loved</p>	28	29
<p>30 5:00 </p>	31					