

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor

If you have not had a chance to look at the new website, stop what you are doing and take a few moments to check it out. Go to ogbccatoosa.com and look around. One of the additions to the new website is The Informer. It will be available in PDF for you to open and view in digital form. I encourage you to make it your homepage.

Thank you for allowing Mindy and me to be take a couple weeks of vacation time. We were able to camp in the majestic mountains of Grand Tetons. We were blessed to see bear and thankfully, no bear paid us a visit to our tent. Also, we are so thankful for Paul Simpson for preaching while were away. God used him to share wonderful

messages. Thanks to Facebook Live were able to join in while in Wyoming.

Summer is the time many take trips and will be away for various reasons. Don't forget to get someone to cover the areas you serve when you are away. What you do matters, and when you are gone it leaves a void.

Have you noticed we are having first-time guests join us almost every week for worship. This is a blessing that God is counting us worthy to send new people our way. We need to go out of our way to make these feel at home at OGBC. Make sure YOU GO TO THEM and welcome them. Please, please, please do not let a guest sit alone. Covid has us in

a state of mind where we do not want to go to people. Please go to them and ask them to sit with you. Introduce other people to them and make sure they feel welcome. Also, make sure they know where everything they might need is located (bathroom, nursery, and Sunday School class).

Preteen Day Camp for students who completed third-fifth grades will be July 19-22. Parents will need to sign up their student with me and fill out a release form. Camp will be open to the first 25 students due to van space. Students will be involved in crafts, sling shots, fishing, swimming and worship. Theme is "Under His Armor." If you would like to help in this exciting ministry please let me know!



July Sermon Calendar

July 4 — The Great Deceiver Who Seeks to Destroy

July 18 — The 144,000 Rescued

July 11 — The Rapture of the Church

July 25 — The Two Witnesses Testify



Take My Life, Let It Be



Submitted by Mindy Taylor

Francis Havergal grew up appreciating music. Her father, a pastor, wrote many hymns, and Francis was baptized by another minister who wrote hymns.

By the time she was a young adult, Francis was a brilliant pianist and was sought after as a solo singer in public concerts.

When she was in her 40s, two profound experiences in a two-month period made her decide to devote all of her efforts to serving

Jesus. First, she read a book that convinced her that, to receive God's full blessings, she must fully surrender to God. Two months later, she was visiting a house with 10 people, some Christians and some not. She prayed that everyone in the house would experience God's blessings, and God came through.

The last night, so moved by the experience, Francis was "too happy to sleep" so she praised God, and "little couplets" began to

form themselves in her heart. She wrote them down, and they became the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" which begins this way:

"Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee."

From that moment, Francis devoted all of

her efforts serving Christ. Sadly, she died five years later, at the young age of 42. Her hymn became her legacy, reminding many generations that the key to a blessed life is to surrender to God.

When you give your time, hands, feet, voice, lips, money, intellect, will, heart, and everything else you have to God, you bless others, as Francis Havergal did. And God gives you blessings, some in this life and some in the life to come. What are YOU withholding?

Oak Grove News Notes

Crafty Ladies Reschedule

Crafty Ladies will not meet on Thursday, July 22. Instead they will meet Thursday, July 15 and their regular scheduled time July 8. Crafty

Ladies meet 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Game Day

Adult Game Day will be Friday, July 9 due to the first Friday being a holiday weekend. This gathering begins at 11 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to bring a finger food to share.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in the nursery during church service 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We

need two volunteers each Sunday. Kathy Plunkett is doing the scheduling for each month. Please call her or text at 816- 838 - 3981 and she will place your name on a list of nursery volunteers.

OGBC Youth: June Recap

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Minister

We took an awesome group of 15 youth and six adults to Falls Creek this year! Many of the youth were very thankful for the opportunity to go. That was made a possibility because of our amazing church family helping provide a way! So thank you church family!

We had two people come to Christ while at Falls Creek! It was such a great group of kids. Please join me in praying that each one of the kids can use this momentum and continue to grow in Christ!

We also had a great time at Mazzio's following after-

glow and another great day swimming and playing water volleyball!

July News:

The week of the fourth, we will not have youth on Wednesday evening. We are planning an evening at church with ice cream and games! Date and time to be announced later.

Any questions involving the OGBC youth group can be sent to: ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com.



Book-at-a-Time Bible Reading Plan

The book-at-a-time Bible reading plan provides two readings for each day.

The first reading alternates between Old and New Testament books, giving you three or four chapters a day. The Gospels are spread throughout the year.

The second reading takes you through a chapter or so of the

wisdom literature and Isaiah. Combined, these readings will take you through the entire Bible in one year.

To prevent the frustration of falling behind and to provide some reflection time, each month consists of only 25 readings. You'll have several days each month to meditate more deeply on something that was significant to you in the past week, to catch up on missed readings, or to revisit favorite passages.

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July 2021

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				1 Jennifer Lee & Ed Moheng bdays	2	3 Francis Whitesell bday
4 Macey Collier & Joe Eastham bdays	5	6	7	8 Kahlene Gerhard bday; Crafty Ladies 10am	9 Adult Game Day 11am	10
11 Council Meeting 6pm	12	13	14 James Onyon bday	15 Crafty Ladies 10am	16	17
18 Charles Young bday; Business Meeting noon	19	20	21	22	23	24 Denise Brownlow bday
25	26	27	28	29	30 Cuma Hardison bday	31 Kayla Albright & Ronda Frizley bdays

Preteen Day Camp

Vacation Bible School Fun at OGBC



Sunday School Nursery Schedule

July 4 — Cindy Tittle & Michelle Hill

July 11 — Cindy Johnson & Michelle Hill

July 18 — Jeana Drew & Michelle Hill

July 25 — Nancy Onyon & Michelle Hill

Worship Service Nursery Schedule

July 4 — Dawn Benson & Jennifer Boyer

July 11 — Ladena Kibbe & one more volunteer

July 18 — Need two volunteers

July 25 — Nancy Onyon & Glenna Scott

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