

## Ponderings From the Pastor *Pray for Nominating Committee*

By Brad Taylor

Our church family has elected the members for this year's Nominating Committee. Those members are Sharon Lee, Paula Shepard, Denice Jackson and Chip Shoun.

These members have the responsibility to search out, enlist and bring before the church, nominees for officers, teachers and committees. To accomplish this task they will be contacting members of Oak Grove to serve in these important areas of ministry.

The proper functioning of members serving in these positions are very important for our church to fulfill our mission. If contacted by

one of these members to serve in a position, prayerfully consider the opportunity. They have spent much time in prayer and planning before contacting a prospective member for a position.

This committee plans to present the nominees during a special business meeting following

the July 31 morning worship service.

July 11-14 will mark the second Preteen Day Camp at Oak Grove. This camp is for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Day camp has a limit of 25 students due to the number of seats in the vans traveling to various activities.

Day camp will begin each day at 9 a.m. with

a morning devotional. Then students will travel to fish in the pond at Bass Pro in Broken Arrow. Everyone will return to the church for lunch followed by worship and Bible study.

The afternoons are packed with crafts, archery and swimming. The camp concludes each day at 4 p.m. Camp theme this year is "The Storyteller." The theme will focus on the parables of Jesus.

We still have some openings for students. Forms are located on the Welcome Center desk.

Please return the completed form to me as soon as possible for your student to attend camp.



## July Sermon Calendar

July 3 — Introducing Israel’s God and Savior

July 10 — Moses the Mediator

July 17 — God’s Sovereignty Over His People

July 24 — Circumcision and Covenant

July 31 — Dealing with Doubt

## July Daily Bible Reading Plan To Read The Bible Through In 2022

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 2022

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3 No Evening Service	4 Macey Collier & Joe Eastham bdays	5	6	7	8 Kahlen Gerhard bday	9
10	11	12	13	14 James Onyon bday; Crafty Christians 10-2	15	16
17	18 Charles Young bday	19	20	21	22	23
24 Lord's Supper; Denise Brownlow bday	25	26	27	28 Bryan Zugelder bday; Crafty Christians 10-2	29	30 Cuma Hardison bday
31 Special business meeting, noon; Ronda Frizley bday						





# The Battle Hymn of the Christian

Submitted by Mindy Taylor



Where do we turn for answers?  
The same place Paul did, Jesus.

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden," he says, "and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me — for my yoke is easy and my burden is light" — words of promise that there is nothing we have to bear by ourselves: nothing too heavy for Jesus to bear with us.

An invitation of profound reassurance — whether in the poetic language of the traditional translation or in the accessible words of the paraphrase: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-

fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live lightly and freely."

"Come to me." Jesus' words in verse 28 remind me of the words on the Statue of Liberty, "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free. The wretched refuge of your teeming shore. Send these the homeless, tempest tossed, to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

The difference ... freedom is not found in a place, but in a Person — the One who guides us, strengthens us, feeds us, sustains us. We will gather around this altar to be fed — to celebrate of the freedom we've been given in Christ and to nourish us to go out and do the work we've been given to do: "born again" to be Christ in the world.

As we celebrate Independence Day, the day we commemorate our nation's declaration of independence by the continental congress. I pray you think back to your Spiritual day of freedom. The day you were born again. How has it changed your life? Your family? Are you proclaiming His truth?

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.*

*He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored.*

*He have loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword.*

*His truth is marching on!*

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## OGBC News Notes

In August, we would like to do a complete "reset" of our Church Library in the Joy Classroom/Fellowship Hall. This will consist of pulling all books, cleaning shelves, putting back in a logical order, adding donations and moving unnecessary books to the donation bin.

If you are interested in helping, let Donna Foster know. We will have refreshments!



# Welcome New Members!

Brandon McCormick  
Charles & Gayla Pruett

# OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard

Falls Creek was awesome! We had three students decide to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior! We had two others rededicate their lives to Jesus and one called to ministry. We had 19 students and six adults go. I would just like to thank everyone that helped make Falls Creek happen this year. Through your donations, time given, prayers prayed, you made this possible, and I thank you!

We also had a great fellowship with the youth on Wednesday, June 22, with water games, volleyball and pizza!

Have your youth at church July 6 for more water games and a lesson pool side! We have decided to go back to regular church time on Wednesday (6:30-8 p.m.)

If you have any other questions or concerns, please email me at: [ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com](mailto:ogbc.mshepard@gmail.com).

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