

Ponderings From the Pastor

By Brad Taylor, Pastor

The month of May at Oak Grove is always filled with lots of activity and excitement. This year is no different as plans are made for the annual fish fry, Mother's Day, Fall Campout and more. Make the most of every opportunity to support the ministries of your church and use your gifts to minister to those in attendance.

The fish-fry fundraiser and silent dessert auction will take place immediately following the May 5 morning worship service. Proceeds will cover the expenses for students who have completed the third-fifth grades. Help us to know how much fish to prepare by signing up on the Welcome

Center desk. Your help is also needed by bringing a dessert and donating financially to support this fantastic ministry. Pre-Teen Day Camp will be July 8-11. Camp is for students who have completed third-fifth grades. Camp is limited to the first 25 registered students. Most activities will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Students will travel by vans to fishing and swimming.

Do not forget Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May. As is our custom, we will be recognizing those mothers who are in attendance that day with a special gift just for them. Come, bring your mother and worship

Jesus with us on Mother's Day.

The OGBC Spring Family Campout is quickly approaching. The campout will be May 16-18 at the Flat Rock campground on Fort Gibson Lake. Reservations can be made through Recreation.gov. You do not have to camp to come to the pot-luck meal 6 p.m. Friday, May 17 at the pavilion. Currently, we have a couple of prepaid sites available for FREE. These sites will go to the first people who request them. If you would like one of these, please contact me for information. Do not miss this wonderful fellowship opportunity with your OGBC family.

May Sermon Calendar

May 5 — Jesus' Approach for Ministry, Mark 1:12-20

May 12 — Cosmic Authority, Mark 1:21-28

May 19 — Kingdom Power, Mark 1:29-39

May 26 — Jesus Trades Places with a Leper, Mark 1:40-45



The story behind the song 'Days of Elijah'



Submitted by Mindy Taylor, Worship Leader

Artist: Robin Mark , Writer: Robin Mark

In late 1994, Robin Mark watched a recap of the year's news stories, including the horrific Rwandan genocide, and was struck by despair over the state of the world. As he prayed, he felt assurance that God was very much in control. But he also sensed that we are living in a season that would require Christians to be filled with integrity, taking a stand for God as Elijah had.

Drawing from the Old Testament, he examined the virtues and attitudes we would need in such days — Righteousness, Justice, Revival, Unity, Worship and Praise.

"It is in essence a song of hope for the Church and the world in times of great trial," says Robin. "The chorus is the ultimate declaration of hope – Christ's return."

Days of Elijah lyrics

*These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord:*

*And these are the days of Your
servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days of
great trial
Of famine and darkness and
sword
Still, we are the voice in the de-
sert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the Lord!'*

*Behold He comes riding on the
clouds
Shining like the sun at the trum-
pet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of ju-
bilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation
comes
And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your
servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the
harvest
Oh, the fields are as white in Your
world
And we are the labourers in Your
vineyard
Declaring the word of the Lord!*

*Behold He comes riding on the
clouds
Shining like the sun at the trum-
pet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of ju-
bilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation
comes
There is no God like Jehovah!
Behold He comes riding on the
clouds
Shining like the sun at the trum-
pet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of ju-
bilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation
comes*

*Behold He comes riding on the
clouds
Shining like the sun at the trum-
pet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of ju-
bilee
And out of Zion's hill salvation
comes!*

Hallelujah! He WILL return!!
Thank you Jesus!!



May 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2	3 Adult Game Day, 11am; Matt Chambers bday	4 Robin Robbins bday
5 Fish Fry Fundraiser, noon; No Evening Bible Study	6 Jerry McEntire bday	7	8 Maci Moss bday	9 Crafty Christians 10am	10	11 Church Reserved
12 Mother's Day; Hunter Collier bday	13 Summer Berg DeMauro	14	15	16	17 OGBC Spring Family Campout; Potluck Friday 6pm	18 Tommy Stroud bday
19 Samantha Brownlow bday	20	21	22 CHS Senior breakfast; Last day of school; Last night of Awana	23 Crafty Christians 10am	24 Tony Drabenstott & Cassel Drew bdays	25
26 No Evening Bible Study	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

PRAYER CALENDAR

<p>1. Pray for the VBS Director and all leaders involved with the preparation and planning of VBS.</p>	<p>2. Pray that kids and adults will withstand the temptation to be conformed to this age and will instead be transformed by the renewing of their minds. <i>Romans 12:2*</i></p>	<p>3. Pray that leaders and participants will evaluate their own beliefs. Can truth be different for different people or does all truth come from God?</p>	<p>4. Thank God for providing all we need to excel in His good work. <i>2 Corinthians 9:8</i></p>	<p>5. Ask God to give strength to the leaders when they are weary and power when they are weak. <i>Isaiah 40:29</i></p>	<p>6. Pray for the Bible study leaders to communicate God's love effectively to the children they teach. <i>1 John 4:19</i></p>	<p>7. Pray that leaders and participants will evaluate their own beliefs. Should people do what makes them happy or is following God's plan better?</p>
<p>8. Pray that participants will recognize that the entirety of God's word is true. <i>Psalms 119:160*</i></p>	<p>9. Ask God to give energy and stamina to leaders who will guide kids to worship Him through music and drama.</p>	<p>10. Pray for those who are leading missions. Ask God to give them a heart and passion for the missionary families they will teach about.</p>	<p>11. Ask for physical safety and energy for recreation leaders during the week.</p>	<p>12. Pray a blessing on all the snacks that will be prepared for VBS and the workers who will prepare them.</p>	<p>13. Thank God for the creativity and passion of those leading crafts. Ask God to give them patience and compassion for the children with whom they work.</p>	<p>14. Ask God to place a hedge of protection around your church's VBS and everyone who will attend.</p>
<p>15. Pray that children will continue to increase in wisdom concerning God's Word. <i>Luke 2:52</i></p>	<p>16. Thank God for His gift of eternal life and for the children who will receive that gift at VBS. <i>Ephesians 2:8</i></p>	<p>17. Pray that leaders and participants will evaluate their own beliefs. Does being a good person get someone into heaven?</p>	<p>18. Pray for participants to trust in the LORD with all of their hearts and not to rely on their own understanding. <i>Proverbs 3:5-6*</i></p>	<p>19. Pray for students and adults who will be attending VBS. Ask God to open their hearts to hear His Word in a fresh and new way.</p>	<p>20. Pray that kids can see the love of Jesus through the leaders and adults at VBS. <i>John 13:35</i></p>	<p>21. Pray participants will understand they have fallen short of the glory of God but are justified by His grace through redemption in Jesus Christ. <i>Romans 3:23-24*</i></p>
<p>22. Pray that the VBS Celebration provides a witnessing opportunity with parents and the community.</p>	<p>23. Pray that leaders and participants will evaluate their own beliefs. Are there many ways to get to heaven?</p>	<p>24. Ask God to help everyone serving in VBS to do everything with kindness and love. <i>1 Corinthians 16:14</i></p>	<p>25. Pray that leaders will be able to use their time wisely in planning, studying, and preparing for their different roles in VBS.</p>	<p>26. Pray that all those involved in VBS will continue to seek God with all their hearts and grow in their relationships with Him.</p>	<p>27. Ask God to help participants understand that the only way to be saved is through Jesus. <i>Acts 4:12*</i></p>	<p>28. Pray that your church's VBS will continue to bear fruit and glorify God. <i>John 15:8</i></p>
<p>29. Pray that leaders and participants will evaluate their own beliefs. Can you disagree with people and still love them?</p>	<p>30. Pray for participants to be encouraged to speak the truth in love so they become more and more like Christ. <i>Ephesians 4:15*</i></p>	<p>31. Pray for unchurched guests to begin attending a worship service or Bible study after VBS.</p>	<p>NOTE Scripture references marked with an asterisk come directly from the Bible passages children will study during VBS.</p>			

Children's Church News

Submitted by Margaret Gauling

May 5 – The Creation, lead by John and Cindy Tittle
May 12 — God's Plan For People, lead by Dave and Margaret Gauling
May 19 — Adam's and Eve's Choices, lead by Charles and Gayla Pruett
May 26 — Cain and Abel, lead by Charles and Gayla Pruett

OGBC Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

In May our church has an awesome opportunity to serve the 2024 senior graduating class! We will be hosting their senior breakfast at 8 a.m., May 22. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please get in contact with me.

Falls Creek is scheduled for June 10 - 16. The price will be \$100 if paid by June 2. The price will go up to \$125 if paid after. Parent/Camper meeting dates are posted below. Release forms this year will be digital instead of hard copies. I



The youth had a ton of fun at the Pickleball Tournament in April! Thank you to all who helped stepped up and made it possible.

will have the link sent out and posted on 412 youth group's Facebook (as well as the Oak Grove Facebook) shortly.

Upcoming dates to know:

May 26 — Parent & Camper meeting for Falls Creek at 5 p.m.

June 2 — Last Parent/Camper meeting for Falls Creek at 5 p.m.

June 9 — Bring bags (bags check) for Falls Creek at 5 p.m.

June 10-15 — Falls Creek (forms will be digital this year and sent out shortly).

Vacation Bible School News

This year's VBS will be June 23-27. The theme is "Breaker Rock Beach." At Breaker Rock Beach, kids will learn to recognize the difference between what the world says is true and what God says is true. They'll encounter five everyday sayings that sound right, but dangerously miss the truth found in God's Word.



Each day, kids will be challenged to know God's truth never changes —

even when it's radically different from what some people say. They'll discover that God does not want them to be conformed to this age, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds so that they can discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God (Romans 12:2).

May Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> May 1 Psalm 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 12 John 14:1–14 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 23 Acts 3:11–26 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 2 Psalm 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 13 John 14:15–31 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 24 Acts 4:1–22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 3 Psalm 81 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 14 John 15:1–17 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 25 Acts 4:23–37 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 4 Psalm 84 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 15 John 15:18–16:4a | <input type="checkbox"/> May 26 Acts 5:1–16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 5 Psalm 86 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 16 John 16:4b-15 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 27 Acts 5:17–42 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 6 Psalm 87 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 17 John 16:16–24 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 28 Acts 13:1–12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 7 Psalm 90 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 18 John 16:25–33 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 29 Acts 13:13–41 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 8 Psalm 91 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 19 Acts 2:1–13 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 30 Acts 13:42–52 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 9 Acts 1:1–11 | <input type="checkbox"/> 20 Acts 2:14–28 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 31 Acts 14:1–20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 10 Acts 1:12–26 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 21 Acts 2:29–47 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> May 11 Psalm 47 | <input type="checkbox"/> May 22 Acts 3:1–10 | |

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