

Ponderings From The Pastor

By Nick Garland, Interim Pastor

Thank you, Oak Grove! What a faithful, giving, serving, gracious people of God you are. Week after week, your faithful attendance and “spirit” are so amazing. Jenine and I have come to appreciate your love for each other because of your love for our LORD.

Soon your newly elected Pastor Search Team will be gathering names of possible candidates to become your new pastor. I know you will prayerfully support them as they seek the mind of our LORD in finding, interviewing, and bringing the candidate to Oak Grove that they deem to be the man to lead you for your vote of approval. This is a time for all of us to be in prayer that as the Search Team searches for the next Pastor for Oak Grove, we will be seeking the mind, will, and power of Christ to direct them.

The summer events have been so very successful with the church services being well attended, camps

being highly successful, and the spirit of the church being refreshingly positive weekly. Your steadfast devotion during months of being pastor-less is a marvelous witness to your deep love for our LORD and faithfulness to His church. Thank you!



The fall season will be here very soon. As the time approaches for a schedule that is our norm during school months, now would be a great time to be praying for a friend, family, or neighbor that you would really like to attend Oak Grove with you. It has been proven repeatedly that people

are much more likely to visit church when invited by someone they count as a friend. Rarely do any of us “just show up” at a group meeting where we are not sure we know anyone or what to expect when we arrive. Please be in prayer for that friend you know that you have been intending to invite to meet you at Oak Grove and invite them now. You (and they) will be glad you did!

Children’s Church Lesson Calendar

Aug. 3 — “Jesus Taught About Forgiveness”; led by Jim and Nancy Onyon

Aug. 10 — “Jesus Taught How To Pray”; led by Charles and Gayla Pruett

Aug. 17 — “Jesus Taught How To Serve”; led by Jeana Drew and Cassell Drew

Aug. 24 — “Jesus Taught Through Parables”; led by Matt and Jennifer Chambers

Aug. 31 — No Children’s Church

412 Youth News

Submitted by Matt Shepard, Youth Leader

Sliding into the new school year! Thank you to John and Cindy Tittle for the shaving cream slide! The youth (and adults) enjoyed it!

Exciting times as our 5th to be 6th graders join our youth group. We have some 8th to be 9th graders moving into the high school, and a few seniors to be college freshmen becoming young adults. Please be praying for each as they go into their next phase of life. Pray they can be bold in their faith and not just survive school as a Christian but thrive for Jesus!

Dates to know:

August 3 — Promotion Sunday! 5th to be 6th graders are promoted to youth.

August 6 — Regular Wednesday night services start back up. (Awanas and Youth 6:30-8 p.m. Vans will be running).

August 24 - Mini-golf and Sno Cones (time TBA).



Getting Ready to Get Busy Praising God!



Submitted by Brian Holloway, Interim Worship Leader

Our new fall schedule is getting ready to kick off!! Can't wait to get going on a new school year! Three things I wanted to point out coming up this fall with the worship ministry.

412 Worship — We are starting a youth worship team called 412 Worship. This is a non-auditioned developmental group that will be used for Wednesday night youth services and an occasional Sunday. If you know of any youth interested please send them my way so I can get them plugged in.

OG Celebration Choir — OG Celebration Choir is a non-auditioned group that will be used for occasional Sundays, special events, nursing home music missions, and maybe even caroling. We will meet from 5-6 p.m. on Sundays and mainly

focus on hymns and choir anthems. The main focus of this group is to have fun making music so all are welcome. We will find a part for you to sing even if you don't know what that means. If you are interested, please sign up in the foyer and be ready on Aug. 3 from 5-6 p.m.

Worship Team Auditions — We are auditioning for worship team members Aug. 3 from 6:15-8 p.m. If you would like to be considered for being a member of our 25/26 worship team make sure to sign up for a time on the audition sign-up form. Even if you don't want to be considered for every Sunday participation please sign up. The auditions will not be grueling Simon Cowell style. If you sing, simply come with your favorite Christian song. We wouldn't even need all of it.

Bring your favorite verse or chorus. If you are an instrumentalist, simply bring your best accompaniment that I would be able to sing along with. I really would like to use this as a way to get to know some of our talents and abilities of our congregation to increase the richness of our Sunday morning worship. Additionally, if you are interested in working in the soundbooth, please sign up on the same form although no audition is required. As we get started in the Fall we will be moving up our worship practice to 6:30 p.m. The new time will be 6:30-8:00 p.m.

I have had soooo much fun serving this Summer, and I can't wait to see what God brings this Fall! Please keep our congregation, its servants, and all its ministries in your prayers!! God Bless!

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3 Les Braden bday; Celebration Choir auditions, 5pm; Worship Team auditions, 6:15pm	4	5	6 AWANA starts back, 6:30- 8pm;	7	8 Allison DeVore, Brett Johnson & Gayla Pruett bdays	9 Family Game Night, 6pm
10	11 Cheryl Easton bday	12 Holly French Walker bday	13	14 Crafty Christians, 10am	15	16 Mike Mayfield bday
17	18	19	20 David Curtis bday	21 Kimberly Roberts bday	22	23 Vicki Albright bday
24	25	26	27	28 Crafty Christians, 10am	29 Ben Pruett bday	30
31 Kai Faulkner bday	 <p>Sunday Morning Services can be watched live via YouTube at YouTube@OakGroveBaptistChurchCatoosa. A YouTube account is not needed and you can watch for FREE!</p> <p>The link is: https://youtube.com/@oakgrovebaptistchurchcatoosa?si=XB8x6oa7oyBn0PgB.</p>					

August Daily Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 1 Isa 64-66 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 12 Jer 18-22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 23 Jer 49-50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 2 2 Kgs 20-21 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 13 Jer 23-25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 24 Jer 51-52 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 3 2 Chr 32-33 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 14 Jer 26-29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 25 Lam 1:1-3:36 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 4 Nahum 1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 15 Jer 30-31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 26 Lam 3:37-5:22 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 5 2 Kgs 22-23, 2 Chr 34-35 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 16 Jer 32-34 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 27 Ezek 1-4 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 8 Jer 4-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 19 2 Kgs 24-25, 2 Chr 36 | <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 30 Ezek 13-15 |
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