



**OAK GROVE BAPTIST
NEWSLETTER**

**Sponsored by the Women's Ministry
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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. Albert Downing

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow and let
everything that has breath praise ye the Lord!!!**

We have had a busy and blessed month in June. We had a powerful and anointed revival with Pastor Bill Winston. He spoke revelation from God's word and made it so plain. He also shared some key insights into leadership during the leader's luncheon on that Friday. On our ride to the hotel as well as to his plane on Friday, he mentioned several times how the people were drawing and pulling information out of him.

During the month of June we also celebrated the Missionary 50th Anniversary. Minister C. Jones delivered a powerful and timely message. It was a message not only for the missionaries, but she made it plain it was for all of us. We had another week of Vacation Bible School. This was a GREAT time for ALL who came and participated. There were so many children! I wondered where they all came from, but I was thankful to see them as well as the adults. I thank God for all of those teachers, helpers and for the kitchen staff. They did a tremendous job of teaching and ensuring that learning was taken place. The kitchen staff always had the refreshments prepared and ready at the end of each session.

I want to shared Psalm 23 with you:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Lord told me to tell you to focus on the first verse, The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He told me to tell you to quit worrying about things, because He's your shepherd and you need to look up and know what a shepherd does! He said to quit leaning to your own understanding and to trust Him and acknowledge Him in all your ways. And to do as His word says, seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you.

Also, I want you to notice the word Lord is capital which refers to that sacred name the Jews had stop saying and I don't have enough time or space to get into the details of it all. But, you can say his scared name, **adonay** which refer to God and later English translations also translate **Yahweh** as Lord.

Throughout this month I want you to read and meditate on that first verse and watch the Lord move in your life and on your behalf.

It has been a glorious month and I give all the praise to our God. I want to say this again; this is going to be the **BEST YEAR EVER** for Oak Grove Baptist, for you and for your family. I want you to know that you are Highly Favored, The Lord is with you and you are the apple of God's eye.

**Oak Grove, "YOU ARE BLESSED AND
HIGHLY FAVORED OF THE LORD"!!**

Inza and I love you and are praying for you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



FOR JULY

Bro. James L. Dreher	1st
Bro. Roger Carr, Jr.	2nd
Sis. Altonese B. Burks	3rd
Sis. Nusie Mickle	4th
Min. Joaquim Custard	5th
Sis. May Jones	6th
Dea. Clarence Joseph Jr	7th
Sis. Amarii Mayers	9th
Sis. Monica Lawhorn	13 th
Sis. Inez Holmes	13 th
Sis. Barbara Kanzater	14th
Bro. Barry Goodwin	15th
Bro. Alan Lambert	15th
Sis. Shirley Custard	17th
Sis. Crystal Jacobs	17th
Sis. Felicity Peoples	18th
Sis. Tileila Mitchell	20th
Sis. Iris Ross	22nd
Sis. Aneka McClollum	25th
Bro. Marcus Benson	26th
Bro. James Dreher Jr.	28th
Sis. Frankie Blanding	29th
Bro. Harold Goodwin	31st



If you are celebrating your wedding anniversary this month, we wish you have years and years of happiness with God's blessings.

June in Review of 2011

Revival

Wednesday night: Rev. Willie Simmons preached: "Man Let God Down", from Genesis 3:17

Thursday and Friday night: Dr. Bill Winston preached from Isaiah 9, "the government shall be upon His shoulders" He preached about what we have because we are kingdom children, the kingdom provides and takes care of us. There are no impossibilities in the Kingdom of God. Don't try to figure it out just know that he can and he will.

Missionary Anniversary

Prophetess Cassie Jones came asking us what kind of missionary are you? We are all called to go into all the world. But those that wear the title are you a "messy" missionary, a "me" missionary or a "ministering" missionary.

Upcoming Events

July 7th Church meeting 7:30 pm

Friday, July 8th Missionary Ministry sponsored JOY NIGHT, at 7:30p.m.

July 9th Women's Ministry Meeting 10:00am

July 29th 11:00 am Church Picnic, Weston Lake shed #2

SCRIPTURES AND POINTS TO REMEMBER FROM VBS

Mark 4:35-41 "Jesus to the Rescue"
Prepare, Prayer, Presence, Power, Persuaded

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1. A Storm is Coming
 2. When Storms Arise, Call on Jesus
 3. Jesus to the Rescue
 4. Jesus Speaks to the Storm
 5. Put your Faith in Jesus
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To Our Youth:

Remember that you only get one set of parents. You can make new friends but the parents you have is all you will ever have, so honor your parents. Forgive them; ask them to forgive you for your attitude and behavior. "Just think, you leave your parents in anger because they corrected you or told you that you can't do something you really want to do. What would it do to you if that is the last time you see your parent is when you was angry? Your parents love you and only trying to help you grow up well. So honor your parents they are the reason you are here.

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

The Ministry of Restoration ... Galatians 6:1 ...

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

When fellow Believers become mired in sin, it is the responsibility of other Christians to restore them through God's love. I can truly say that I have learned that all of us can fall but God has called the body of Christ to be a place of true and real restoration.

"Hello Fear" by Kirk Franklin

Hello Fear
Before you sit down there's something I need to explain
Since you're here
I think I should tell you since we last talked things have changed
See I'm tired of being broken-hearted
So I made a list and you're on it
All my hopes and my dreams You took from me
I want those back before you leave

Hello Fear
I knew I would see you, You have a hard time letting go
See these tears, Take a good look cuz, soon they wont fall anymore
God's healing my hurtful places
That seat that was yours now is taken
I'm no longer afraid, See I'm better this way
And one more thing before you leave

[Chorus]
Never again will I love you
My heart it refuses to be your home
No longer your prisoner
Today I remember
Apart from you is where I belong

And never again will I trust you
I'm tired of fighting it's been way too long
No longer your prisoner
Today I remember
Who I was and now it's gone
They're gone
Hello Fear
Da da da da da, da da da da da

Farewell Goodbye So long *[3X]*

Hello Grace
It feels like forever, I thought my chance with you was gone
See your face, it reminds me of mercy
And please let me say I was wrong
Never knew your touch was endless
How you never run dry of forgiveness
Didn't know how bad it was, was afraid just because
Sorry fear, grace took your place

Think About it:

Is Your Salvation Genuine? ... 1 John 3:6 ... Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

For Believers, sin should be like a car accident—not a way of life. Those who call themselves Christians but habitually sin, with no desire to stop, are not really saved.

“He who is faithful in a very little [thing], is faithful also in much...” (Luke 16:10, AMP).

Before God will send you on a major mission, He gives you the opportunity to prove that you can be trusted with small instructions. Once He knows you can be trusted to obey Him in the little things, it won't be long before He'll start sending bigger assignments your way.

“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Sadly, our own insensitivity has driven the anointing of the Holy Spirit from many of our lives and churches. When we criticize other members of the body of Christ, we all are weakened. We can regain our compassion and strength by making a commitment to live the Law of Love!

“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Colossians 3:17).

When you received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, He took your name and gave you His. His name, along with all of its power and authority, is yours! When you have faith in His name, it can meet any need in your life.

“Remember your leaders and superiors in authority [for it was they] who brought to you the Word of God. Observe attentively and consider their manner of living...and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13:7, AMP).

In addition to the Word of God and prayer, another way you can grow spiritually is by watching and imitating a real man or woman of faith. Those who operate in greater levels of faith and power than you are wonderful examples to follow. As you watch Jesus in them and begin to copy Him, others will begin to see the Savior in you.

“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any” (Mark 11:25).

Faith and forgiveness are closely connected. Releasing those who have wronged you is fundamental to receiving from God. You cannot have your prayers answered and hold grudges in your heart at the same time. If you can't seem to get an answer, examine your heart for unforgiveness.

“Roll your works upon the Lord [commit and trust them wholly to Him; He will cause your thoughts to become agreeable to His will, and] so shall your plans be established and succeed” (Proverbs 16:3, AMP).

If you are on the verge of making a major decision, don't panic. Instead, meditate on this scripture and trust God to adjust your thoughts to be like His. Before long, you'll know the right thing to do.

“...Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.... He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord” (Psalm 112:1,7).

Are you prepared to face a crisis? Don't wait until one hits to find out. Each day is an opportunity to build a solid foundation that can withstand life's storms. Take the time to deposit the Word in your heart daily to ensure that it will be there when you really need it.

CATCH YOUR CHILDREN DOING GOOD THINGS BY Doug Fields

“The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly saves lives.” Proverbs 12:5 (NLT)

I like to be around people who like me. I ‘m guessing you do, too. It’s human nature to avoid people who regularly criticize you. If you’re consistently on your kids’ case, they’ll be conditioned to avoid you. You don’t want that. The words you use to your kids matter. The Bible has a lot to say about the words we speak. Proverbs 12:6 says, “The words of the wicked are like a murderous ambush, but the words of the godly saves lives.” (NLT) You words are life-giving to your kids. They are powerful and memorable.

So how do you use those powerful and memorable words in a way that most effectively affirms your children? Start by going beyond the four A’s that most kids get affirmed for in our culture—appearance, athletics, academics, and the arts. You and I both know that a person can be a brilliant, artsy, good-looking athlete and be an awful human being. We need to go deeper than that.

Instead, we need to affirm our kids for the character qualities they demonstrate and the appropriate behavior they show. Be specific when you do this.

For example:

“I was really proud of the way you handled that situation.”

“I was amazed at how patient you were with your little brother.”

“I’m so grateful for how kind you were to your mom—and you did that at without her even having to ask you!”

No one in the world has as much influence over your kids as you do- not the media, not peers, and not other adults. You can make an enormous difference in the lives of your kids just by affirming their good qualities and good behavior. You can do this. Catch them in the act of doing great things because they are doing great things. You just need to make a point of catching them when they do.

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Fear cancels out faith. Fear will make you do things that you don’t want to do as well as not do things that you need to. Fear is a power enemy against who and what God has called you to be.

But prayer and praise will get you through fear. You can’t fear while you are praying or praising God.

HAT’S OFF AND APPLAUSE TO OUR GRADUATES:

Elementary School to Middle School

Kristina Hamilton
Josetta Guider,
Shania Poole
Amber Ramirez Tyeisha Wilson

Middle School to High School

Breelyn Blanding,
Joseph Guider,
Erykah Barber,
Jada Williams
Braylin Williams
Justin Williams

High School

Darrell Blanding,
Zackary Wilson,
Malcolm Graham
Roalston Haile
Avery Scott,
Merisa Ramirez

College

Micheal Harper
Justin Warren
Jim Woods

We thank God for your accomplishment.