



OAK GROVE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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PASTOR'S CORNER

By Rev. A. L. Downing

Praise God from whom all blessing flow and let everything that has breath praise ye the Lord!!! We are approaching the end of another month and what a powerful month it was. Rev. Oliver delivered a powerful message on Joy night and Minister Martin brought another anointed message for our Good Friday Service. Also, on Good Friday we had the Last Supper meal. 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.

I want to share with you Psalm 46. The Lord woke me up this week and had me to pray this particular Psalm. The Psalm is a celebration of the security of Jerusalem as the city of God. It was also the inspiration for Martin Luther's great hymn A Mighty Fortress is Our God". The Psalm speaks of a triumphant confession.

Read it for yourself:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD

Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Oak Grove the Lord is your refuge and your strength. Therefore, you have no need to ever walk in fear. Why? Because, He's your present help and all you have to do is walk in obedience to His Word and be still and know that He is God, the LORD Almighty. Praise God!

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

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

Inza and I love you and are praying for you.-

Remember to laugh often and smile always. It is good for your face muscles and over all health. Also people will want to know why you are so happy. Use it as an opportunity to tell them about Jesus.



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Upcoming Events

Women's Day choir rehearsal Monday, May 2 at 7:00 pm

Women's Fellowship/Lunch May 7th at 10 am-12 pm

Mother's Day/ Women's Day May 8th.

Ladies we are giving an offering of \$50.00 or what you can afford on Women's day.

Youth weekend: Date and time to be announced.

Church 70th Anniversary: May 15th 3:00 pm

Revival June 15th -17th at 7:30 pm nightly

Missionary Anniversary June 26th at 3:00 pm

Vacation Bible School June 27 –July 1 2011, in need of helpers and students.

THE BIGGEST WINNER:

We are participating in the biggest winner contest, with a weigh-in and body mass measurements and zumba exercise each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Come join us for health. We have had some to lose two, five, six, and seven pounds in the last month. This is sponsored by the Women's Ministry.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Lindsey Ross	2nd
Terry Gibbs	3rd
Dana Jacobs	3rd
Walter Ball	5th
Darrell Blanding	6th
Tiffany Allen	6th
Bessie Smith	7th
Mariea Gibbs	9th
Jacory Byrd	9th
Jacob Smith Jr.	10th
Kenny Thomas	12th
Lucretia Brown	12th
Mary F. Pearson	14th
Adrian McCollum	17th
Mamie Mealing	18th
Janice Adams	19th
Monica Bull	20th
Carole Stewart	22nd
Janet Ross	23rd
Shatara Blanding	28th

Congratulations Carl & Geneva Dean-marriage Anniversary- May 1 and to to all who is celebrating a marriage anniversary in May. Give your birthdays and anniversaries to Rev Ball for the newsletter.



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To Our Youth:

With the end of the school year approaching, there is a lot to think about, final exams, graduation, and exit exams. Don't get stressed, study, do what you can and just pray. God answers Pray.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6-7

Scripture of the Month

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

We seek peace, like we seek love, looking in all the wrong places. Jesus is our peace.

This spot is left empty for your article. If you would like to write something for the newsletter, give a copy to Rev. Ball

The Missionary is excepting items for the food pantry.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

What Are We Teaching Our Children, When We Are Not Teaching our Children?

The seeds we plant today are what will grow up in our children tomorrow. We put more emphasis on what they learn in school than what they learn in Sunday School and Bible Study? There is more emphasis on the ABC's and 123 than on the BIBLE. For example, "What did you learn at school today?" But after Bible study, "let's get home and ready for bed, tomorrow is a school day." If it sounds familiar what are we teaching, when we are not teaching? We allow our children (above the age of six) to sleep, talk, and play during church service, but punish them for doing the same thing in class at school. What are we teaching our children? We allow our children to do other things on Wednesday, when they should be in Bible Study or Sunday when they should be at Sunday School. We don't encourage them to participate in Church activities, but encourage them to be cheerleaders, sport stars and other extra activities at school. What are we teaching our children? When they are in a play at church we forget to help them with their lines, but will be on them continually about learning lines for a school play. Is it about the grade? Do we need to give grades for church participation? We teach our children with words. "Put God first in everything." But our actions say put everything before God. **What Are We Teaching Our Children, When We Are Not Teaching our Children? Think about it, and then repent.**