



Oak Grove United Methodist Church  
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CHARLOTTE NC 28269-1782

June 2016

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School – 9:30AM  
Worship – 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00AM - 2:00PM

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# The Oak Grove Greeter

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## From the Pastor's Pen



## Heritage or History?

I continue thinking back to May 22<sup>nd</sup> and Oak Grove's Heritage Sunday at the cemetery. Some 73 of you were there, and our coming together to worship and fellowship "outside" in such a serene and beautiful place shall remain special in our hearts and minds. Perhaps, May 22, 2016 will be remembered as a "special" day in our church's history. Who can forget the Canada goose's confrontation with Maddie and Cooper?

A most special aspect of worship and fellowship at the cemetery was our remembering and honoring those who have died and no longer live here. In the sermon, I spoke of those saints who are no longer with us but while here, they taught us about Jesus. Their lives are recorded

with dates of births and deaths. Their lives, therefore, are historical...from and of the past. And all who taught us about Jesus are more than history; they are heritage makers.

History is the accumulation of the accounts of the past. Thus, history is comprised of stories, people, dates, and places. In looking back through history, people and dates are set in time. Much of history is statistical and static. But is this true of heritage?

Heritage comes to us from the past, but not as things passive and static. Heritage comes to us with messages that we absorb, learn, and pass along. Our heritage as Christians is the perfect example.

Long before the accounts of creation, Adam, Eve, Eden, and Noah were written by Moses, they had been passed along from generation to generation by mouth...from the beginning of earth until the Hebrew alphabet and language were developed. Then, with the Hebrew

language and the Koine Greek that was developed later, the recording of God's Word was made possible. And our Holy Bible came into being through the centuries, from the time of Moses through the early church's beginnings following Pentecost.

Some say that the Holy Bible is just a history book. But, dear people of Oak Grove it is much more. The Holy Bible is God's Word, God's salvation story, and it conveys our heritage as God's children through our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior.

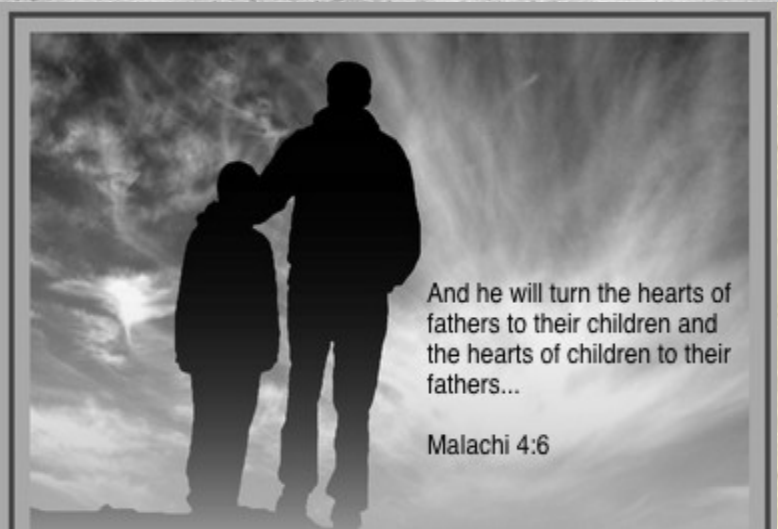
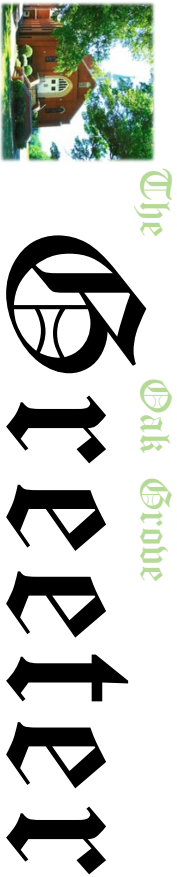
Now, back to the present, as Oak Grove's pastor, I ask, "Are we making history or are we heritage makers?" Is God's Word static and passive or are we inspired to share the Good News of Jesus with others through our words and deeds? In short, are we "passing it on"? Let us all join together at Oak Grove in our commitment to be heritage makers for God's Kingdom! AMEN

Pastor Bob



June 2016

The monthly newsletter of Oak Grove United Methodist Church



**"May my son walk after You, God, and fear You and keep Your commandments and obey Your voice. May he serve You and hold fast to You" (Deuteronomy 13:4).**



Oak Grove United Methodist Church Makes a Difference in Lives

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Looking for Volunteers! Oak Grove will have a One Day Vacation Bible School on Saturday August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.



There are many areas where help is needed the day of VBS and in advance planning, setting up, and advertising. Please consider overseeing one of the following areas or partnering with someone for an activity. We can always use help for Storytelling, Assembly puppet skits, Recreation, Music (with DVD), and Discovery time (science experiments). Also, it helps to have someone advertising and working to get the invitation out to welcome visitors.

Thanks for prayerfully considering.

Please contact Joan Carrier or anyone on the Education Committee

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Congratulations GRADUATES

We will be honoring 3 High School Graduates this year on Sunday June 5th at our worship service.

**Bannah Rankin** attended Cox Mill High School in Cabarrus County but went to PLC-Performance Learning Center where she graduated in December 2015, six months early. She is now attending RCCC and will be completing her Nurse Aid 1 Certification in May 2016. She knows she wants to help people but hasn't decided in which area yet. Plans are to work in the hospital setting as a Nurses Aid 1 for a year to decide which direction in medicine she wants to pursue.

**Braden Asbury** will graduate June 11, 2016 from Independence High School. He has been very involved in the music and theatre programs. Braden is also a member of the National Honors Society. This summer Braden will work for CPCC's Summer Theatre as a tech for several productions. This fall Braden will attend Catawba College in Salisbury, NC as a recipient of the schools Presidential Scholarship. He plans to study Technical Theatre and Production.

**Aylah Hylton** will graduate June 11, 2016 from Hickory Ridge High School, Harrisburg, NC. She has decided to attend CPCC this fall for two years to attain her basic college courses and then transfer to either the University of Tennessee or Western Carolina University to continue her studies in Forensic Science. Her plans are to become a Forensic Technician someday.

DISCIPLES PANTRY

In the month of May, we were able to help to feed over 50 families. This month we are especially collecting canned goods of all types. Thank you for helping us stock our pantry!

The family of Sarah "Lib" Deaton Acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Dear Oak Grove UMC, Thank you for all the support with prayer, and keeping me and the family in your hearts. Could never say Thank You enough.

Ruth Hillman and Family



HERITAGE SUNDAY

"An awesome day and the weather was great. Missed all who weren't able to be there."

"So blessed to be a part of this wonderful church and congregation. Thanks to all involved in putting everything together and to Pastor Bob! I agree that we should make this a yearly event. Thanks



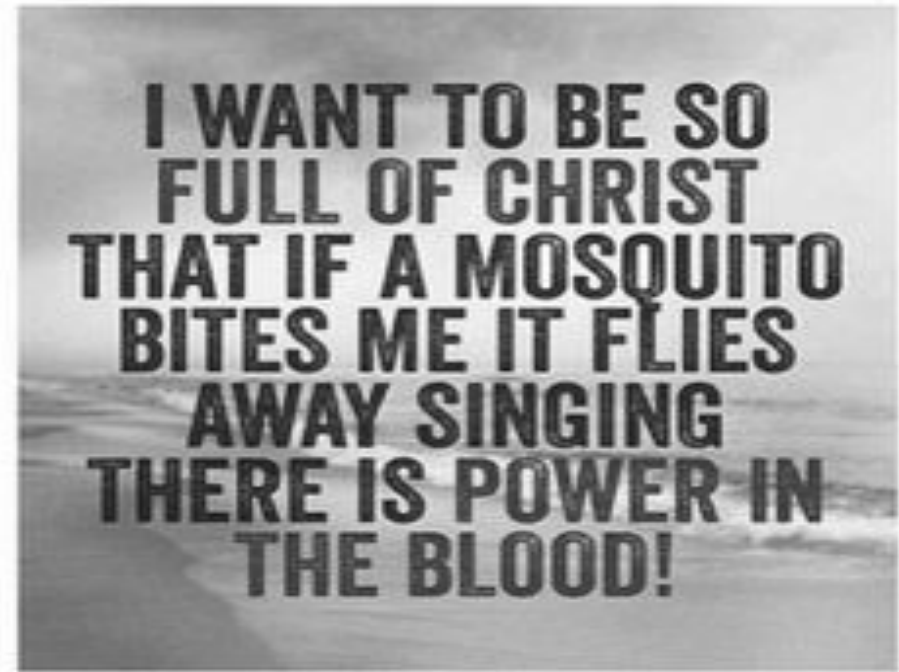
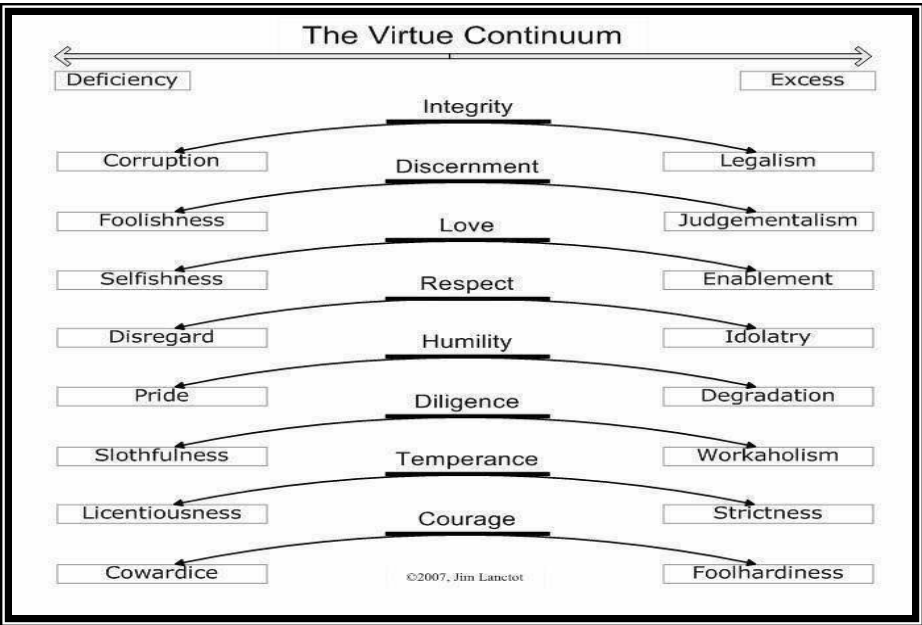
Operation Sandwich Providing sandwiches for Urban Ministries every other Wednesday. Sandwich builds this month: June 1,15,&29.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Glenn Stephens Fran Stephens & Boys

In Memory of William Brown Kay Brown

\*You may designate Memorials and Honoraria for any Oak Grove UMC ministry or fund.



Poor Man's Supper Save the DATE June 12, 2016 Following Morning Worship



"Who then is that faithful and wise steward ...?"

Luke 12:42, KJV

**SAMSON** THE LAST JUDGE

BEFORE THE KINGS AND AFTER ALL THE DELIVERERS WERE AT REST, THERE WAS A TIME OF JUDGES - WHEN EVERY MAN DID WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.

PLAYING MAY 2 - OCTOBER 24

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