

Oak Grove United Methodist Church
 6440 OLD STATESVILLE ROAD
 CHARLOTTE NC 28269-1782

September 2018

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Sunday School's - 9:30AM
 Worship - 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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Greeter September 2018



From the Pastor's Pen

As I drive around this community I see the harvest all around our community. I have seen potential for growth and expansion. Jabez is known for his prayer to God in which he asked God to expand his territory and protect him from pain. In Israel's culture every name must have a meaning. When Jabez was born his mother named him Jabez because she "gave birth to him in pain." Women know that childbearing causes some pain and Jabez's mom experienced so much pain to the point she named her son with a

specific name that reminded her the pain she endured while giving birth. When a woman is giving birth she endures pain during contractions, but when a child is born her pain turns into praise. As a Congregation we may sow in pain, but we shall reap in praise.

Even though Jabez was born in pain, he was more honorable than his brothers. I do not know if his birth experience caused him to be honorable, but what I do know is that anyone who wishes to gain does not avoid pain. My focus on this newsletter is more about praying to God for growth and expansion. Oak Grove has potentials for growth and expansion. I have been impressed by worship attendance for the last five

weeks. Our community is expanding and I hope and pray that our church will strive to reflect our community.

As seasons change from Summer to Fall I pray that God will continue to enlarge our territory where we reach out to people in our community. I pray that God's hand will be with everyone who is a part of Oak Grove's church family. I hope that God will keep us from harm or any pain that would undermine our growth and expansion. I have no doubt that God has so much in store for us. God who granted Jabez his request will grant our church and families what we request because God is faithful.

Unleash Faith,
 Rev. Innocent Justice



Oak Grove UMC

New Sermon Series

Sept. 16-Oct. 7

LOVE & OUTCOME

Inspired by the story of Joseph and his brothers

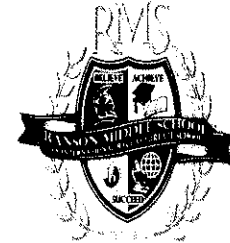
"IT TAKES A VILLAGE BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT"

WE ARE ASKING ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO COME OUT AND WELCOME OUR SCHOLARS BACK TO SCHOOL AS WE KICK-OFF OUR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

WHEN August 27, 2018 8:15AM—10:00AM
 WHERE Ranson IB Middle School 5850 Statesville Road;
 Charlotte NC

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AGENDA :
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
 8:15am— 8:45am
 SCHOLAR MEET & GREET
 8:45am— 9:15am
 CHEER & WELCOME OUR SCHOLARS BACK FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR



Oak Grove Annual Bar B Que

Schedule

Tuesday, September 25th at 5:00pm
 Making Coleslaw
 Friday, October 5th at 9:00pm
 Cooking BBQ
 Saturday, October 6th at 8:00AM
 Chopping BBQ

Wednesday, October 10th
 Clean & prep for BBQ

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11th
 11:00am-8:00pm

Bar B Que!!!



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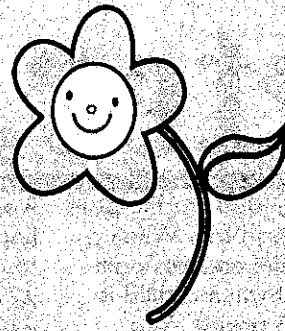
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The monthly newsletter of Oak Grove United Methodist Church

Greeter

Oak Grove United Methodist Church Makes a Difference in Lives

Just two little words...
...but they say it all!
Thank You!!!



I recently received a very special prayer quilt from your church. My friend at work, and a member of your church, (Denise Burgess) gave it to me. That was the most thoughtful gift I have ever received. I had cried knowing that it was prayed over for me. Please thank your church family for me. It was very special, and I will cherish it always. I do believe in the power of prayer, and I want you to know that I am cancer free!

Forever thankful,
Theresa Kelly

To the Members of Oak Grove,

Gary and I want to say "Thank You: to all that came out on Saturday, August 4, 2018 to honor us on our 50th Wedding Anniversary.



It was a surprise and a most blessed day as we celebrated with family and friends.

Linda and Gary Hylton



I would like to again thank all that helped and participated in our Gone Fishing Bible School on August 11. We had a total of 25 kids and 2- adults! Everyone had a great time learning how to be "fishers of men." A special thanks to the people from Statesville Avenue Baptist and Northdale Baptist for teaming up with us to help make this a great Bible School.

Vickie Whitlow

"Every saved person this side of heaven owes the gospel to every lost person this side of hell."

-David Platt

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of

Eric Cumbee

In Honor of

Linda and Gary Hylton

Perry & Kathy

Fish N' SK



Saturday, September 29th
City Lake Park, Albemarle
9:00 - 11:00 am

\$30.00 Registration
Run, Walk or Fish
(official run bibs & free t-shirts)



Register Online at africanrescueministries.org
@AfricanRescueMinistries

Ceramic Items For Sale

Beautifully finished ceramic pieces created by the Ceramics Class.

Proceeds go to the Oak Grove United Methodist Church Budget.



Check out the Fellowship Hall!

GAME NIGHT

Oak Grove will continue to host **Community Game Night** once a month beginning Wednesday, September 19. Game Night will now be the third Wednesday of each month, 6:30 - 8pm. All are welcome! Join in the fun! We now play BINGO in addition to other board games. You may bring your own games. We have kid's games too!

If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.

-John 3:11

Operation Sandwich
Providing sandwiches for Urban Ministries every other Wednesday. Sandwich builds this month: September 5th & 19th

KLEB'S KIDS

Putting Smiles on Children's Faces

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

6:00pm until...

BARBECUE BENEFIT

Featuring live music from

Wayward Reason

Mike Kleban's Back Yard

317 Woodside Drive
Harrisburg, NC



Serving:

The *Best BBQ Pork you ever tasted! (*Mike said so)
"This BBQ is so good that when you eat it, it will make your tongue slap your brains out!" - Trent Williams
(Chicken is available while it lasts for those who do not eat pork.)

We are asking for a minimum tax deductible donation of \$15.00 per plate for adults.

Children's donation as your heart leads.

Please R.S.V.P. to : mkleban@carolina.rr.com

R.S.V.P. is not required, but it would be nice to know how many to plan for.

Notable Notes

Hello!

I pray that this newsletter is of great blessing to all. Those who have been able to attend our worship services should start to notice some differences.

The choir is working really hard in our practices, and some members have told me how much they have enjoyed our music. This month I would like to focus on prayer and music. This past Sunday, our choir blended "Seek Ye First" with "Heal Our Land". The only to make it I this life is to have a daily relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

The only way to have a relationship is through communicating, and prayer is one of the ways this happens.

Music has been put to one of the most famous prayers in the Bible, "The Lord's Prayer"

Fanny Crosby wrote the hymn "Just As I Am", which was her own personal prayer.

There are many songs concerning prayer. "In the Garden", "I Must Tell Jesus" "Take My Life and Let It Be", "It is Well With My Soul", and the list continues.

What a difference could be made if we were to consistently focus on

prayer and singing for the next thirty days.

I truly believe that one of the differences that is happening in our church is because last summer we had "The Summer of Prayer", especially considering the direction and growth of our church.

In Christ's Love,
Donna Dye
Music Director

