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January 2009

A New Year's Poem for Christians

Instead of making a New Year's resolution
Consider committing to a biblical solution.

Your promises are easily broken
Empty words, though earnestly spoken.
But God's Word transforms the soul
By His Holy Spirit making you whole.
As you spend time alone with Him
He will change you from within.

-- Mary Fairchild

2009
2009 Resolutions?
Resolutions?

**"I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word."
Psalm 119:16**

 Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study / Sunday School..... 9:15 am
Morning Worship..... 10:30am
Nursery Provided
Church Library 9:00, 10:15, 11:30 am
Evening Worship 6:30pm

Wednesday

Music Maker's Choir (ages 3 & 4)..... 5:30pm
Young Musician's Choir (grades K-6th). 5:30pm
Supper 6:00pm
LINK (Grades 7th-12th) 6:30pm
AWANA (ages 2-6th grade) 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting..... 6:30pm
Nursery Provided
Adult Choir Practice 7:30pm
Nursery Provided

 Oak Grove Staff

Dr. J. Howard CobbleInterim Pastor
Eric Marston Students & Evangelism
Will Whittaker Worship & Administration
Adam Fleming..... Administrative Assitant
Maria Marston..... Financial Secretary
Kathleen Spruill..... Children's Coordinator

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January Connections

- ***Connect with the Word:***

January Sermon topics by Dr. Cobble to include:

A Challenge for Christian Living in the New Year
Financial Stewardship in the New Year

- ***Connect with Others:***

New Men's Bible Study!
Link Lock In!

- ***Connect with Ministry:***

Children's Workers Banquet

Children

In the month of December, the boys and girls learned about the great promise God gave us to send a Savior for the world!



This month, we will pick up again with the story of Moses leading the Children of Israel to the Promised Land, the selection of Joshua and Caleb, and crossing over the Jordan River.

We are planning a Children's Workers' Banquet in late January and a hands-on workshop for all children's workers. Some of the topics covered will be:

- How to teach a Bible story
- How to teach a scripture verse
- How to motivate children to learn scripture.

Everyone be on the lookout for the date and time and try to set your schedule to include them. Our children's workers are very important and needed!

Just for Parents:



Please allow your child to bring a Bible to Sunday School and the Christmas gift bag they received in which to put their papers and crafts. We will encourage them to "find" where the story is and help them find it in the Bible. This will begin to develop usage of the Bible and help them become aware that "it" is in the Bible!

-Mrs. Kathleen Spruill, Children's Coordinator

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Music and Worship

What a wonderful time of praise and worship we had last month during our *Christmas at Oak Grove, Bethlehem Calls* musical celebration! There were over 550 in attendance and close to 100 from our church family involved! Praise God for the three first-time decisions and thirteen re-dedications to Christ!

**Christmas
at
Oak Grove**
BETHLEHEM CALLS

In our children's musical, *Bethlehem Treasure*, puppets, drama, Scripture reading and many fun and message-packed songs sung by our Young Musicians Choir all pointed the way to Jesus as THE Treasure at Christmas time!

REMINDER: All Children's and Adult Choirs resume rehearsals on January 7th. Come and join us!

Adult Choir Rehearsal Wednesdays 7:30p - 9:00p
Children's Choirs Wednesdays 5:30p - 6:00p



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Men's Ministry

The men's ministry will be starting a new Bible study based on a book entitled, *Minister of Mercy, The New Testament Deacon*, by Alexander Strauch. This study is designed to give the biblical viewpoint of serving as a deacon in the body of Christ. We will also discuss our goals for the future of Oak Grove Baptist Church. All men are invited to attend this class. The first meeting will be held on Saturday morning, Jan 24th, from 8-11am in the fellowship hall. Breakfast will be served! For more information or to receive a book and study guide, please contact Bob Mayer at 770-833-5415.

Service Opportunity

There is a need for volunteer receptionists/administrative helpers in the church office Monday through Fridays. If you have a few hours you can commit to each week or are available on an as needed basis please call Will Whittaker in the church office or e-mail him at will@ogbconline.net for more information.

Evangelism and Outreach

ACT! is an outreach and evangelism effort of Oak Grove in which we endeavor to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those in our community. The following are several organizations in Carroll County with opportunities to serve and love in the name of Jesus Christ.

- Stewart House
- Compassion International
- New Hope Boys Home
- Acts of Kindness
- Invisible Children
- Jail Ministry
- 415 Hope Center
- Alice's House
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Carroll County Soup Kitchen

If you are interested in serving in any of these organizations, please contact Eric in the church office or e-mail him at eric@ogbconline.net.

* In October we reached out to more than 200 people at our annual Trunk or Treat!



Don't forget that Awana Clubs start again on Wednesday evening, January 7th at 6:30pm. Come early, at 5:30pm, for kids choirs and for dinner! And don't forget to bring your Bible, your handbook, your uniform and a friend!

-Gary & Sandy Hubbard, Awana Commanders

Check this out!!

Awana has online monthly newsletters for each club called *Parent Pause* for Cubbies, *Sparkles* for Sparks and *KidsPrint* for TNT. A new issue will be posted on the second Monday of each month during the club year. Go to www.awana.org, then click on "Awana Clubs Leaders", select your child's club name, then click on "newsletter", then click the newsletter title. You can print them out at home!

The newsletters feature things such as:

- Parenting tips and family-centered activities
- A meaningful truth from Scripture and ways to apply it
- Age-appropriate content for each Awana clubber
- Jokes
- Kid's favorite Bible Characters and Verses
- Quizzes that you can do at home
- Interviews with other Awana Clubbers



Bible Study & Discipleship

Going the Distance... in His TRACS *Teaching, Reaching & Caring*

- A big welcome to Amy and Robin Worley as they begin their new ministry in the Couples 1 class, "20/20".
- Our Couples 2 class has merged with Couples 3. Jim Cranford and Pat Culwell are the teachers. Thank you to these men!
- Also, Duane and Becky Yoder are joining Lorie and Greg Startup in the college ministry .
- We are still searching for a 3rd-4th grade teacher and helper to start a new class, and for a helper for the 1st-3rd grade class teacher, Janet Salsberry.
- Thank you to all of these people who have stepped up to the plate! You are servants!

Come and join us in our Sunday morning Bible study time! We have a place for everyone and are looking forward to a great new year!

-Pam Haynes, Bible Study Director

*Linking Students and their families to
God, Growth, and Service*

Wednesday Night Link 6:45p-8:00p

Sunday Morning Link Groups 9:15a-10:15a

January Events:

4th – Leadership Meeting 5:30 before P.M. service

7th – Kick-off Message (small groups re-connect)

14th – Link 6:00 – 7:45

16th – Lock-In @ Oak Grove 11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

21st – Link 6:00 – 7:45

28th – Community Link

*...Become a spiritually mature follower of
Jesus Christ!*

*...Become Others-centered and
Serve!*

...Become Linked!

"I Am Oak Grove!"

~Personal Portrait



Kate Byers

How long have you been at Oak Grove?

What are your favorite things to do?

What is your favorite Bible Verse?

What is the most recent book you've read?

What do you enjoy most about Sunday School?

What ministries are you involved in and why?

What's your favorite worship song or hymn?