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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR SHERREL

Dear Oak Grove Family,

I greet you all in the name of Jesus Our Wonderful Savior! I hope you are all doing well. The summer season will be here on June 21 and I am so looking forward to it. I love the warm temperatures and being able to get out and about more often. I am happy to say that our Sunday morning attendance is growing, and the Spirit is moving in our services. I want to encourage everyone to invite others to church. Regaining momentum after the pandemic has been challenging but I am confident that God is still working here at "The Grove". We must rededicate ourselves to prayer and outreach as never before. We live in troubled times and the enemy is working overtime, but God is sovereign, and His plans and purposes cannot be defeated.

The major event for the month of June is of course VBS. This year's theme looks to be very exciting, so I hope you have made plans to be involved. Our Leadership team has been working very hard as always to ensure that things go well. It gives our church a great opportunity to share the gospel of Christ through fun, fellowship, and the teaching of God's Word. It can also serve as a means of outreach in our community. If you are unable to be involved please pray that we can impact these young lives in a positive way for the cause of Christ.

I would like to wish all our dads a VERY HAPPY FATHER'S DAY which is on June 19th this year. I am so thankful for my father, and I miss him very much. So, I hope you all have a very special and blessed day! I love you all and I'll see you in church or online!

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Sherrel





(Excerpted with general permission – Bible Studies for Life)

Summer! For many of us, summer reflects a break from the rest of the year- a time for vacations, no school, and warmer weather. But summer should not include a break from discipleship and growing in Christ. Bible Study should be a part of your summer plans.

In this Summer's study *Never Alone: the Holy Spirit in our lives*, Paul Kelly encourages us with the truths of how the Holy Spirit works in us and through us.

We seek God and come to know Him because His Holy Spirit is at work in us. He draws us into a relationship through our faith in Christ, and the Holy Spirit guides us to Walk with Him.

IN-PERSON & FACEBOOK LIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM SUNDAYS

If we are missing your name on our anniversary or birthday list or if a correction is needed, please call 477-3141.

June 5	Convicted by the Spirit
June 12	Born again by the Spirit
June 19	Indwelt by the Spirit
June 26	Filled with the Spirit



Grateful people are joyful people

In a 2013 TED Talk, David Steindl-Rast says many people think happiness leads to gratefulness. "Think again," he says. "Is it really the happy people that are grateful? We all know ... people who have everything it [takes] to be happy, and they are not happy, because they want something else or they want more of the same. And we all know people who have lots of misfortune [yet] are deeply happy. ... Why? Because they are grateful. So it is not happiness that makes us grateful. It's gratefulness that makes us happy."

We must be cautious: Depression is a real illness, and therapy or medicine may be necessary to help us feel "happy" and enjoy life again. Also, "joy" is perhaps a more fitting word than "happiness"; happiness can be fleeting and superficial, while joy is heart-deep and abiding. In Jesus, even when we're sad or struggling or fearful, we can have joy — the confidence that God holds us in his arms. And for that, we can be grateful. Indeed, Steindl-Rast concludes, "Grateful people are joyful people."



There will be no Ladies Fellowship in June, we will start back up on July 21,

2022, Patricia and I hope to see you lovely ladies there, we'll be saving you a seat.
Love and prayers, Patricia and Sharon



Summer is here and VBS is JUST around the corner. We've been taking some time off from choir practice, but I want to thank the choir again for such an amazing job on the Easter Cantata this year! Before long, we'll be looking at Christmas Cantata music. But for now, I'm excited to work with the kids during VBS on some great Christian music. I'm always looking for folks of all ages to bless us with special music, even if it's just instrumental for our services. If this is you, and you could share your musical gift and talent with our congregation, please let me know!

I want to remind everyone as well that we are going through the Book of Acts during my Sunday School sessions. You can join us live online each week at www.Facebook.com/DrJonCasteel or join us in person in the downstairs classroom across from the main office. You can also always watch them later via my YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/JonathanCasteel.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the music program at Oak Grove Baptist Church, and if you ever need anything at all, please reach out and let me know. You can reach me via phone call or text at 423-217-5826 or you can email me at jonathancasteel@gmail.com. I also want to thank everyone who supports our book ministry. If you ever need a copy of any of my books, you can see me directly or go to our website at www.CasteelFamilyMinistries.com and find links directly to Amazon.com to purchase those and have them delivered straight to your door. Thank you again and I pray that everyone has a safe and relaxing summer! God bless!
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Puzzle!

Find the names of these fathers and sons from the Old Testament.

ADAM	ABEL	CAIN	NOAH	SHAM	HEBER
DAVID	ISAAC	ESAU	JACOB	JOSEPH	DAVID
ISAAC	DAVID	ESAU	JACOB	JOSEPH	DAVID

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Note: A completed puzzle is in a file called puzzle_0622 on this month's CD and on the website, www.NewsletterNewsletter.com.



Parents are stewards

Striving to raise happy, well-rounded children isn't wrong "unless those successes become the goal," writes Jeffrey Reed in *Parent Life* magazine. For Christians, he says, the driving force of parenting should be helping kids follow God's path.

"What if we parented as if we were temporary stewards of the greatest containers of godly potential?" Reed asks. "What if our goal for our children was to continually seek God's guidance on what it is that he wants for them and to help them pursue that goal on a daily basis?" He concludes: "In a hundred years, nothing we do will matter apart from the impact we've made in God's kingdom on earth. Perhaps your children will be that legacy."



Thank you so much to our Awesome Mowing Crew for the job you do at the church. Ken Broyles, Ralph McDaniels, David Markland, Austin Markland, and Mike Dixon. Thanks for the countless hours you have volunteered to keep us looking good!



June 13-17
6:00-8:00 PM
Kick off June 12 @6:00 PM
Register at: oakgrovebaptistkids.weebly.com

Zoomerang VBS will kick off on June 12 at 6:00. It will run June 13-17 from 6:00-8:30 pm. We are thankful for all the volunteers that have stepped up. Please pray starting now for the children to learn more about our God and for seeds to be planted in those who are not saved.



We will continue to have a Sunday night kids program. We will continue to use Group materials. We are in a slow process of building up the program.

Contact Lori Casteel at 217-8213 for more information

That's Father!

Now I think of all achievements 'tis the least
To perpetuate the species; it is done
By the insect and the serpent,
and the beast.
But the man who keeps his body,
and his thought,
Worth bestowing on an offspring
love-begot,
Then the highest earthly glory
he has won,
When in pride a grown-up daughter
or a son
Says "That's Father."

—from "Father," by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

A standup guy

During the pandemic, a Maryland man used "dad jokes" to lift neighbors' spirits. Tom Schruben jotted down a joke-of-the-day on a curbside whiteboard. Hearing people chuckle and chat eased the isolation.

Schruben and his wife, Ann, became intentional about seeking joy after two of their children died. They vowed to "find happiness again" and share it. For Father's Day last year, Schruben held a Bad Dad Joke contest, donating entry fees to a local charity. Here are a few of his favorites:

- If two vegans get into an argument, is it still considered a beef?
- I ordered a chicken and an egg from Amazon. I'll let you know.
- What do you call a bear with no teeth? A gummy bear.

Puzzle Answers

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ADAM	REUBEN
CAN	DAV
ABEL	ASHER
SETH	JUDAH
NOAH	LEVI
HAM	GAD
SHEM	NAPHTALI
JAPHETH	SIMEON
ELKANAH	ISSACHAR
SAMUEL	ZEBULUN
AARON	BENJAMIN
NADAB	JOSEPH
HUR	MANASSEH
CALEB	EPHRAIM
ABRAHAM	SAUL
ISHMAEL	JONATHAN
ISAC	DAVID
ESAU	SOLOMON
JACOB	

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I	B	I	A	D	O	H	S	I	S	S	A	U	L	R
A	E	L	A	V	O	L	A	E	O	N	H	E	E	D
R	L	C	A	V	O	T	M	I	S	U	H	V	I	
H	A	M	I	M	N	H	S	L	M	S	F	I	T	
P	H	R	D	O	I	M	S	A	A	R	O	N	T	
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