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***"... and He will teach us of His ways, and
we will walk in His paths ..." Isaiah 2:3***



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**WELCOME ALL NEW & RETURNING
LEADERSHIP SERVING OAK GROVE
RESTORATION BRANCH EFFECTIVE
SEPT. 1, 2025 THRU AUG. 31, 2026
(see page 6)**

In this issue, don't miss pages 3 and 4:

Notes from our Pastor!

Aren't these the words we long for?

"Thus saith the Lord." (read it in Haggai 1:5)

And the scriptures found in Haggai 1:5,7,12-14, say: "Consider your ways. Obey the voice of the Lord, THEN I am with you, saith the Lord. And the Lord stirred up the [people's] spirit, and they came and did work in the house of the Lord of hosts, their God."

2025 ANNUAL BRANCH THEME: Settle in Your Hearts to be My Disciples

(Luke 14:27-28) "And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Wherefore, settle this in your hearts, that ye will do the things which I shall teach and command you."

SEPTEMBER BRANCH THEME:

Bear Much Fruit

(John 15:8 & 16) "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

(Mosiah 3:21) "...be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in good works, that Christ, ...may seal you his, that you may be brought to heaven, that you may have everlasting salvation and eternal life through the wisdom, and power, and justice, and mercy of him, who created all things in heaven and in earth, who is God above all. Amen."

OCTOBER BRANCH THEME:

Always Ready to Give an Answer for the Hope that is in You

(1 Peter 3:15) "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer with meekness and fear to every man that asketh of you a reason for the hope that is in you."

(Luke 21:11-14) "...before all these things shall come, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake."

**Settle this, therefore, in your hearts—
not to meditate before what ye shall answer; For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.
And it shall turn to you for a testimony."**

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July 2025—Preparing Zion's Call for Mailing

Workers included: Gena Martin, Joseph Bullard, Margie Darling, Charlie & Susan Booth, Rick & Anita Turner, Don & Debbie Norman, and Dennis & Delores Heater.



Jessica, Miriam and Hannah Holmes provided the ministry of music on August 10, 2025



May 2025—Congratulations to Julie Anderson upon her retirement from CPRS after teaching for 30 years. (No back-to-school for Julie this year!)

Upcoming Events

Sept 2 RWC Women's Class 10:00am
Sept 6-7 Restoration Women's Council
 Fall Retreat at Odessa Hills
Sept 7 CMRB All Branch Gathering at
 Colbern Road (No eve. service at OGRB)
Sept 9 RWC Women's Class 10:00am
Sept 14 Potluck Lunch
 Priesthood Class 5:00-6:00pm
Sept 16 RWC Women's Class 10:00am
Sept 19-21 Priesthood Assembly at Kirtland
Sept 23 RWC Women's Class 10:00am
Sept 27 High Priest Classes at Waldo RB
 9:00am-1:00pm

Sept 28 Priesthood Class 5:00-6:00pm
Sept 30 RWC Women's Class 10:00am
Oct 4-5 Junior Retreat at Odessa Hills
Oct 10-12 Older Youth Retreat at Odessa Hills
Oct 12 Potluck Lunch
 Priesthood Class 5:00-6:00pm
Oct 19 Spiritual Stewardship Groups meet 6:30pm
Oct 26 Priesthood Class 5:00-6:00pm
Oct 31-Nov 2 Young Married Couples and Young
 Adults Retreat at Odessa Hills
Nov 7-9 Senior High/Junior High Retreat
 at Odessa Hills

“Consider Your Ways”

—by Vim Horn, Presiding Elder

In **Haggai 1:5**, the Lord of hosts says to His people, **“Consider Your Ways.”**

What brought about such a declaration?

In **Ezra 1:1-6**, Cyrus, King of Persia (his spirit stirred up by God) was carrying forth his work as a ruler, and his work perfectly fulfilled God’s purposes. He sent a written proclamation throughout all his kingdom, proclaiming, **“...The Lord God of heaven...hath charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? [the Jews] His God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem...and build the house of the Lord God of Israel...”** Many of the Jews in captivity, also **having their spirits stirred**, responded to the King’s offer to go up to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem, and others **“... strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things....”**

God provided the way and means for the Jews, His people, to return to their land, **but it included a Holy purpose, the re-building of His house, the temple**, so that He might be worshipped and glorified. Those that went forth were excited and committed, and began laying the foundation of the Temple. But they quickly became sidetracked by their lives, and the work on the temple essentially ceased.

In **Haggai 1:1-2** we find the prophet sharing the Word of the Lord to the leaders of the time, saying: **“Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts...This people say, The time is not come, the time that the Lord’s house should be built.”** God starts by calling out His people. The people are saying they are interested in doing His will, but just not now. They are setting terms with God: **Yes, but Not Yet!**

In **D&C 98:6**, we find a **parable** concerning the **redemption of Zion**, where the servants are also setting terms and not doing God’s command.

A nobleman had a choice spot of land with a vineyard and he commanded his servants to plant 12 olive trees, set watchmen around them, and build a tower. The servants did as commanded to a point, and then questioned his wisdom, **“What need hath my lord of this tower, seeing this is a time of peace?”** (**D&C 98:6f**)

Today, **WE** might say that **the time, the need, is not now to build up the house of the Lord**, the watchtower, (using our own terms or questions we might insert). The consequence in the parable of this disobedience was a people **at variance** [not being one], and being **very slothful**. (**see D&C 98:6g**)

In **Haggai 1:4**, the Lord, through Haggai, asks a pointed question. **“Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled [paneled] houses, and this house [the Lord’s house] lie waste?”**

What was the **exchange** for not building His house? They built up their own houses and paneled them with the cedar meant for the temple—they were focused on their own concerns, not God’s.

The Lord’s question to His people then, is a question for us as well. Are we focused on our own concerns at the expense of the Lord’s concerns as to the building up of the Kingdom? Today we are a remnant in some ways, scattered and *exiled from our nation, the Church* restored in 1830, reorganized in 1860, with the same calling before us. We are called to **build up His house in this day**—not a physical one—but to look to our lives, to seek to establish the Cause of Zion: *a people of one heart and one mind*, focused on embracing the truth and keeping His commandments.

While God’s house—His Work—lies in waste, is it time for us to take it easy, to rest? Is it ever time for us to put our own interests before His? We know the answer!

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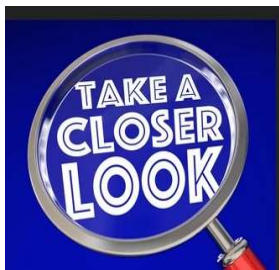
“Consider Your Ways” —by Vim Horn, Presiding Elder

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So, we come again to **Haggai 1:5**: *“Now therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider Your Ways.”* The Lord is saying to THEM and to US, look closely at yourselves. Look at what is important to us—at what we spend our time doing and worrying about—at how we embrace His promises, and how we use our blessings.

In **Haggai 1:6**, God states, *“Ye have sown much, and bring in little...”* They were a busy people, busily looking after their concerns. They were not slothful when it came to their concerns, only God’s. We are a busy people, often focusing on what we desire, rather than what God desires. And the result is that we bring in little that is of eternal value. We are often engaged in much activity that bears no fruit. God’s work suffers, and our efforts languish, because they receive not God’s blessing. Even when we are successful in a temporal sense, they do not fulfill us, warm us, or protect us.

In **Haggai 1:7**, God again calls them [and us] to *“...Consider Your Ways.”*



Looking honestly at ourselves, we must admit that—as a people—we have fallen short of fulfilling the opportunities presented to us as latter-day saints. We find ourselves, as those in Haggai’s time, toiling in vain.

We are often focused on our interests, sowing much and bringing in little. As a result, God’s hand is not in the Work, and little of temporal and eternal value is the consequence.

As in Haggai’s time the Lord speaks to us today: *“... I, the Lord, have suffered the affliction to come upon them, wherewith they have been afflicted, in consequence of their transgressions; yet I will own them, and they shall be mine in that day when I shall come to make up my jewels.... They were slow to hearken unto the voice of the Lord, their God; therefore, the Lord, their God, is slow to hearken unto their prayers, to answer them in the day of their trouble. In the day of their peace they esteemed lightly my counsel; but in the day of their trouble, of necessity they feel after me.”* (D&C 98:1a-b, 3b-c)

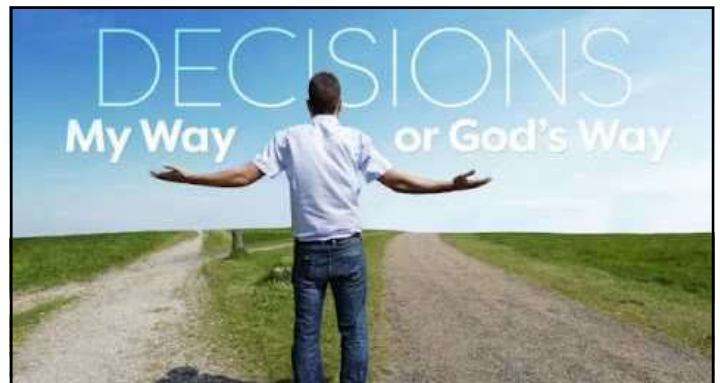
In **Haggai 1:12**, the people *“obeyed the voice of the Lord”* considered their ways and found them lacking, feared before the Lord, and repented, fulfilling what the Lord required.

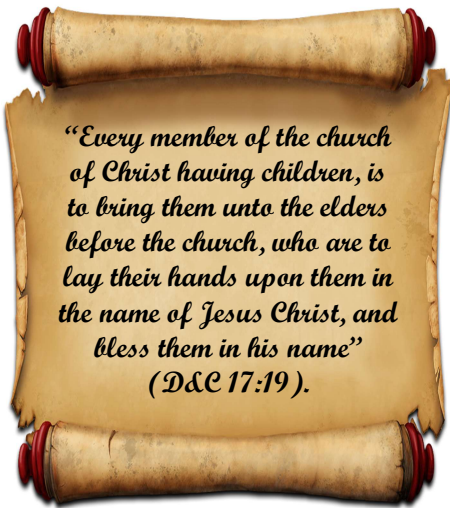
In **Haggai 1:13-14**, the Lord said *“I am with you,”* and **stirred up the spirits** of the leaders of the people, the high priest, and **the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came and worked in the house of the Lord.**

Here at Oak Grove, as we continue to consider our ways as a branch, striving to be a people of one heart, one mind, dwelling in righteousness, and having no poor among us, let us repent and allow the Lord to stir up our spirits. As we endeavor to accomplish the work entrusted to us, we must ask if our spirits are sufficiently stirred: Are we willing to do the work of building God’s Kingdom? Are we ready to glorify and worship God through our loving obedience? If we are, His promises are assured.

“And they that have been scattered shall be gathered; and all they who have mourned shall be comforted; and all they who have given their lives for my name shall be crowned. Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion, for all flesh is in mine hands. Be still, and know that I am God. Zion shall not be moved out of her place; notwithstanding her children are scattered, they that remain and are pure in heart shall return and come to their inheritances—they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste places of Zion. And all these things, that the prophets might be fulfilled.” (D&C 98:4e-g)

The Lord calls us: **“CONSIDER YOUR WAYS”**
MAY OUR WAYS BE HIS WAY!





*“Every member of the church of Christ having children, is to bring them unto the elders before the church, who are to lay their hands upon them in the name of Jesus Christ, and bless them in his name”
(D&C 17:19).*

Baby Blessing

On Sunday, June 29, Riffen Alexander Cory, son of Molly (Postlethwait) and Matt Cory, was blessed by Elders Phillip Freeze and Mike Lidberg. Riffen is the grandson of Darryl and Lisa Postlethwait.

Many of those who attended the service that day have testified of the compassionate and beautiful spirit of love that was present during the blessing and the ministry of music.



Priesthood Calls at Oak Grove — by Charlie Booth

On Sunday morning, August 10, 2025, a special business meeting was held (in place of the Sunday school hour) to consider priesthood callings as brought forth by our Presiding Elder, Vim Horn.

Here is the list of priesthood callings:

Brian Holmes: Elder **Ben Lidberg: Priest** **Nate Lidberg: Deacon** **Peter Cool: Deacon** **Jacob Lidberg: Deacon**

The process of calls brought forth in the Church of Jesus Christ in the latter days are given through the impress of the Holy Spirit first to the branch Presiding Elder. In his further deliberation to confirm the calls, Vim shared them with five senior elders in the branch, then the Melchizedec priesthood as a whole (elders), then with all the remaining priesthood as a whole (elders, teachers, priests, deacons), and then with the branch members prior to this business meeting.

During the meeting, Vim shared his testimony about the calling of each man, followed by each one sharing his individual testimony and acceptance of his call. All votes taken at each stage of this process were unanimous in support for each man's call. **(The ordination service is planned for September 28th.)**

Spiritual Stewardship Groups COMING SOON!

WATCH for More Information as it Becomes Available (see pg. 2 — Oct. 19th)

Consider what these things mean to you: (1) Being of one heart and one mind with God the Father, Jesus His Son, and the Holy Ghost and thereby becoming also of one heart and one mind with our fellow brothers and sisters at Oak Grove Restoration Branch. (2) Living in righteous harmony—recognize “fruits of the Spirit” traits within ourselves already, and consider what more we can do! (3) Responding to temporal and spiritual needs of brothers and sisters at OGRB.

New OGRB Website COMING SOON! WATCH for updates.

Ethan Hill and his team are working hard to deliver a new and exciting website!

Reminder: Per our current website host, effective Sept. 1, 2025, our website will be “frozen-in-time” (until December 10, 2025, or at which time the new website is up and running). When an active NEW website is up and running, you will no longer be able to use our current website in any way.

You are encouraged to review www.ogrb.org and make copies of any links that you are interested in loading on to your personal computer. If you have questions about the process of converting to our future new website, please contact any member of the Pastorate.

AREAS OF MINISTRY 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2026

Pastorate:

Presiding Elder Vim Horn
 Associates Mike Lidberg, Aaron Smith, James Bullard, Mick Ballantyne

Church Building Coordination:

Building Committee Jeremy Lidberg, James Bullard, Ben Lidberg, Dennis Heater,
 John Davis, Chris Allen, Mark Nunn
 Safety Committee Mike Lidberg, Charlie Booth, Craig Hill, Rick Turner
 Schedule/Reservations/Maintenance Dennis Heater
 Cleaning Recruiters Don & Debbie Norman

Volunteers are needed weekly to clean the church. Please sign up!

Treasury/Finance/Temporal Assistance:

Treasurer James Bullard
 Assistant Larry Green
 Oblation Assistance James Bullard
 Emergency Food Pantry/Supplies ... Chris Allen (Leader), Becky Ballantyne (Coordinator)
 Temporal Service Projects Coordinator ... Mick Ballantyne, Ben Lidberg

Missionary/Pastoral Care (Home & Community):

Prayer Requests Email pastorate@ogrb.org or via phone/text Charlie Booth
 Zion's Call Magazine Debbie Norman
 Zion's Path Newsletter Charlie & Susan Booth
 Meals on Wheels Ed & Karen Story and Bill & Jane Jones
 Missionary Team Aaron Smith (Leader), Don Norman, Danny Hight,
 Brian Holmes, Bill Jones, Mark Nunn
 Pastoral Care Team. Mark Nunn (Leader), Gerry Bird, Charlie Booth, Hal Chadwick,
 Larry Clark, Dennis Heater, Vim Horn, Bill Jones, Don Norman
 Aaronic Ministries James Bullard
 Home Ministry James Bullard, Flip Freeze
 Women's Department Lisa Postlethwait
 Senior Adults Mark & Sheri Nunn
 Music Director Rachel Horn
 Library/Book Steward Cindy Green
 Audio/Video Coordinator. ... Don Norman
 Fun & Fellowship Older Youth Team—Ethan Hill (Leader)
 Gathering & Greetings April Smith, Margie Darling

Youth Activities:

Church School Directors ... Brian & Jessica Holmes
 Zioners (Jr. High) Mike & Valerie Lidberg and Craig & Heather Hill
 Zion's League (Sr. High) ... Mike & Valerie Lidberg and Craig & Heather Hill

Administrative:

Historian Synthia DeBarthe
 Secretary Delores Champ (Heater)
 Recorder Lauryn Smith
 Bulletin Typist Connie Spivey
 Publicity Flyers & Signs ... Sheri Nunn
 Website Coordinator. Ethan Hill
 Internal Communication Coordinator ... Charlie Booth
Corporate Officers: Bill Jones (President), Charlie Booth (Vice President),
 James Bullard (Secretary/Treasurer)

Please see Branch Directory for Telephone Listings

Evening Family VCS — Mon., Aug. 4 thru Fri., Aug. 8

THEME: Jesus is Calling YOU! — Director, Debbie Norman



- **FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP:**

Each evening as adults and children gathered for summer evening Family Vacation Church School, we were welcomed with wonderful scents coming from the kitchen. Chris Allen's team of cooks and helpers in the kitchen served us well as we all shared an evening meal together—enjoying good food and wonderful fellowship for about an hour each evening.



3-5 year olds (Tammy Griffin, teacher)



- **MUSIC:**

Don Norman gathered everyone into the sanctuary for music. The young children enjoyed fun songs with Debbie Norman, as they jumped up and down, and did other actions while singing and getting to know each other. Then, Debbie Mulheron played the piano accompaniment as adults and children sang from the hymnal—preparing hearts and minds in worship before beginning our classes.

- **YOUTH CLASSES:** These classes included between 12 and 20 youth this year!



1st-6th grade (Debbie Norman, teacher)



7th-12th grade (Jeff Cool, teacher)



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... continued Evening Family VCS

• TESTIMONIALS from Debbie Norman

All the youth classes (age 3 through high school) participated in fun learning activities, such as enjoying a giant cookie as part of an **object lesson** on the **sweetness and hugeness of God's love for us**; and, following a recipe to make pudding to illustrate that **when we follow God's recipe for life in the Scriptures, the outcome is good!**

Another fun **object lesson** involved trust. The teachers selected two students to participate, one who knew him or her well, and one who did not. Beginning with the student who knew them well, the teacher poured water from a pitcher into a cup and held it over their heads. "I promise you that you will not get wet. Do you trust me?" the teacher asked. By all appearances, the student was going to get water

dumped over their head, but the student who knew the teacher well still tended to say they trusted him or her. When the teacher turned the cup upside down over their heads, nothing came out, because the cup had contained "diaper polymer" which soaked up all the water and held it inside the cup in a thick gel.

We learned that **we can trust God, even when we don't understand what He is doing and when everything seems to be threatening.** We observed that the student who knew the teacher best had an easier time trusting him or her, just as **it is easier to trust God as we come to know Him better.**

The second student was more confident to trust the teacher after seeing what happened to the first student. In this way, **sharing our testimonies of God's goodness in our lives help others who don't know Him as well to trust Him more, too.**

• ADULT CLASSES

The adult classes were taught by elders, and were well-attended and meaningful. The daily themes were the same for the adult classes as they were for the children/youth classes.



Monday: Mike Lidberg

"Jesus Calls Us to Trade Our Sin for His Righteousness"

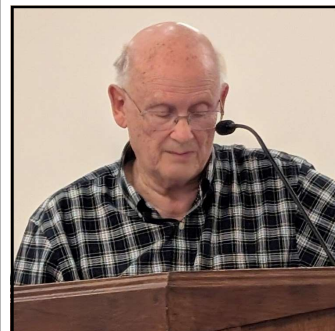


Tuesday: Mark Griffin

"Jesus is Calling Us to Trade in Our Fears for the Security and Comfort of His Love"

Wednesday: Aaron Smith

"Jesus Calls Us to Trade Our Hurt and Anger for His Peace and Forgiveness"



Thursday: Bill Jones

"Jesus is Calling Us to Trade Our Doubt and Confusion for Faith in His Eternal Truths"

Friday: Don Norman

"Jesus is Calling Us to SHINE for Him, Trading Our Weaknesses for His Strength"



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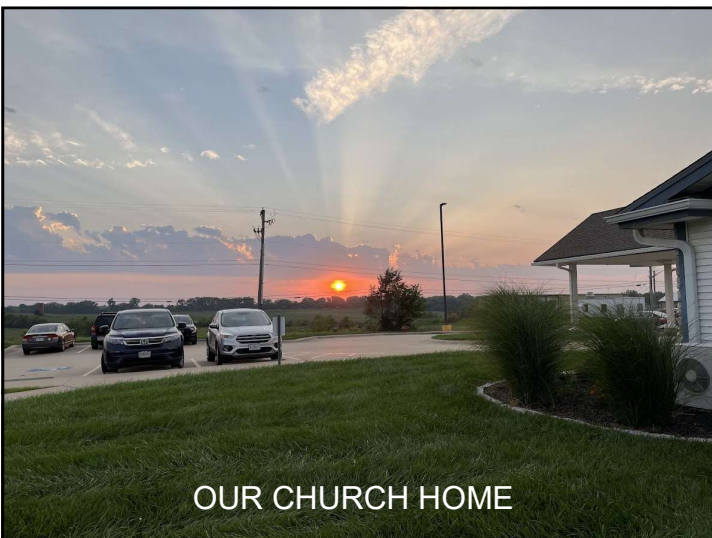
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- ARTS & CRAFTS with Jennifer Cool

After class time, the students went upstairs to participate in arts and crafts prepared by Jennifer Cool. (Adults were welcome to create, too, and some did!) We made clay creations that were later painted, wire art, a mixed media painting, and other fun things related to the lessons learned each day.



PUZZLE MAKING—YOUTH AND ADULTS



This was a great time of fellowship and spiritual learning. We are thankful to God for His blessings over the week.

- Debbie Norman, VCS Director



The Freeze Point

**A Wednesday Night Testimony by Heidi Lidberg
August 2025**

On Friday of Senior High Camp, one of my friends and I wanted to fast for the evening dedication service. We walked to the upper lake with intentions to fast at the campfire site, but I felt an urging to sit at the dock to fast. So we did.

My friend and I both said prayers to start, and during my friend's prayer my mind was opened up to see Jesus standing on the water. Even though my eyes were closed, the image was so clear. I was sitting on the dock, looking out on the water, and there was Jesus right in the middle of the lake.

As I kept watching, Jesus started walking until He was about two yards away from me. I asked Him why He stopped and He didn't respond. I was kind of angry at that point, because I wanted Jesus to come close enough for me to hug Him.

Then, it became so clear. He was calling me to step out to Him. I realized that to come closer to God, I can't make Him do all the work. I have to be like Peter and step out, in faith believing, to be able to come closer to God, and that through my faith, I will be able to stand in the presence of Jesus and not fall.



**"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,
and be ready always to give an answer
with meekness and fear
to every man that asketh of you
a reason for the hope that is in you."
(1 Peter 3:15)**

Commentary by Susan Freeze

I asked Heidi to share this testimony because it moved me so much. It moved me because that particular Wednesday night I had been struggling with anger and frustration with someone. Once she shared her testimony it suddenly became very clear to me that I couldn't hug Jesus until I laid that burden down. That anger and frustration I was carrying around were creating a barrier between me and Jesus. I was able to put that burden down (or let it go) and I had peace.

I also want to emphasize how important our

testimonies are to each other. I remember a testimony by Don Cutshall that inspired me to take God at His word. There is also a testimony that Karl Anderson shared that when he had a car wreck, he realized that God allowed it to happen for a purpose. Val Lidberg has shared that when she had no one else to talk to, God wanted her to talk to Him.

These testimonies, although not personally mine, help create the fabric of my faith. I could write pages about others' testimonies as well. Now I can add how God moved upon me because a young girl had the courage to stand up and share her testimony about God *on a Wednesday night*.

SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

HOW IS GOD MOVING IN YOUR LIFE?

Alabama Adventure — by April Smith

In July 2025, Mick & Becky Ballantyne, Aaron & April Smith, and Hannah & Miriam Holmes traveled to Mobile, Alabama, to share in ministry with the Stinnett and Givens families over a long weekend.

Many testimonies were shared throughout the time together and great meals and fellowship were enjoyed. We began calling it a "weekend retreat" because it had all the feel of a reunion or retreat, including kitchen help before and after each meal.

Hannah and Miriam, along with Molly and Emma Stinnett, led a campfire Saturday evening for the adults. Sunday morning worship included communion and a very beautiful administration, with special prayers offered by the four young ladies.

The girls also sang the hymns for the service and did a lovely job. Monday morning included hugs, tears and "see you later" (not good-bye). We look forward to the Stinnett and Givens families visiting Oak Grove!



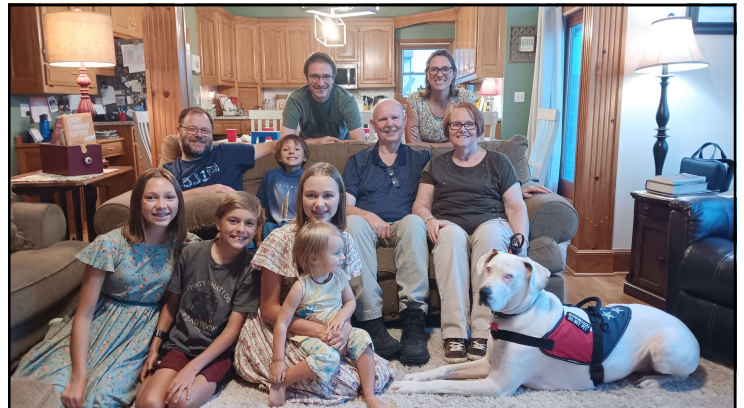
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner — by Heather Hill

Craig and I hosted Sheila Lidberg, Dennis, and Delores Heater for dinner on Friday night. We had such a great time (not pictured). We found out different things about each one of them. For instance, Delores loves to travel and has been to many places including Alaska and Norway. We learned about the kind of jobs that Dennis had when he got out of the military. We found out how Ron and Sheila met. Sheila and Delores told us how they were related along with some family stories. It was so nice to get to know them on a more personal level. It's such a fun activity.

We look forward to doing this activity again in the future!



The Jeremy & Carianne Lidberg family hosted Mike Stice, Sheila Lidberg, Charlie & Susan Booth, and Bill & Jane Jones.



Aaron & April Smith hosted John & Kristen Davis and the Brian & Jessica Holmes family.

Youth Page September-October 2025

2025 POZ Summer Series, by Hannah Holmes and Miriam Holmes

This summer, the OGRB youth had many opportunities to serve during the POZ Summer Series at Waldo Restoration Branch.

Becky Cool, Heidi Lidberg, and Hannah and Miriam Holmes led a few of the song services. Every week following the song services, one of the youth shared a testimony. Nate Lidberg, Peter Cool, and Jacob Lidberg each shared at a different service.

After the services, the youth got together and did different activities throughout the summer. Some of the favorites included gym nights, UNDERGROUND CHURCH, and seaweed and ice cream parties. There was also a devotion every night led by one of the older youth before the activity. Through the summer, the number of kids grew as people invited their friends and family. We started at around 20 youth and, by the end, made it up to 183! It was very encouraging to see so many people showing up.

The last night of the Summer Series was the youth night. All the youth came with their camp shirts on and some of them shared testimonies. The rostrum was filled with kids of all ages who sang a few campfire songs throughout the service (see picture below). After the last service, the youth gathered at Living Hope and enjoyed a campfire (funny skits included) led by Ben Lidberg and Hannah and Miriam Holmes. It was a grand finish to the activities that everyone had grown to enjoy so much.

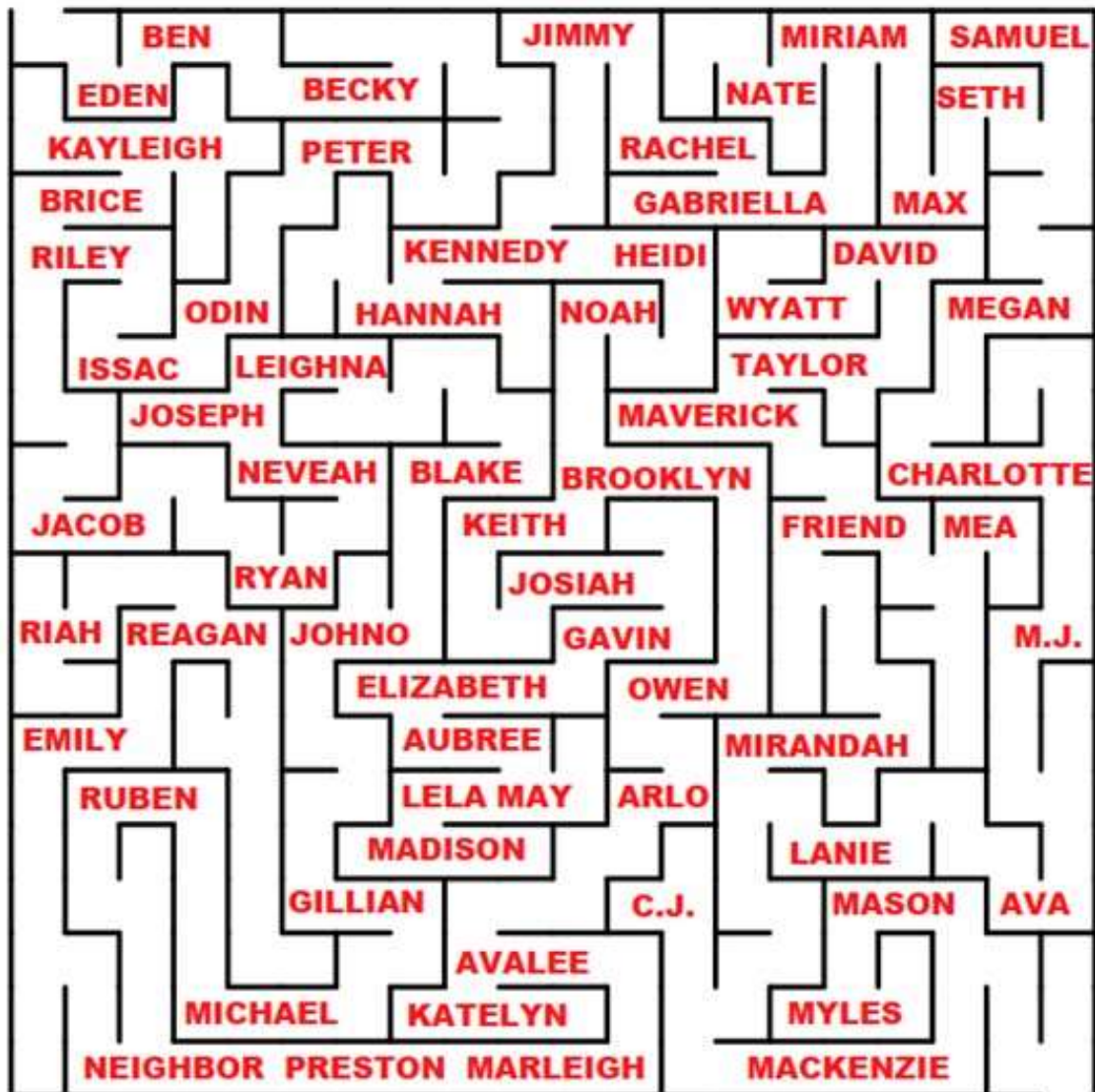


Check out UPCOMING EVENTS on page 2 of this newsletter for Fall 2025 Youth Retreats at Odessa Hills!



JESUS IS CALLING OUR YOUTH TO "BEAR MUCH FRUIT"

"Herein is my Father glorified,
that ye bear much fruit;
so shall ye be my disciples."
(John 15:8 & 16)



Youth are A-MAZE-ing!
All the above youth are in our Directory!
Can you also find a **NEIGHBOR** and a **FRIEND**?

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**START
HERE**

OGRB Float Trip — by Drew Hon

We went to the Wild Oaks Campground just outside of Lebanon, Missouri, on August 16-18, 2025. There were three campers and three tents. The Hon, English, Holmes, Bullard, and Jeremy Lidberg families all went on the trip.

We all got there Friday night and set up our tents and campers. Saturday morning we had a breakfast potluck with pancakes, eggs, and bacon. While the adults were making that, the kids were making sandwiches for lunch on the river.

Around 10:00am we got picked up and shuttled to the river and the floating began. There

were no major injuries and a lot of fun memories made on the float.

We arrived back from the float around 5:00pm, and enjoyed another dinner-style potluck and cooked hotdogs and burgers over an open fire. After we ate, we had great fellowship with each other long into the night.

The next morning we had a little worship service of our own at the campground before packing up and leaving. When we all left the campground, we all went out to eat at a restaurant together before saying our goodbyes.



Father & Son Breakfast — by Mark Nunn

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, the Women's Department, under the leadership of Lisa Postlethwait, hosted their annual Father & Son Breakfast. A wonderful meal of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon and biscuits & gravy was prepared by Chris Allen and a half dozen helpers, and served to thirty men and boys in attendance. The table decorations followed a dinosaur motif, which I'm sure was not intended to provide a sense of nostalgia for some of the fathers in attendance.



As usual, after the meal there was a fun activity. The men and boys were divided into two groups facing each other across a long set of tables. One group received a set of cards with a question to ask the group member sitting across from them. Every three minutes the group answering the questions would move down one seat and those holding cards would pass their set of cards in the opposite direction.



The questions included things like, "what is your favorite food" or "what was your most embarrassing moment" and "if someone said, 'do that thing that you do!' what would you do?"

We each learned a few interesting things about one another while having a few good laughs at the same time.

As the game came to an end we had two surprise visitors.

Two dinosaurs charged in and chased each other around the room. Of course, no one was frightened by the dinosaurs but, instead, gave them a round of applause.



I personally had a number of men and boys share with me how much they enjoyed the meal and the activity at this breakfast. The appreciation for the loving work and dedication of the women who hosted this activity is beyond words, yet it is from deep in our hearts.



Regular Schedule		Communion Sunday	
Early Worship	9:00 AM	PH Prayer Service	8:00 AM
Classes	9:15 AM	Quiet Meditation	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM	Prayer Service	9:15 AM
Sunday Evening	6:30 PM	Song Service	10:15 AM
Wed Prayer Svc	7:00 PM	Comm Service	10:30 AM
		Sunday Evening	6:30 PM
Substitute Speaker:		Danny Hight	

September 2025	
Church of Jesus Christ - Oak Grove Restoration Branch	
Yearly Themes: Settle In Your Hearts to Be My Disciple	
Luke 14:27-28 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Therefore, settle this in your hearts, that ye will do the things which I shall teach, and command you.	
Monthly Themes	
Be My Disciples - Bear Much Fruit	
John 15:8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.	

Monthly Dates to Remember	
Priesthood Classes:	2nd & 4th Sundays 5 PM
Priesthood Meeting:	4th Sunday 4:30 PM
Potluck Sunday:	2nd Sun after morning service

Communion Sunday Assignments	
Shut-ins - Team 1:	Eric English / Mick Ballantyne
Shut-ins - Team 2:	Jeff Cool / James Bullard
Prayer Services:	Mike Lüberg
Song Services:	Heldi Lüberg

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Potluck Sunday:	2nd Sun after morning service
Communion Sunday Assignments	
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Shut-ins - Team 2:	Jeff Cool / James Bullard
Prayer Service:	Mike Lidberg
Song Service:	Heidi Lidberg

Sunday Morning		9/7/2025	9/14/2025	9/21/2025	9/28/2025
Morning Worship			Danny Hight Family	Larry Green Family	Mike Mitchell Family
Pianist / Organist		Debbie Mulheron	Rachel Horn	Carianne Lidberg	Jane Jones
Ministry of Music		Brian Holmes	Cindy Green	Youth Instrument Ensemble	Sheri Nunn
Preaching		Flip Freeze	Aaron Norman	Bill Jones	Ordination Service - Charlie B.
In Charge		Mark Nunn	Ed Story	Craig Hill	Larry Clark
Prayers		Dennis Heater/Jared Mulheron	Aaron Smith / Tom DeBarthe	Ray Buckwalter/James Bullard	Danny Hight / Drew Hon
** Deacon In Charge		Ben Lidberg	Larry Green	Mick Ballantyne	James Bullard
** Sound System		Nate Lidberg	Ethan Hill	Mike Lidberg	Don Norman
** Greeters (8:45-10:30)		Bill Jones / Ed Story	James Bullard / Mark Griffin	Drew Hon / Danny Hight	Craig Hill / Ben Lidberg
** Safety		Jeremy Lidberg	Eric English	Rick Turner	Ethan Hill

Sunday Evening		9/7/2025	9/14/2025	9/21/2025	9/28/2025
Pianist / Organist			Jane Jones	Rachel Horn	Tammy Griffin
Ministry of Music			Hymn	Hymn	Hymn
Preaching		CHRB All Branch Gathering	Bill Green	Drew Hon	
In Charge		@	Charlie Booth	Hal Chadwick	Branch Discussion
Prayers		Colbern Rd.	Jeremy Lidberg / Bob White	Darryl P. / Chris Seymour	
** Deacon In Charge			Brian Holmes	Flip Freeze	Darryl Postlethwait
** Sound System			Don Norman	Ben Lidberg	Ethan Hill
** Safety			Darryl Postlethwait	Charlie Booth	Brian Holmes

Wednesday Evening		9/3/2025	9/10/2025	9/17/2025	9/24/2025
In Charge		Jeremy Lidberg	Dennis Heater	Bill Jones	Aaron Smith
Prayers		Jeff Cool / Mark Griffin	Brian Holmes/Mick Ballantyne	Roy McAllister / Larry Green	Ed Story / Ben Lidberg
** Deacon In Charge		Eric English	Bill Green	Don Norman	Mike Lidberg
** Sound System		Ben Lidberg	Mike Lidberg	Jeremy Lidberg	Nate Lidberg
** Safety		Don Norman	Danny Hight	Mike Lidberg	Mick Ballantyne

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Priesthood Meeting:	4th Sunday 4:30 PM
Potluck Sunday:	2nd Sun after morning service

October 2025	
Church of Jesus Christ - Oak Grove Restoration Branch	
Yearly Theme: Settle In Your Hearts to Be My Disciple	
Luke 14:27-28 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Therefore, settle this in your hearts, that ye will do the things which I shall teach, and command you.	
Monthly Themes: Be My Disciples - Always Ready to Give an Answer for The Hope That is in You.	
1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer with meekness and fear to every man that asketh of you a reason for the hope that is in you:	

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Sunday Evening		6:30 PM
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Communion Sunday Assignments	
Shut-ins - Team 1:	Don Norman / Chris Seymour
Shut-ins - Team 2:	Dennis Heater / Bill Green
Prayer Service:	Mark Nunn
Song Service:	Carianne Lidberg

10/19/2025	10/26/2025
James Bullard Family	Dennis Heater Family
Carianne Lidberg	Debbie Mulheron
Angela DeBarthe	Mindy Jennings
Mark Nunn	Don Norman
Mark Griffin	Flip Freeze
Nate Lidberg / Don Norman	Hal Chadwick / Jared Mulheron
Mike Lidberg / Peter Cool	Jeremy Lidberg / Jacob Lidberg
Ben Lidberg	Mike Lidberg
Darryl P. / Jacob Lidberg	Mick Ballantyne / Nate Lidberg
Aaron Norman	Brian Holmes

10/5/2025	10/12/2025
Carianne Lidberg	Flip Freeze Family
Quartet	Rachel Horn
Vim Horn	Kristen Davis
Aaron Norman	Guest Minister
Mike Mitchell / Eric English	Jeff Cool
James Bullard / Nate Lidberg	Larry Clark / Aaron Norman
Jeremy Lidberg / Jacob Lidberg	Bill Green
Ray Buchwalter / Bill Green	Ethan Hill
Mick Ballantyne	Brian Holmes / Peter Cool
	Craig Hill

Sunday Morning	
Morning Worship	
Pianist / Organist	
Ministry of Music	
Preaching	
In Charge	
Prayers	
** Deacon In Charge	
** Sound System	
** Greeters (8:45-10:30)	
** Safety	

10/19/2025	10/26/2025
	Tammy Griffin
	Hymn
Spiritual Stewardship	Branch Discussion
Group #1 meet at Church	
	Eric English
	Ethan Hill
	Danny Hight

10/5/2025	10/12/2025
Debbie Mulheron	Jane Jones
Hymn	Hymn
Dennis Heater	Darryl Postlethwait
Mike Lidberg	Mike Mitchell
Larry Green / Mark Nunn	Jacob Lidberg / Ben Lidberg
Mick Ballantyne	Don Norman
Nate Lidberg	Mike Lidberg / Peter Cool
Don Norman	Eric English

10/5/2025	10/12/2025
Debbie Mulheron	Jane Jones
Hymn	Hymn
Dennis Heater	Darryl Postlethwait
Mike Lidberg	Mike Mitchell
Larry Green / Mark Nunn	Jacob Lidberg / Ben Lidberg
Mick Ballantyne	Don Norman
Nate Lidberg	Mike Lidberg / Peter Cool
Don Norman	Eric English

Sunday Evening	
Pianist / Organist	
Ministry of Music	
Preaching	
In Charge	
Prayers	
** Deacon In Charge	
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** Safety	

10/22/2025	10/29/2025
Chris Seymour	Danny Hight
Brian Holmes / Darryl P.	Mick Ballantyne / Jeff Cool
Larry Green	Ben Lidberg
Jeremy Lidberg / Jacob Lidberg	Nate Lidberg
Charlie Booth	Mike Lidberg

10/15/2025	10/22/2025
Bob White	Chris Seymour
Bill Jones / Bill Green	Brian Holmes / Darryl P.
Darryl Postlethwait	Larry Green
Ben Lidberg	Jeremy Lidberg / Jacob Lidberg
Rick Turner	Charlie Booth

10/1/2025	10/8/2025
Don Norman	Hal Chadwick
Craig Hill / Flip Freeze	Peter Cool / Mike Lidberg
Brian Holmes	Flip Freeze
Mike Lidberg / Peter Cool	Don Norman
Mark Nunn	Darryl Postlethwait

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