



Oak Grove Baptist Church

celebrating

145

years

Easter, April 12, 2020, drive-in service



Oak Grove Baptist Church photo dated Aug. 11, 1919.



Oak Grove Baptist Church, 1947.

History Of The Oak Grove Baptist Church

In 1874 and 1875 a group of Baptists in the Oak Grove Community met in the grove near the present site of the church for worship. It is reported they used the Guier School House until a Church Building and Organization were completed. The building was erected on land donated by Stanley Thomas and Humphrey Lawrence.

Following is the minutes of the first meeting of the church on Friday, August 27, 1875:

A Presbytery consisting of Elders G. A. Patterson, Daniel Handers G. A. Averett, J. A. McCauley and Deacons J. J. Thomas, Starkie Thomas, Perry Thomas, E. Hughes and Edmond Lancaster, met at the new church house near Stanley Thomas, for the purpose of constituting a church.

After a sermon by E. C. Faulkner, on motion of Bro. Averett, Bro. Patterson was called to the chair and Bro. E. C. Faulkner appointed secretary; after which proceeded to business as follows:

1st. Church letters were read, also Church Covenant read and adopted.

2nd. Articles of Faith read and adopted, after which a song was sung and the hand of church fellowship extended.

3rd. The Church was now declared organized under the name of Oak Grove, Prayer by Bro. Handberry

4th. Before closing an invitation for membership was extended, when Sister Zerilda Reese of Harmony Church, Mo. presented a letter of recommendation from her pastor, her church having been destroyed during the war.

She was received upon that recommendation.

5th. Adjourned, Benediction by Bro. Patterson.

Elder G. A. Patterson, Moderator

E. C. Faulkner, Secretary

The 37 Charter Members:

Starkie Thomas
 Mary Thomas
 James Thomas
 Mary Thomas
 Wm. B. Thomas
 John S. Thomas
 Peachie Thomas
 Bluford Thomas
 Peachie A. Thomas
 Ennla A. Thomas
 F. M. Thomas
 Jane Flood
 Geralda Flood
 Adeline Flood
 Pollie A. Hargrove
 P. T. Light
 Josephine Light
 Elizabeth Light
 Samuel Lancaster
 Parthenia Lancaster
 Starkie A. Thomas
 W. T. Armstrong
 Mary Armstrong
 Edmond Lancaster
 Elizabeth Lancaster
 Laban Allen
 W. A. Lawrence
 Margaret Lawrence
 Josephine Lawrence
 Perry C. Thomas
 Mary E. Thomas
 Edwin Lancaster
 Harrett Lancaster
 Temperance Travis
 Wm. H. Thomas
 James Lancaster
 Peachie Lancaster



1972 groundbreaking service.



Current building, Aug. 1973.

TIMELINE

- 1875—Church organized, Friday, Aug. 27.
—Built first house of worship.
—First wedding held in the church.
- 1876—Became member of Little River Baptist Association.
- 1877—Sent first delegates to the associational meeting.
- 1880—Cistern dug for \$36.90.
- 1881—First funeral held in the church.
- 1887—Bought new hymnals.
—Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1889—Organized Sunday School.
- 1896—Bought new organ.
- 1904—Built new house of worship.
—Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1917—Purchased new pews for \$409.
- 1919—Built addition which included a pulpit.
- 1924—Sunday School first reached Standard of Excellence.
—Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1930—Bought new carpet.
- 1932—Bought upright piano.
- 1937—Organized Baptist Young People's Union.
(Discipleship Training's forerunner.)
—Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1941—Installed window and door locks.
—Women's Missionary Union organized.
- 1945—Renovated church interior.
- 1946—Built porch and steps.
—First weekly prayer meeting held.
—First Vacation Bible School held.
- 1947—Installed electric lights.
—First indoor baptismal service held.
—Bought two trays and individual glasses for communion services.
- 1948—Bought Warm Morning heater.
- 1951—Built eleven Sunday School classrooms for \$6,000.
- 1952—Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1955—Brotherhood was organized.
- 1956—Bought new pulpit furniture.
—Bought new Modern Hymnals.
—First church bulletins were printed.
—First Youth Week held.
—Became a full-time church with weekly services.
- 1959—Built three-bedroom brick parsonage for \$13,500.
- 1961—First White Bible ceremony held.
—Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1964—Built ten-room educational building for \$13,490.
—Installed vapor lights.
—Bought new piano.
- 1966—First service broadcast on WKDZ radio.
- 1967—Bought new Baptist Hymnals.
- 1970—Installed air conditioning in the educational building.
- 1972—Bought three acres of land for \$1,500.
—Bought first church bus.

TIMELINE

- Renovated parsonage interior.
- Employed first music director.
- Held groundbreaking ceremony for new auditorium.
- 1973—Built new auditorium for \$95,638.64.
- Sunday School was the last service conducted in old church.
- Held first service in new auditorium.
- Held first baptismal service in new building.
- 1975—Church history written by Louise S. Thomas.
- Hosted Little River Baptist Association meeting.
- 1976—Built partitions in basement for \$5,439.14.
- Carpeted basement for \$1,138.50.
- 1977—Bought new electric organ for \$4,950.
- 1979—Built an addition and garage to parsonage.
- 1980—Added hand rails at front door and steps.
- 1982—Installed church signs beside roads leading to the church.
- 1984—Bought a photocopy machine for \$1,495.
- Sponsored mission trip to Ohio.
- Sponsored Acteens to Texas.
- 1985—Sponsored mission trip to Ohio.
- 1986—Built parsonage storage building.
- Hosted Little River Baptist Association annual meeting.
- 1987—Installed additional church signs.
- Purchased a mini-bus.
- Paved parking area and parsonage driveway.
- 1988—Mark Harris hired as music and youth director.
- 1989—Installed new sound system in auditorium.
- Paved part of church parking lot.
- 1990—Installed new carpet in church basement and parsonage.
- 1991—Completed paving the parking lot.
- Douglas H. Thomas ended 29 years of service as treasurer; continued as assistant treasurer for two more years.
- Ordained Bill Johnson, Joe Oakley and Hugh Roberts Jr., as deacons.
- 1992—Church voted to establish cemetery.
- Work begins on new associational office. Gaylon Hargrove and Mack Cunningham were two from Oak Grove who helped in the construction.
- 1993—Mrs. Lenora Crump was the first person to be buried in church cemetery.
- 1994—Sent Mark Harris and David Lancaster on a mission trip to Brazil.
- Purchased a 15 passenger van for church use.
- Loutisha Hughes reached her 40th year of perfect attendance in Sunday School.
- 1995—Thomas H. Sumner ends 33 years of service as church clerk.
- 1996—Purchased new hymnals.

TIMELINE

- Ordained Stan Flood, David Lancaster and Kenneth Oakley as deacons.
- 1997—Glenn Greenfield sent by Little River Baptist Association on a mission trip to Russia.
- 1998—Sound system added for the hearing impaired.
- 1999—Built picnic pavilion.
- 2000—Renovated parsonage.
 - Web site goes online as www.oakgrovebaptistchurch.com.
- 2003—Renovated auditorium—replaced benches, pulpit furniture & carpet.
 - Hosted Little River Baptist Association annual meeting.
- 2004—Replaced stained glass windows.
 - Replaced front doors.
- 2006—Members went on a mission trip to Mexico.
 - Began an early morning praise & worship service.
- 2007—Returned to one Sunday morning worship service.
 - Replaced basement lighting.
- 2009—Ordained Mark Harris as deacon.
 - Expanded church playground.
 - Replaced basement ceiling.
- 2010—Built storage building.
 - Camp Cadiz begins
- 2011—Ordained Scotty Hampton and Michael Shelton as deacons
 - Scotty Hampton hired as youth director.
- 2012—New church bus purchased.
- 2013—Bus carport built.
 - Replaced basement flooring.
- 2014—Five members went on mission trip to Boston.
 - Replaced church signs.
- 2015—Bro. Paxton Redd was named director of missions for the Little River Baptist Association.
- 2016—Began webcasting weekly sermons on YouTube.
 - Church members were part of an association group which went on a mission trip to Kenai, Alaska.
 - Oak Grove was recognized as one of the top 10 sending churches by the missions mobilization team of the Kentucky Baptist Convention.
- 2017—Church members were part of an association group which went on a mission trip to Kenai, Alaska.
 - Daniel Colley was hired as interim music director.
 - Dan and Charlene Sheehan went on a mission trip to Houston, Texas, which was sponsored by Samaritan's Purse.
- 2018—Amber Harris was hired as music director
- 2020—Scott Ellis, Donnie McCraw and Dan Sheehan were selected to serve as deacons.
 - Church began webcasting its morning worship service.
 - Coronavirus pandemic halted all church programs for varying lengths of time with the exception of the Sunday morning worship service. The Sunday morning worship service was streamed live over the internet. A drive-in outdoor service was held for several weeks.

IN CELEBRATION

of those baptized into Oak Grove Baptist Church since Homecoming 2015

Lydia Redd
Randy Schimp
Zeb Fox
Mac Alexander
Mabry Alexander
Ethan Curling
Raylene Pool
Akia Kearney
Kacie Kearney
Braylene Harper
Brylee Williams
Kayleigh Schimp
Shyanna Ennis
Shealynn Ennis
Nathan Gibbs
Misty Hendrix
Jaden Ennis
Masheala Rogers
Kalin Kingston

Anthony Corbett
Greg Watkins
Jordan Hanshew
Harley Pilkington
Sarah Roark
Kelsey Colley
Destiny Hanshew
Jordan Hampton
Alex Curling
Alyssa Gibbs
Jayden Visingardi
Mallorie Godair
Margaret Holley
Olivia Cornelius
Damon Marlowe
Tolliver Bailey
Jordan Sadler



GAs & RAs backpacks project – 2019.

IN MEMORY

of the members who have died since Homecoming 2015

2015-16

Mary Bridges
Ethel Flowers
Bob Heckman
Cindy Sumner

2016-17

T.H. Herndon
Leroy Sumner
Erline Oakley

2017-18

Linda Cox
Lowell McGuire
James Douglas Sumner

2018-19

Mack Cunningham
Kenny Davis

2019-20

Annie Huddleston
Micah Pendleton

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus shall we always be with the Lord.

—1 Thessalonians 4:16-17



Note burning ceremony for current building, Oct. 29, 1978. Photo provided by Ann King.

Articles of Faith

Adopted by Oak Grove Baptist Church August 27, 1875

1. We believe in one only true and living God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose this people in Christ before the foundation of the world.
5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe the Scriptures teach that in order to be saved, sinners must be regenerated, or born again.
8. We believe the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall away.
9. We believe that Baptism and The Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are subjects, and that the true mode of Baptism is by immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general Judgment.
11. We believe the punishment of the wicked, and the Joys of the righteous will be eternal.
12. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances only such as are regularly Baptized, Called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.



Senior citizen outing, fall 1972. Photo provided by Janie Sumner.



Vacation Bible School, intermediates class, 1946. Photos provided by Florence Flood Drennan.

PASTORS

E.C. Faulkner—Oct. 1875-July 1876
J.H. Spurlin—July 1876-Dec. 1887
I.N. Strother—Feb. 1888-Dec. 1889
John T. Cunningham—April 1890-Dec. 1892
A.C. Dorris—Jan. 1893-Dec. 1901
John T. Cunningham—Jan. 1902-Jan. 1952
Shirley Spahr (assist. pastor)—Jan. 1946-Jan. 1952
J. Norman Ellis—Jan. 1952-Aug. 1956
Shirley Spahr—Aug. 1956-Jan. 1961
Earl Mitchell—April 1961-Sept. 1966
Bob Litton—Nov. 1966-Sept. 1971
Harold Lassiter—Jan. 1972-July 1981
Tony Stinnett—Nov. 1981-June 1986
Hal Shipley—Oct. 1986-Dec. 1999
Mike Jones—April 2000-April 2007
Larry King—Jan. 2008-May 2009
Paxton Redd—Jan. 2010-Dec. 2015
Dale Taylor—June 2016-Feb. 2018
Nicholas Clark—March 2019 to present

FORMER MUSIC LEADERS

(incomplete list)

Daniel Colley, Ned Davis, Clayton E. Flood, James Flood, Mark Harris,
Bonnie Joy Johnson, George Major, Debbie Roberts, Darvin Stom,
Lawrence Sumner, Louise T. Thomas, Anita Feezor Vance



Bro. Nick Clark answered questions from the church Feb. 9, 2019, at a Saturday evening meal before his Sunday trial sermon.



Former pastor Bro. Norman Ellis preached at Oak Grove's old-time outdoor service in August 2000.



Donnie McCraw and Michael Shelton adjust the structural supports on the McDonald's playground equipment which was installed in May 2009.

CHURCH OFFICERS/TEACHERS 2019-20

Moderator: Ken Oakley; Dan Sheehan, assistant

Treasurer: Jan Oakley; Donnie McCraw, assistant

Clerk: Debbie Roberts; Charlene Sheehan, assistant

Pianist: Jan Oakley

Organist: Martha Davis

Church Greeters/Ushers: Charlene Sheehan, Joe Oakley

Bulletins: Dorothy Dannelly

Food coordinator: Joe & Jan Oakley; John Jordan

Missionary Moments coordinator: Orville Herndon

Senior Citizen events coordinator: Charlene Sheehan; Jackie Oakley

Sermon in a Sack coordinator: Gail Oliver; Debbie Roberts

Librarian: Gail Oliver

Mission Board Member: Pauline Crump

Deacons: Hugh Roberts Jr., *chairman*, Scott Ellis; Donnie McCraw; Joe Oakley; Kenneth Oakley; Dan Sheehan; Tom Vinson, *emeritus*

Trustees—Michael Shelton; Donnie McCraw; Ken Oakley

Sunday School

Orville Herndon, director; Kathy McCraw, assistant

Nursery—1 year olds—Debbie Roberts/Jackie Oakley

Preschool & Kindergarten—Donna Jo Williams/Arthur Williams;
Brookelyn Greene

Grades 1–4—Beverly Curling; Paulette Harris

Grade 5–8—Callie Clark; Tara Alexander

Grades 9–12—Ashley & Nick Kingston; Amber Harris

Adults—Michael Shelton; Kim Watkins; Gail Oliver

Senior Adults—Charlene Sheehan; Dan Sheehan

Women 1—Martha Davis; Dorothy Dannelly

Women 2—Ann King; Ramona Hamilton

Discipleship Training

Kathy McCraw, director; Rose Hayes, assistant

Nursery—Hugh Roberts; Amber Harris

Children (Preschool–Grade 5)—Debbie Roberts

Youth (Grades 6–12)—Nick & Ashley Kingston

Adults—Orville Herndon

Brotherhood

Nick Kingston, director; Shawn Curling, assistant

Women On Mission

Charlene Sheehan, director

BYW President—Donna Jo Williams

Celebrate Life—Martha Davis

Wednesday Night

Mission Friends–Amber Harris

Girls in Action/Acteens–Stacey Kearney; Rita Calhoun

Royal Ambassadors–Kenny Kearney; Nick Kingston

Youth–Nick & Ashley Kingston

Little River Baptist Association messengers–Joe Oakley, Jan Oakley,
Callie Clark

Committees

Audit Committee–Dawn Fox, chair; Jackie Oakley, Charlene Sheehan

Benevolence Committee–Jan Oakley, chair; Charlene Sheehan, vice
chair; Pauline Crump; Beverly Curling; Kathy McCraw; Jackie
Oakley; Bill Purkes Sr.; Debbie Roberts

Building & Grounds Committee–Nick Kingston, chair; Joe Oakley;
Jackie Oakley; Scott Ellis; Tara Alexander; Arthur Williams

Cemetery Committee–Debbie Roberts, chair; Ashley Kingston; Kathy
McCraw; Shawn Curling; Pauline Crump

Children & Youth Committee–Stacey Kearney; Donna Jo Williams;
Shannon Ellis; Beverly Curling; Callie Clark; Ashley Kingston

House Committee–Kathy McCraw, chair; Kim Watkins; Paulette Harris

Music Committee–Gail Oliver, chair; Amber Harris; Martha Davis; Jan
Oakley; Kathy McCraw; Ramona Hamilton

Nominating Committee–Donna Jo Williams, chair; Orville Herndon;
Kathy McCraw; Nick Kingston; Charlene Sheehan; Tara Alexander;
Kaye Stewart

Preschool Committee–Ashley Kingston, chair; Debbie Roberts; Callie
Clark

Stewardship Committee–Dan Sheehan, chair; Jan Oakley; Donnie
McCraw; Bro. Nick Clark; Mike Shelton; Faye Stevens; Kaye Stewart

Transportation Committee–Crystal Roark, chair; Arthur Williams; Scott
Ellis

Baptism Committee–Paulette Harris, chair; Hugh Roberts; Nick
Kingston; Kathryn Hill



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Oak Grove's Royal Ambassadors won three of the four trophies awarded in the Little River Baptist Association's RA track meet on May 21, 2017.



Oak Grove sent a team to Kenai, Alaska, in 2016 to minister as part of the Salmon Frenzy. Several members returned to Alaska for the 2017 Frenzy.