

Welcome Home!
celebrating 135 years



Homecoming Day

Aug. 29, 2010

Oak Grove Baptist Church

Bro. Paxton Redd, pastor
Mark Harris, music director

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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—January 2008-May 2009
Paxton Redd—January 2010 to present

ADDRESSES OF FORMER PASTORS

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Bro. Paxton Redd speaks at this summer's Back to School Bash.

CHURCH OFFICERS 2009-10

Pastor—Bro. Paxton Redd

Moderator—Ken Oakley

Treasurer—Jim Tribble, Jan Oakley, assistant

Clerk—Linda Tribble

Music Director—Mark Harris

Pianist—Jan Oakley

Organist—Martha Davis

Deacons

Joe Oakley, *chairman*, Mark Harris, Kenneth Oakley, Hugh Roberts, Jr.,
Bruce Thomas, Tom Vinson

Trustees—Dan Sheehan, Hugh Roberts, Jr., Jim Tribble

Greeters/Ushers—Andrea Hampton, Dawn Fox, Nella Gentry

Food coordinator—Jan & Joe Oakley

Missionary Moments coordinator—Orville Herndon

Senior Citizen events coordinator—Jan Oakley, Debbie Roberts & Joe Oakley

Sermon in a Sack coordinator—Linda Tribble

Librarian—Amber Harris

Executive Board Member—Ned Davis

Sunday School

Orville Herndon, director; Linda Tribble, assistant

Nursery—Debbie Roberts, Donna Jo McCraw, Angie Johnson, Linda Tribble

Preschool—Stacie Oakley, Connie Hawkins, Mara Heckman

Kindergarten—Andrea Hampton, Susan Hurt, Kelli Fowler, Tara Alexander

Grades 1–3—Connie Harris, Linda Tribble

Grade 4–6—Michael & Donna Shelton, Cissy Lawrence

Grades 7–8—Beverly Curling, Kelli Fowler

Grades 9–12—Donnie McCraw, Tara Alexander

College & Careers—Mark Harris

Young Adults—Scotty Hampton, Lara Lawrence, Ken Oakley

Adults—Martha Davis, Ken Oakley

Women I—Pauline Crump

Women II—Ann King, Nella Gentry

Men—Todd Alexander, Dan Sheehan

Discipleship Training

Kathy McCraw, director; Beverly Curling, assistant

Nursery—Debbie Roberts, Beverly Curling

Preschool/Kindergarten—Shawn Curling

Children—Orville Herndon, Ella Mae Herring

Youth—Mark & Connie Harris

Adults—Bro. Johnny Hawkins, Todd Alexander, Bro. Paxton Redd

Brotherhood

Scotty Hampton, director; Joe Oakley, assistant

Women On Mission

Connie Harris, director

Wednesday Night

Mission Friends—Andrea Hampton, Beverly Curling

Royal Ambassadors—Scotty Hampton, Robby Shearon, Shawn Curling

Girls in Action/Acteens—Connie Harris

Committees

Audit Committee

Bill Stevens, chair; Michael Shelton, Jo Hughes

Benevolence Committee

Pauline Crump, chair; Kathy McCraw, vice chair; Beverly Curling, Lora

Dale Curling, Nella Gentry, Jan Oakley, Jackie Oakley, Debbie Roberts,

Bill Purkes Sr., Nell Vinson

Building & Grounds Committee

Andrew Thomas, chair; Michael Shelton, Faye Stevens, Martha Davis,

Bro. Johnny Hawkins

Cemetery Committee

Debbie Roberts, chair; Donnie McCraw, Pauline Crump, Joe Oakley,

Faye Stevens

Children & Youth Committee

Andrea Hampton, Connie Harris, Cissy Lawrence, Beverly Curling,

Donnie McCraw, Mara Heckman, Kelli Fowler, Donna Jo McCraw

House Committee

Andrea Hampton, chair; Orville Herndon, Kelli Fowler

Music Committee

Gail Oliver, chair; Mark Harris, Martha Davis, Jan Oakley, Robby

Shearon, Amber Harris

Nominating Committee

Joe Oakley, chair; Orville Herndon, Kathy McCraw, Donnie McCraw,

Kelli Fowler, Beverly Curling, Andrea Hampton

Preschool Committee

Tara Alexander, chair; Beverly Curling, Susan Hurt

Stewardship Committee

Shawn Curling, chair; Jim Tribble, Jan Oakley, Bro. Paxton Redd, Tara

Alexander, Charlene Sheehan, Scotty Hampton

Transportation Committee

Scotty Hampton, chair; Brandon Fowler, Joe Oakley

IN MEMORY

of the members who have died since Homecoming 2005

John Mark Adams
Faye Boyd
Boyce Braboy
Shelvia Bridges
Susan Cooley
Alvin Hale Crump
Anna Mae Dixon
Patsy Freels
Dell Freeman Jr.
Pink "Tiny" Guier
Myra Hargrove

Lois Johnson
Curtis Joiner
Dora Lee Roberts
Hugh "Hallie" Roberts Sr.
David Sadler
Frank Simon
Carol Thomas
Ethylene Thomas
Robert Wall
Rosa Wallen
Marjorie Warren

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

The flowers in the baptistry were given in memory of Bro. Earl and Bernice Mitchell and Bro. Harold Lassiter.

IN CELEBRATION

of those baptized into Oak Grove Baptist Church since Homecoming 2005

Amber Acree
Chris Baggett
Kyler Black
Kyle Carneyhan
Kirsten Chase
Alex Curling
Isabella Erickson
Marissa Fountain
Hunter Fowler
Mackenzie Fowler
Kenny Francies
Lance Gilliland
Taylor Hampton
Marcus Harris
Joey Hillyard
Cody Hooks
Ruth Imbush

Aubrianna Jessup
Stone Jessup
Tracy Jessup
Katelynn Johnson
Sidney Johnson
Brennan Jones
Tyler Ladd
Ashley Lamb
Raelyn Marlowe
Braxton Oakley
Catherine Oettel
Shyanne Perry
Gage Robertson
Clay Stevens
Brenda Wallace
Kara Wilkins
Kyla Wilkins

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
Gerald 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



Bruce Thomas, chairman of deacons presents Mark Harris with an ordination certificate. Mark was ordained as a deacon on May 3, 2009. Pictured from left: Bro. Larry King, Hugh Roberts Jr., Joe Oakley, Mark Harris, Bruce Thomas, Ken Oakley and Tom Vinson.



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

TIMELINE

- 1875 —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.
- Held last outdoor baptismal service.
- 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.
- 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. Matt Thomas celebrated her 100th birthday.
- 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.
- 1994 —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.
- 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.

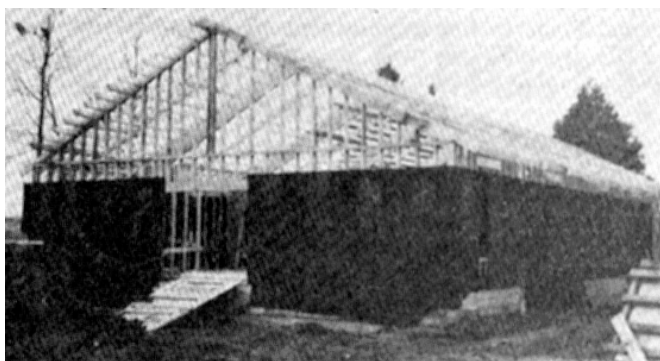
FORMER MUSIC LEADERS

(incomplete list)

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



groundbreaking
service for
current
building, 1972



under
construction,
1972-73



note burning ceremony, 1978

135 years worth of memories.

Join us next Sunday as we begin working
on the next 135 years worth of memories.

The best is yet to come!

