



**Oak Leaves**  
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## Give Thanks!

Greetings! As this has been a strange year for most, here at Grand Oaks it has not been our normal year either. However, we have been blessed in many different ways in the midst of all the uncertainty. Associations, churches, and individuals have continued financial support during this time. As we near the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season I am reminded of just how thankful we can be, even during a time such as this. I am thankful of a God that loves us so much that he gave us his only son to redeem us and we can be with him forever. He is God whom is in control when everything around us may seem out of control. We all have had some situation this year that has tried us and we continue to experience those days that seem as though nothing makes sense. I want to encourage you with God's word, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." This holiday season hide these words in your heart so that you may remember God's love for you and that the God of the universe is in control. In addition, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 urges us "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." Let's spread an encouraging word to those around us and be a source of light in a darkened world!

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### ENTRY SIGN

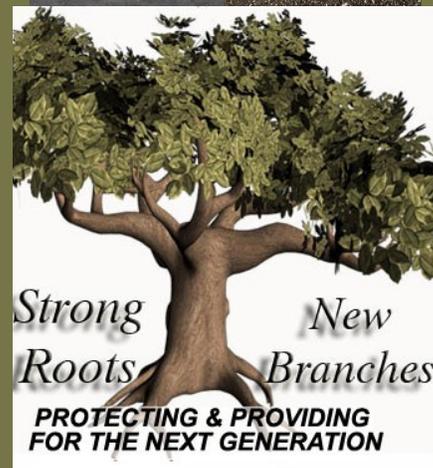
We've been blessed with some beautiful days this Fall here at Grand Oaks !

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."*

***1 Thessalonians 5:11***

The removal of Parker Hall has progressed well. We are done with the demolition process. This completes phase one and we have planted grass seed to cover the dirt in preparation for phase two.

Please continue to pray for us and this process. Also pray to seek how you might contribute to this endeavor. We thank you for your continued support of Grand Oaks and the lives that are changed here as a result of your support!



### CAMPAIGN TICKER

Received:  
\$159,875.11

Overall Goal:  
\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward  
Multi-Purpose Center:  
\$289,667.54

## 2021 CAMP DATES:

June 1-5

New Life Camps

June 7-11

Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth

June 14-18

Missouri Valley Children

June 21-25

Heartland Youth

June 25-26

Intro to Camp

June 28-July 2

North Grand River/Harrison  
Children

July 5-9

St. Joseph Youth

July 12-16

Missouri Valley Youth

July 19-23

Linn Livingston Children

July 23-26

Heartland Children

July 26-30

1000 Hills Children

Aug 2-6

North Grand River/Harrison Youth

Aug 9-13

St. Joseph Children

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Thinking of what we have to be thankful for here at Grand Oaks, we have had a good year despite not having summer camps. It's been good because God's people have been faithful during this time. God provides for all our needs and we have had the opportunity to see how He works through a time like this. Our building project to replace Parker Hall with a new Multi-Purpose building has progressed. Phase 1 of 3 is complete: the demolition and site preparation. New grass is planted where Parker Hall once stood. As the Lord leads and provides, we will press on towards phase 2, building the lower level. We have had time to make long term improvements to several buildings with the addition of siding to the gables. This eliminates rot and the need to paint every few years. We have been able to look at the grounds and do some extra maintenance with the extra time given us this summer. We are thankful for our health and

how the Lord protects. We are thankful for you and our extended church family. Thank you for being part of the ministry here at Grand Oaks and beyond!



## DINING HALL

New cedar shake siding is installed on the gable overlooking the basketball court.

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## WHO WE ARE

Since 1945 Grand Oaks has been a place to “win the lost, disciple the saved and train believers for Christian service.” That is still our goal today as we provide a facility for our member Associations to conduct summer camps and other activities. Grand Oaks is supported solely through user fees and donations from individuals, churches and Baptist Associations. Grand Oaks does NOT receive funds from Cooperative Program giving.

The facility is open year round and is a great place for group retreats as well as family events. We encourage each of our churches to consider scheduling an event. Grand Oaks provides a quiet and usually uninterrupted experience in a beautiful outdoor setting. Won't you call soon?

