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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2019 Associational Camps

Harrison/North Grand River Youth:
May 28—Jun 1

Saint Joseph Youth:
Jun 3—7

New Life Combined Camps:
Jun 10—14

Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth:

Jun 17—21

“Intro to Camping”:

Jun 21—22

Missouri Valley Children:

Jun 24—28

Thousand Hills Children:

Jul 1—5

Harrison/North Grand River Children:

Jul 8—12

St. Joseph Children:

Jul 15—19

Missouri Valley Youth:

Jul 22—26

Heartland Youth:

Jul 26—29

Linn Livingston Children:

Jul 29—Aug 2

Heartland Children:

Aug 5—9

Strong Roots, New Branches: Protecting and Providing for the Next Generation

The Executive Board of Grand Oaks met on October 4 and voted to continue moving forward with plans to remove Parker Hall to make way for a new multi-purpose building. Managers Brad and Don wasted no time in starting the demolition process and are looking for interested persons or businesses that would take some of the materials as they become available. This is an exciting first step in the next phase of our Strong Roots, New Branches fundraising campaign. A week after that board meeting, there was a fundraising kick-off dinner held at Grand Oaks with a time of remembrance in Parker Hall. Plans for the new building were on display as well as some history of how Parker Hall came to be and how it has been used to

further God’s Kingdom. Testimonies were shared from a couple of board members and Don presented some Grand Oaks history. Lee Rhoad, the architect for this project, was also in attendance to share his current drawings and plans for the new building. Those in attendance enjoyed a meal of pulled pork, baked beans, corn nuggets, potato salad, roll, and dessert.

They were the first to see sample floor boards being taken from Parker Hall that will be sanded smooth and offered as celebratory and commemorative pieces of Parker Hall. Purchasers of these planks will have two options:

1. Engrave a plank with the name of a person or persons and have their plank displayed on a memorial wall in the new building. This is available for anyone giving gifts of \$100 or more.

2. Burn a plank with the Grand Oaks logo and optional “Parker Hall” name as a souvenir piece to take home. This is available for anyone giving gifts of \$50 or more.

To take part in this unique opportunity to preserve a piece of Parker Hall, please contact Grand Oaks for an order form on which you can customize your plank(s). Please continue to pray about how you may partner with so many others who have already donated time and money to this ministry. There will be opportunities to help with the demolition of Parker Hall, and your monetary support will help this vision soon become a reality. With over 200 supporting churches, just \$3,000 from each church over the span of 3 years will meet the present goal of \$675,000 to fund this new building and expand God’s work here at Grand Oaks.



SRNB Campaign Ticker

Received:

@\$6216.41

Pledge Balance:

@\$16,064.00

Overall Goal:

\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward Multi-Purpose Center:

\$136,008.84

See you at camp at Grand Oaks Baptist Assembly!

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Fall Events Bring a Variety of Guests

September and October have already seen a wide variety of groups and activities on campus. In mid September we hosted the annual WMU Day with 89 ladies in attendance. They enjoyed a day of fellowship and learning, including a lunch. A group of pastors and DOM's from around the area volunteered in the kitchen under the leadership of Jollette Boyer that day. Following that event was a women's retreat from Pisgah Baptist Church, and a Kairos prison ministry retreat. Next up was the G.A. retreat with 68 women and girls plus 20 staff in all. This year was likely the final year of hosting that event since interest has waned and Girls in Action is becoming less prevalent in churches statewide. This past weekend we hosted what has become an annual event and continues to grow: the Great Outdoorsman Day sponsored by the Heartland Baptist Association. New this year to that event was an atlatl demonstration and opportunity for participants to test their own skills at the ancient weapon. The atlatl preceded the bow and arrow in many parts of the world and is one of humankind's first mechanical inventions. It's basically a long dart or spear-thrower that uses the leverage of a throwing stick to achieve greater velocity and propulsion in the spear. The Great Outdoorsman Day is an educational and hands-on event, fun for the whole family!



Participants are learning about waterfowl from one of the Great Outdoorsman Day presenters



A young man tries his hands at archery



The atlatl instructor guides a woman through the art of dart-throwing

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?

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Volunteers Welcome



A campus this size is in constant need of upkeep. There are several projects needing attention and volunteers in the coming months. We would welcome individuals with a day or week along with groups of volunteers working as a team.

Here are a few of the projects:

- ◆ Demolition of Parker Hall
- ◆ Raking/Blowing/Burning leaves
- ◆ Trim installation on Nurse Cabin
- ◆ Adjust/tweak fence around the lagoon
- ◆ Installing siding on Hilltop cabins
- ◆ Painting and staining
- ◆ Tear out the old water system in the pump house below the lake to make the building more useful for storage
- ◆ Brush clearing, dead trees to fell
- ◆ Stripping paint in the Hilltop Showers