

Different Kind of Summer

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How those words probably ring true for most people currently. The summer time at Grand Oaks is normally filled with the sounds of youth and children at play, worship services, eating great camp food and making memories with friends. This summer is markedly different as the main sounds we hear are birds and frogs singing, wildlife roaming the grounds and the absence of our campers. As most of us have been impacted in some way or another by the recent events around the country and world at large, the effects of COVID-19 has been witnessed everywhere one turns. The effects will be felt for a long time to come. Grand Oaks is feeling the effects as all of our summer camps have been cancelled.

With the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 virus and health risks of gathering in large numbers, our associations reluctantly decided to cancel their camps. We understand how difficult it was to make that decision. We are at our mid-point of summer in which normally our camps would be half over. Although it is sad that we don't get to share our summer with the hundreds of kids, youth, adults that are our friends, we are still blessed. God's plan and timing is perfect! Romans 8:28 reminds us of this. We have been taking advantage of the opportunity to perform some maintenance that would have be on hold until after camps.

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CHAPEL ELECTRIC

Don and Brad are running electrical conduit and new power wires to the Chapel.

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose"

ROMANS 8:28

The progress with removal of Parker Hall has progressed well. We are done with the majority of the demolition process. We have only the basement foundation left to remove.

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





CAMPAIGN TICKER

Received: \$131,488.19

Overall Goal: \$675,000.00

<u>Fund Balance Toward</u> <u>Multi-Purpose Center:</u> \$265,866.25

2021 CAMP DATES:

<u>June 1-5</u> New Life Camps

June 7-11 Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth

> <u>June 14-18</u> 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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The camp is still open to groups for pool parties and gatherings. We are seeing several groups utilize the pool during this time. If you would like to rent the pool give us a call. We hope you are well and having a good summer despite the current state of affairs.

We miss seeing our campers this summer but look forward to celebrating with them next summer as they return and we remember over 75 years that Grand Oaks has been "winning the lost, discipling the saved and training believers in Christian service."

As we look forward to next year, we have listed the scheduled dates for the summer of 2021. Please view the sidebar to see when your camp is scheduled for next year.



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Parker Hall

Progress on Parker Hall removing the blocks from the foundation walls.

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?