



**Oak Leaves**  
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## Merry Christmas!

This year is drawing to a close and with it a lot of families will be getting together despite the year that it's been. Some may not be meeting and for some, loved ones may not be here to join them. Whatever the case may be, we pray that you have a blessed Christmas time this year! It has been a difficult year for all but we can rest assured that God is still in control. God is good, all the time!

In the midst of all the crazy schedules and things going on in the world around us it is easy to get overwhelmed. Let us not forget to take a moment to stop and remember that our heavenly father loves us so much and is right there with us through it all. He loves us so much that he gave us the best gift of all, his son, a gift we neither deserve or can repay. As I read the Christmas story to our children I am reminded of this undeniable truth. From our family to yours, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.

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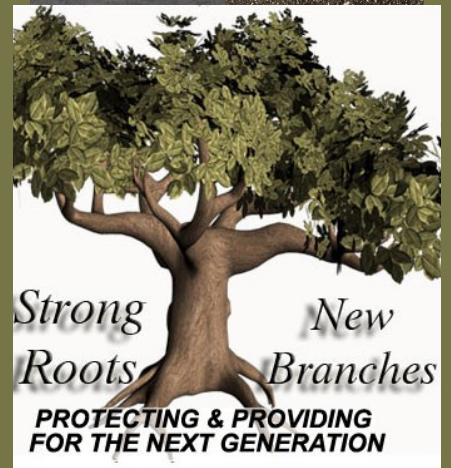
***Philippians 4:19***



CK's (camp kids): Judah (5), Davanee (10 months), Manaen (nearly 4)

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:  
\$162,152.08

Overall Goal:  
\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward  
Multi-Purpose Center:  
\$291,944.51

## 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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We have been blessed this year despite all the things going on with Covid and elections. God's people have been faithful through it all. The Lord has provided all our needs. I am reassured by Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

I pray that you have been blessed abundantly and all your needs are met. If out of the abundance God has given you, you wish to bless the Grand Oaks ministry, end of year giving is greatly appreciated. Just a reminder of a new special \$300 tax deduction for 2020; one can take up to an additional \$300 off their standard deduction for cash contributions up to \$300 made to tax-exempt organizations. We are in need with our general budget since camps were canceled by each association this year. We are also still raising funds for our building campaign. However the Lord leads

you, I pray that you are richly rewarded for your obedience to Him. May God bless you this Christmas season!



## FAMILY

Brad, Judah, Jolette, Davanee, Erin,  
Don, and Manaen. From our Camp  
Family to yours, Merry Christmas!

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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?

