



Oak Leaves

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75 Years strong!

Spring is just around the corner and along with it comes the excitement of a new summer camping season soon to follow. This year however, it's not just any year of summer camps, no, this is Grand Oaks' 75th year Anniversary. Not only that, but it is a new year following a year of so much uncertainty, craziness, and isolation that we are blessed that God has brought us through. We have so much to be thankful for and rejoice in, for God is good, all the time!

This year looks promising that conditions are improving with COVID to the point where we will have camps. I have been in contact with several of the associations and all are planning for a great summer at camp. It is our hope and prayer that you and others will spread the word about camp and register to attend, volunteer, or encourage those that are taking part. Pray with us and for us that this is a great year of people coming to know the Lord through the power of camp here at Grand Oaks!

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"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another"

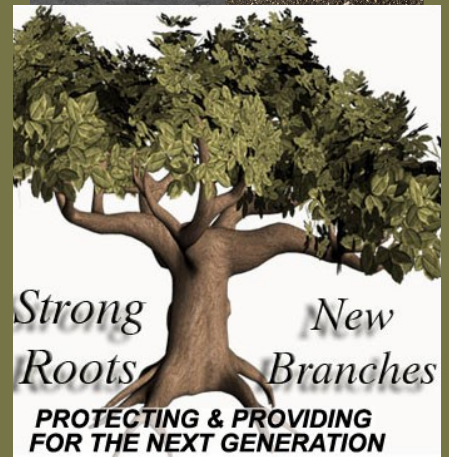
Hebrews 10:24-25



Camp photo in front of the Old Lodge. Circa late 1950's—1960's

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:
\$170,987.54

Overall Goal:
\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward
Multi-Purpose Center:
\$300,779.97

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 1

North Grand River/Harrison
Youth

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 2-5

North Grand River/Harrison Chil-
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Aug 9-13

St. Joseph Children

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Grand Oaks has meant so much to so many people over the years. Today, Grand Oaks continues to be a place that changes and shapes the lives of those who enter its gate through the ministry that happens here. From time to time a photograph is sent to us from a camper that spent a summer in this beautiful setting. The smiles, friends, and lifelong believers that are in those old photos tell a story, a story of how lives are impacted here. I enjoy hearing from people I meet that have come to Grand Oaks over the years. If you have a story about Grand Oaks and what it's meant to you we would love for you to share it with us.

As we celebrate our 75th year we look to our Heavenly Father for many more years to come. Preparations are underway for bringing the campus back to life for the summer. Soon the flowers will bloom, the pool will be opened, warm temperatures will return. We look forward to



welcoming many smiling faces and to the joy of gathering together once again with old friends and new here at Grand Oaks! That's the power of camp!

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WELCOME

We welcome you to join us this year along with the thousands of others who have passed through this gate over the years.

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""Follow" us on Instagram.

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?

