



Oak Leaves
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A New Year & A New Season

Happy New Year! Here we are beginning a new year and already it's been busy. We were blessed to have 66 guests attending a youth retreat from Missouri Valley at the end of January. The message was led by pastor Paul List over the parable of the Sower. The youth spent some time helping around camp on a few projects helping get things ready for our summer camping season.

With this new year and new camp season coming up we are hopeful to see even greater numbers attending camps this year. As the passage from Luke 8:4-8 talks about seeds being scattered on the various kinds of soil I can't help but think that there are a great many people that are fertile fields to have the gospel seed planted. In this time in which we live, with all the negative news we hear, it is time for us to share the Good News! Camp is just such a place in which the good news can be shared with our children and youth. Grand Oaks has been and continues to be just such a place to share the gospel and plant the seeds for tomorrow's leaders. Be thinking of someone you know that needs to hear the Good News, pray for, invite and bring them to camp. As it says at the end of Luke 8 verse 8 "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear." Be that friend, voice, sower to those that need the Good News!

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Luke 8:4-8



Seeds being planted with youth from Missouri Valley Baptist Association. 49 youth and 17 adults attended a youth retreat on Jan 28-29.

The Multi-Purpose Building project is in a planning phase for figuring out the septic system needs. We are in need of a good source that will help plan, develop and possibly install the waste treatment system.

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:
\$212,845.13

Overall Goal:
\$675,000.00

Fund Balance Toward
Multi-Purpose Center:
\$342,637.56

2022 CAMP DATES:

May 31-June 4

Linn Livingston/1000 Hills Youth

June 6-10

Missouri Valley Children

June 13-17

Heartland Youth

June 20-24

North Grand River/Harrison
Youth

June 24-25

Intro to Camp

June 27-July 1

St. Joseph Youth

July 5-9

Missouri Valley Youth

July 11-15

Linn Livingston Children

July 18-22

1000 Hills Children

July 22-25

Heartland Children

July 25-29

North Grand River/Harrison Chil-
dren

Aug 1-5

St. Joseph Children

Aug 8-12

New Life Camps

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We are preparing for a few more events in the coming months. We are looking forward to having a MVBA women's retreat March 4-5, a SJBA youth retreat March 13-14, and a couple of family events. If you would like a place to hold your event, please give us call or an email to reserve your spot. We are excited to see what God has in store for us this year!

To prepare for the upcoming season we are working in the Chapel to make some updates to lighting, wiring, and the sound booth to enhance the functionality of the space. Don has put a fresh coat of paint on the walls after the MVBA youth removed the pin boards. The eight pendant lights have been removed and new LED panels installed in their place making it brighter and more open. We hope to have indirect lighting added to the sides to add more light. We also plan to elevate the sound booth so that anyone running sound or video can see over people standing in front of them. If you would like to help give us a call and we can get you involved. Thank you for your continued support!



MVBA YOUTH RETREAT

Fun times had by all!

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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?

