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GROUNDBREAKING!

It's exciting to finally break ground to build the Discipleship Center! As we pray together at this special event between services August 6, what are we asking God to do? Our minds may go first to the building process. The building committee has already seen God at work by providing contractors. We've had many contractors who couldn't even submit bids due to the present building boom. So let's pray gratefully for progress to continue. We also know that more funds are needed to complete the project. Again, pray with gratitude. God has supplied generously through His people already. We just passed the halfway mark of our three year giving plans, but we are well ahead of that pace with the funds already in the bank, which is why we can launch into the project confidently. Keep praying for God's financial provision.

But soon the broken ground will become concrete and pine, wires and pipes, drywall and carpet. And like all material things, buildings soon become ordinary. The new car smell is exciting only so long. What then?

We last celebrated a groundbreaking as we began the worship center construction in September, 1991. The picture in the paper of that event includes very few people who will gather when we break ground for the Discipleship Center. This event will be long forgotten also. What is remembered and what matters are the people who will hear God's word and grow spiritually as they connect to others in this new facility.

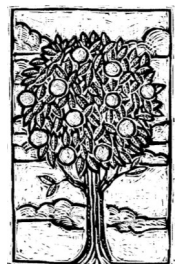
Here are some prayer ideas. Let's pray that people from our local communities will find a home here spiritually who right now may not know Christ as Savior. Let's pray for a discouraged husband who will gain hope from what another man shares in an Adult Bible Fellowship about how God is working in him. Let's pray that young moms will share burdens and encourage each other at a coffee table between services while their children are in the nursery. Let's ask God to use those new rooms for training in evangelism and for going deep into God's word taught by leaders who might be middle school students now. Let's pray that guests who come to the Palm Sunday breakfast in the new fellowship hall are amazed at the joy and love they see expressed around the tables.

Sure it's just brick and mortar. But within the walls of the worship center we've had all these years, how many lives have been challenged and changed? How many decisions have been made between a soul and their Savior? Let's pray that keeps happening as we add more halls and walls to the building where we meet.

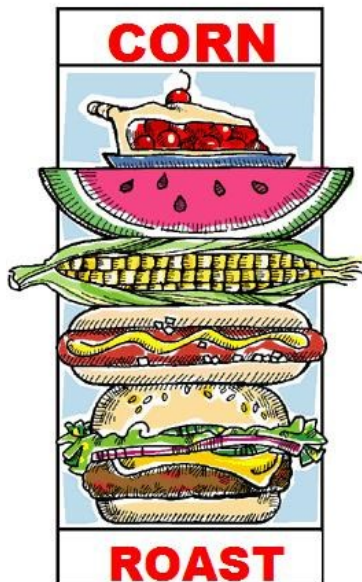
I'm glad we can get started, but I'm also glad for the stretched faith of many who have given and prayed until now. I'm glad for the times it seemed too big to be accomplished. I'm really glad God has been faithful through every concern and question mark so far.

Jesus said, *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you* (John 15:16). Let's ask the Father not just for a building, but for the ways He will use it to bear spiritual fruit.

~ Pastor Sid



CORN ROAST - August 20



Lots of sweet corn, food, fun, games and fellowship...sounds like the ODBC Corn Roast! It all takes place at Veteran's Memorial Park in Cedar Grove. Arrive any time after 3, dinner will be served around 5:00. Corn, meat & buns, and drinks are provided. Please bring 2 dishes to share.

The park has a playground area for the kids and room for Frisbee, football, etc. Picnic tables are available, but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs. Friends and family welcome!

Baptism - We are planning a brief, informal, outdoor baptism service combined with the Corn Roast. If you are interested in being baptized or learning more about Christian baptism, contact one of the pastors .



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

ODBC is helping Samaritan's Purse again this year with Operation Christmas Child! Our goal is 250 shoe boxes with a need of \$9/ per shoe box for shipping. Starting August 6th, check out the themed collection tree in the foyer! Each month we will be collecting newly themed items. Please grab an ornament or two off the tree and drop off the items in the wrapped collection box.

August Theme: School Supplies

If you can also donate towards the shipping and handling, please use envelopes marked Operation Christmas Child and place in the offering plate or you may donate online through our new fundraiser page. (See ODBC Facebook for details.)

You can also make this a family project and fill a shoe box at home together and drop it off by the collection box. If you have any question or would like to be more involved, contact Amanda Kunz or Beth Grady.

2017 GENERAL FUND REPORT as July 28

Giving this year –	\$ 273,870.00
Expenses this year –	\$ 285,012.00
This year's giving deficit –	\$ 11,142.00

BUILDING FUND REPORT

Giving this year –	\$101,680.00
Expenses this year –	\$8,405.00
Current Building Fund Balance:	\$540,689.00

Summer Sunday Worship Schedule

The summer worship schedule will continue through September 3. The regular schedule, including Adult Bible Fellowships and Sunday School, will resume on September 10.