

# THE GROVE MESSENGER

Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

## NEW GARMENTS / BY JOEL OSTEEN

### Today's Scripture: Isaiah 61: 3 (NIV)

"Provide for those who grieve...a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."

Do you need a new garment today? I'm not talking about a physical garment. I'm talking about what's covering your mind and emotions. Are you clothed with despair and disappointment? Are you wearing "heaviness"? If you've gone through a hurtful situation, the Bible says there is a time to grieve, and it's important to release that hurt to the Lord. But the Bible also tells us that God wants to give you a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. You can put on a garment of praise instead of a heavy, burdened spirit. What's holding you back today? Are the garments of yesterday weighting you down and holding you back? The garment of praise is light and filled with peace and joy. Don't carry those heavy burdens around anymore! Today is the day for the new garments! Forgive those who have hurt you and begin to praise Him! Thank God for life today. Thank Him for the beautiful sunrise. Thank Him for restoring you, even if you don't see it yet. And this verse says, you will be called an oak of righteousness, strong and secure, and you will display the splendor of the Lord all the days of your life!

### A Prayer for Today:

Heavenly Father, I come to You today and ask that you take off my old, heavy garments of despair and heaviness. Make me new today. Give me a garment of praise so that I can be a display of Your glory and splendor. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat!
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

### LAKESHORE ELEMENTARY RETREAT

Friday - Sunday, October 10th - 12th ~ Lakeshore is hosting an elementary retreat (4th - 6th grade). On this retreat, unlike at the summer camps (besides the Mom and Me camps), the children have to be accompanied by a counselor. This might be perfect if you have kids who would like you to accompany them their first time to Lakeshore.

You can find an informational brochure at:

<http://www.lakeshoreuma.com/pdf/conference-retreat-older-elementary-retreat-oct-10-12.pdf>

### 2008 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 12th at 2:00pm, Lone Oak UMC will be hosting this year's charge conference. This year's conference will be held as a district-wide event. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

### UM YOUTH GROUP OF MARSHALL COUNTY

Sunday, October 12th Mr. Gatti's in Draffenville there will be a pizza party. Free games will be provided for the children. See Jenny for more info!!

### HALLELUJAH FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 26th at 4:30pm ~ Keep your eye on the upcoming church bulletins for more information!!!

### UM YOUTH GROUP OF MARSHALL COUNTY

Sunday, October 26th ~ Youth will be meeting at Mt. Carmel for pumpkin painting and delivery. Drivers will be needed so keep an eye out for more info!!

### UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sat. Nov. 1st / 4:30pm ~ Hayride / Meet at church and eat at Ms. Kathy Cope's

Sat. & Sun. Nov. 1st - 2nd ~ Women's Retreat at Lakeshore

# GET OUT YOUR DANCIN' SHOES

Interested in learning to clog? Mr. Troy Kirkendall is looking at getting a clogging instructor to come to Marshall County to provide classes. A large number of participants is needed to make this happen.

If you are interested email Mr. Kirkendall at: [rec man@bellsouth.net](mailto:rec_man@bellsouth.net).

# THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU to all the technology crew who were instrumental in getting our new projector and screen mounted and working!!!

Butch Wyman for his scaffolding skills! Couldn't have reached the ceiling without you!!

Dennis Smith for his jovial assistance of the technology man for four long hours one Saturday morning.

Randy Wood for his hot hours in the (may I emphasize) hot, hot attic to run power to the new projector and screen.

Jeff Thompson and Randy Wood for their work to move the sound system to the new technology cart and not yelling at Jenny when she asked them to move it.

Jason Darnall for putting together the technology cart that came in a million little pieces - or so he claims!

Dianne Green for writing all the checks!

Kim Phillips for making us DVD's to play and putting us online.

Trace Colson for running our new equipment like a pro!

The Pleasant Grove children and youth have adopted grandparents from the Senior Adult Sunday School Class, and they are looking forward to getting to know the members in our church.

## DON'T FORGET OUR REGULAR WEEKLY FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP SESSIONS

Sunday evening	.....5:00pm	.....Choir Practice
Sunday evening	.....6:00pm	.....Worship Service
Wednesday evening	.....6:00pm	.....Accountability Groups
Wednesday evening	.....6:00pm	.....Children's Church
Wednesday evening	.....6:00pm	.....WIMPS
Wednesday evening	.....6:30pm	.....Visitation Program

PLEASE JOIN US!!


### Monthly Bible Verse

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

-Psalm 150:6 (NRSV)

# October 2008

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

* - Birthday ** - Anniversary			1 WIMPS 6:00pm	2 *Shirley Dowdy **Jarrod & Kim Sego **Johnny & Darla Edwards	3	4
5 *Travor Bailey *Jon Michael Jones  Holy Communion	6	7 UMW Meeting 11:00am	8 WIMPS 6:00pm  **Brandon & Mary Morgan	9  *Ronnie Ford *Craig Riley	10  10th - 12th Lakeshore Elementary Retreat * Brian Shemwell	11 
12  Charge Conf. 2:00pm Lone Oak UMC  Building Fund Offering	13 *Christine Story	14	15 WIMPS 6:00pm  *Brooks Palmer	16  *Clint Cope *Mary Stone	17	18  *Charles Bowermon  **Rick & Wallie Kern
19  Church Comt. Meetings	20	21 *Teresia Wyman	22 WIMPS 6:00pm  *Lily Fields	23  **Tony & Sara Logue	24 *Rick Yates	25  *Brandon Morgan
26  Hallelujah Festival 4:30pm *Steve Baird  **Steve & Linda Baird	27 *Ray Perry	28	29 WIMPS 6:00pm	30	31  *Tanya Riley *Michael Taylor	