

OAK FOREST NEWS

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Ron's Remnants:

Balance

There is a lot of falling mentioned in the Bible. Right from the get go in the Old Testament we find the fall of Adam and Eve when they get the munchies for the forbidden fruit. The end result was that all men got stuck with difficult work and women got stuck with dominating husbands, painful childbirth, and long lines at public restrooms. The New Testament contains continued emphasis on falling. Paul stresses the need to be sensitive to the beliefs of young Christians so they don't stumble and fall. Even if a certain behavior is not inherently wrong, Paul says we should avoid it, if it might cause our weaker brothers or sisters to stumble.

In the physical sense, balance is maintained by a bunch of bony loops in the inner ear. When these loops get out of kilter, the world seems to spin and we lose our stability. If this occurs, falling becomes routine.

There are many reasons why our spiritual lives get out of kilter and cause us to tumble into sin. Maintaining spiritual balance is anything but easy. Falling is easy but getting back up is hard. In the first "Rocky" movie, Rocky's desire was to go 15 rounds with the champ. He still wanted to be standing when the bell sounded to end the 15th and final round. The key for Rocky is the same for us. It doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down or fall, but how many times you get back up.

I want to share with you one verse that helps me keep my "spiritual balance." 1 John 1:19 reads, "But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right; he will forgive our sins and purify us from all wrongdoing."



In Christ We Are One,

Pastor Ron



Time of My Life Women's Conference

Saturday, February 28, 2015

**At Meadow Grove Baptist Church
(Interdenominational)**

God has given us this beautiful, yet mysterious gift of time. It is our prayer that you will join us in asking Him to "teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." (Psalms 90:12) and seek His will for how we invest those priceless moments.

The day will begin with registration starting at 8:30, which will be followed by a day filled with speakers, the opportunity to attend break-out sessions, lunch, music and worship, giveaways, and more! A registration fee* of \$25 (due by February 20) will cover your lunch, conference T-shirt, and other materials.

Register online at shedreamsministries.org or see Kelly Crawford for registration forms.

**Staff Pastor Parish Relations
Committee Meeting**
Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting
February 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Meeting will be held at Oak Forest



UMW Meeting
February 18th at 1:30 p.m. at Oak
Forest for the Day of Prayer & Self
Denial with Hayesville 1st UMC.

Elaine Belsley	Feb. 3 rd
Josh Stafford	Feb. 4 th
Katie Cotton	Feb. 6 th
Jo Sattelmeier	Feb. 6 th
Kayla Shaheen	Feb. 7 th
Steve Tant	Feb. 8 th
Aaron Wimpey	Feb. 9 th
Terri Hagar	Feb. 14 th
Ray Hensley	Feb. 19 th
Lou McClure	Feb. 19 th

**Clay County United Methodists
gather together for the
Annual Ash Wednesday
Worship Service**
at Oak Forest UMC - 7:00 p.m.
February 18, 2015
Rev. Kirk Hatherly will be
preaching.

**Administrative Council Planning &
Goal Setting meeting for 2015**
with Covered Dish Dinner. Sunday,
February 22nd at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner followed by the meeting.
All are welcome!



**Remember it's not
too late** if you want to
make a gift donation in
memory of: Dot Moore,
Joyce Galloway, or
Frances McCorkle to
our church, Oak Forest
UMC.

**COMING SOON!
SPUD SUNDAY**
**March 15th following the
Worship Service.**



**What salad
or
dessert will
you bring?**

Oak Forest Youth Group Update
by Andrew & Nikki Baten

Many thanks to everyone who came to
Family Worship Night! This will definitely
happen again, so look out for it to become
more regular. The youth group meets
every Sunday from 4-6. Recently we
created Valentine's Day cards for Heart
Strong patients at Children's Healthcare of
Atlanta.



Girl Scout Cookies Now Available! Our church has two different Troop
Leaders Kathy Tant & Lorrie Ross so you can purchase cookies from each
troop to bring home or to donate to the following: U.S. Military Troops, Clay
County Food Pantry, or Matt's Ministry. For purchase of cookies from
Brianna Ross call 389-8455 or see Lorrie. For purchase of cookies from
Kaitlynn Tant see Kaitlynn or call Kathy at 828-557-8165. Kaitlynn's troop
will be at the Parts City car parts store on 2/21/15. Kaitlynn has a goal this
year to sell 1,000 boxes of cookies.