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Baptist
Church



THE ACORN

December
2014



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Dear Church Family,

It is with a great sense of honor and humility that Betty and I accept the call from Oakland Baptist Church to serve as your Pastor and Associate Pastor. We so appreciate your support and are indeed excited to become a part of this fellowship. Our simple, heartfelt desire is for God to use us in serving and leading you in the days ahead. We are all members of the "body of Christ" and no member is more important or more significant than any others... and that means us. Each and every one of us is filled with the same Holy Spirit and each has been gifted by God with certain talents and resources He wants to use in building up His body – the church and extending His Kingdom into the world around us.

First and foremost, God needs each and every one of us to be committed followers of Jesus Christ. We must strive to maintain a daily, personal relationship to be a Christ follower in every aspect of our life. That is a priority! God will only accomplish anything through us if He is living in us. We must each commit ourselves to be people of prayer (which is how we live in surrender to God) and the Word (which is where we gain our knowledge of how to live life with God). If Betty or I can encourage or help you in any way regarding your spiritual journey in Christ, please let us know. At times we all need others to encourage and help us navigate our way along the journey.

Secondly, we must be committed to each other as a local body of Christ – the church. As much as possible, depending upon our season of life and life responsibilities, we must be committed to gathering for times of worship, prayer and the teaching of God's Word. We must outdo one another in serving and showing honor to one another. We must give regularly of our time, talents and resources to the ministry of the church for the advancement of God's Kingdom in the world.

Finally, we must be witnesses everywhere we live and go... our homes, the communities where we work, the schools in which we study, the people with whom we socialize and the larger spectrum of our own state, nation and world of which we are a part. The Good News of Jesus Christ is a message that is too good to be kept to ourselves. Through our living and through our speaking we must constantly be extending the grace of the good news to everyone we can.

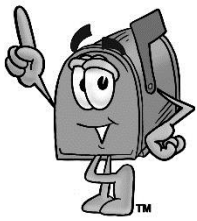
May we serve together in the joy of the Gospel in the days ahead.

Blessings,

Randy & Betty

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REFERENCE INFORMATION

Do you want to put something in the bulletin or newsletter? Do you want to put something on our Website or in the Goshen News? If so, please submit the information exactly as you want it to appear and where you want it to appear, BY the deadlines listed below to: communication@oakland-baptist.com email. For those of you without email access, please call or submit your written request to Sherry Alston.

Deadlines:

- Bulletin** – 12 noon of each Thursday
- Newsletter** – 15th of each month at noon
- Website** – 12 noon of each Thursday
- Goshen Newsletter** – 15th of each month

Have you moved??? Has your name changed? Do you have an update to a birthday or anniversary in your family? If you answered YES to any of these questions...Please notify YOUR DEACON with ANY CHANGES to your personal information; name, address, phone # changes, new births, deaths, weddings and divorce information for name changes or anniversary deletions to keep the church database updated for newsletter & other mailings to members & non-members. When we don't have your correct mailing address, your mail is returned to the post office & the church is charged return postage. **If you don't know who your deacon is**, please contact any member of the Deacon Fellowship: Len & Paula Archer, Lesley Alford, Bobby Fields, Bill Groome, Ricky Harper, Frank Smith, Glenn Williams, or Angie Wright. Thank you.



⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:4-7

Happy Birthday!

Virginia MacDonald	12/1
Lesley Alford	12/2
Billy Walton	12/6
Jimmy Lloyd	12/7
Rob Strebel	12/7
Peggy Bartley	12/10
Crystal Hicks	12/10
Amy Fields	12/13
Lauren Wagner	12/13
Brad Goff	12/14
Jacqueline Matysek	12/15
Leona Kay Oglesby	12/15
Dennis Gammon	12/17
Judy Gordon	12/17
Joey Hamrick	12/17
Linda Dillon	12/18
Robert Parrish	12/18
Jill Snead	12/18
Warren Hicks	12/19
Theresa Hicks	12/20
Caleb Franklin	12/22
Mark Brooking	12/23
Wendy Grady	12/25
Phil Farmer	12/26
Richard Klaty	12/26
Gail Pillsbury	12/26
Linda Proffitt	12/26
Mike Smith	12/26
Wanda Kirby	12/27
Bruce Alford	12/28
Timothy Jarrell	12/28
Lorraine Klein	12/30
Donald Ware	12/30

Happy Anniversary!

Jason & Jamie Snead	12/3
Les & Pam Bradshaw	12/5
Vance & Beth Willis	12/7
Len & Paula Archer	12/11
Wilford & Shirley Bowyer	12/14
Bill & Jeni DeRusha	12/21
Robert & Sharon Atkinson	12/28
Robert & Louise Parrish	12/31
Thomas & Billie Reid	12/31

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

SANTA BREAKFAST - - December 6, 2014 @ 8 AM

The OBC Youth will be helping with the Santa Breakfast at Oakland. This event is an amazing outreach to the community where children who may not get the chance otherwise, can learn the Christmas story and see Christ's love through our Oakland family. There will be crafts, Santa, and of course pancakes!

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY - - December 6 @ 12PM

The Youth will have their Christmas party following the Santa Breakfast. We will spend time in fellowship and fun as we go laser tagging at Short Pump. Please contact Ali Marks if your student wishes to attend (434-987-3141/Obcyp2010@gmail.com).

Contact me with any questions.

Much love and many blessings,
Ali Marks



NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rehearsals for Hope Has Hands

We will be rehearsing on Nov. 30th at 5pm, Dec. 14 at 5pm and Dec. 20th at 9am. Please plan to be at these rehearsals so we don't have to do so much on Wednesday nights.

Dear Parents,

I would like to ask you to allow your child/children to be in our Christmas Cantata, which will be presented on Dec. 21 at 11AM. (This is not the same as the Christmas Play). I am asking them to do 2 things for me. They will be playing stars in one song and learning to sign in another one.

The rehearsals will be Nov. 30th at 5 pm for 30 to 45 min, Dec. 14th at 5 pm for 30-45 min. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, Dec. 20th at 9am. I am asking them to wear dark pants and dark shirts for the performance.

I hope you will come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Lesley Alford

Our cantata this year is "Hope Has Hands" and will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 21th at the 11Am service. We ask you to bring canned or boxed food, wrapped in white paper to be presented under the Chrismon tree during the Cantata. Please join us as we celebrate our Savior's birth.



WMU Happenings...

Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 30 - December 7. Our goal for this year's Lottie Moon Offering is \$3,000.

On Sunday, December 14, Mark and Vesta Sauter, Deaf Affinity Leaders, will share during the morning service about their work with the deaf. Afterwards, we will have a fellowship meal. Please bring a crock pot of soup to share, bread/crackers, and dessert. Beverages will be provided.

The Lottie Moon Post Office is open. Drop off Christmas Cards to members who attend services regularly and save some money. Place the cards in the trays provided and drop a donation in the tin. All donations will benefit the Lottie Moon Offering.



The OBC Angel Tree is located in the hallway. Take an angel from the tree, write your name on the list provided, and bring the gift back no later than December 10. Questions? Contact Sandy Harper. Thank you for your support.

Hershey kisses and candy canes are needed for the Christmas fruit baskets. Please drop donations on table in hallway outside of copy room.

Christmas Caroling - December 21st - We will meet after the worship service, eat lunch and go caroling. Bring your bag lunch. Drinks will be provided.

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued



Someone has stolen the Christmas Story!!!

Come Join the CIA's on December 21, 2014 at 6pm to help them solve the mystery as they present:

Scooby-doo and the Christmas Caper

(Another wonderful play written by the CIAs)

After the play, join us for a time of fellowship & a special guest. Please bring a dessert or snack to share.



Special Called Business Meeting on December 10, 2014, at 7 pm to approve the 2015 Budget.



Many of you know that for the past 8 – 9 years I've struggled with medical issues. A couple of months ago I was referred to a surgeon for consultation. He immediately told me that I didn't need him, but needed to be at the Lymphedema Clinic at Retreat Hospital. This Christian surgeon and I talked for 45 minutes on my journey over the last 8 – 9 years. I felt encouraged and my hope renewed. I've been at the Lymphedema Clinic now for a couple of months and am pleased with the progress that has been made; 6.5 liters of fluid have been removed from my legs. Praise God that I'm able to walk to the mailbox or take the trash out! In 1 week, I should be able to get rid of the orthotic shoes and wear normal shoes again and in 2 weeks, my legs should be back to their normal size. God performs miracles every day and in His time...I'm proof of that! I would sincerely like to thank my Oakland Family for your love, support, cards, calls, and visits. I look forward to seeing y'all in worship soon...with normal shoes on. Sincerely, Frank Moran

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



**OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 6, 2014**

8 AM – 10 AM

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO COME AND
ENJOY BREAKFAST AND...**

- **HEAR THE STORY OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS!**
- **DECORATE A CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT!**
- **HELP MAKE BLANKETS TO DONATE TO A LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT!**
- **SIT ON SANTA'S LAP AND HAVE YOUR PICTURE TAKEN!**

**JOIN US FOR THIS GREAT TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AND TO REMEMBER THAT
JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!**

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WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – December 2014

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
07	Paula Archer	Ann Taylor	Sharon Kincaid	Michaela Kandrotas	Michelle Alford
14	Angie Wright	Peggy Bartley	Pat Groome	Rhonda Lloyd	Denise Brooking
21	Lesley Alford	Brandy Hutchinson	Shirley Bath	Sarah Blair	Sandy Harper
28	Glenn Williams	Cassidy Hutchinson	Lesley Alford	Hazel Morgan	Cheryl Klaty



December

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>4</u> 7pm B&G Meeting	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 8 – 10 am Santa Breakfast
Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon						
<u>7</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Deacon Meeting	<u>8</u> 10am WOM	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship- 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30pm Youth Committee	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>18</u> 10am Seniors @ Holly Grove 7pm WOM	<u>19</u> 7pm Fruit Baskets	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Cantata 1pm Christmas Caroling 6pm Children's Play	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 6pm Christmas Eve Service	<u>25</u> Merry Christmas!	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at
804.556.3550 & leave a message*



Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Vernell Amos
Jena Bath
Audrey Brown
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Everett Edwards
Gabe Edwards
Bobby Fields
Velma Goodwin
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Pat Groome
Kim Jennings
Joan Lloyd
Rhonda Lloyd
Frank Moran
Bill Nester
Gladys Nester
Jane Norwood
Louise Parrish
Ethan Payne
Gerald Pleasants
Donnie Priddy

Mary Richardson
Alma Salazar
Phillip Schaeffer
Betty Stanley
Tom Sutterfield's mom
Kathy Wade
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Our Country
Our Youth
Those with job situations-new bosses,
new jobs, looking for a job
Community Needs
Unspoken Prayer Requests

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:

Deon Courtney Family
Herbert Norwood Family
Steve Nicholas Family
Roger Parker Family
Beryl Potter Family
Jesse Reynolds Family

**Our Nursing Home Members; see
"Keep in Touch" section.**

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Joey Berlin, Stateside
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside
Chris Durham, Stateside
Gabe Edwards, Deployed
Sully Edwards, Deployed
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed
Daniel Gregory, Army, Stateside
Ethan Payne, USMC, Deployed

**The prayer concern is completely
revised monthly through
mentioned prayer concerns,
website submissions, email
([communication@oakland-
baptist.com](mailto:communication@oakland-baptist.com)) or by contacting
Sherry Alston BY the 15th of each
month**