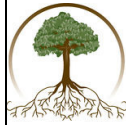


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## July 2014



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Dear Church Family,

Summer is here... and with it all the activities of long days of sunlight. We just finished our week of Vacation Bible School as I write this letter and our Youth have just left for Mfuge in Charleston, SC. We are off to a busy start as summer gets under way. I am so thankful to Sharon Kincaid who served as the Director of the VBS this year, along with so many others who taught and helped in various ways. We can all be thankful for their time, energy and efforts in making this a special week for the more than 40 children who participated. The fruits of their labor and work with our children were evident as they shared highlights from the week at the VBS Commencement service on Sunday, June 22. I am also grateful for Ali Marks and our youth, along with Joey, Sherry and Kim who are serving as chaperones. We trust their experience at Mfuge will be a life changing time for each of them.

Our "Carpenter's for Christ" has a fruitful and productive trip to West KY. We are thankful for the way God has used and continues to use this group in ministering to others. Having benefited from others in the Carpenter's for Christ movement who served us here at Oakland, it is only fitting that many of our men have joined this wonderful ministry. It is always a joy to see how God uses each one of us according to the gifts and abilities he has given us as we pray and work for God's will to be done here on earth as it is in heaven. Or as the adults learned in the adult VBS class – to make what happens up there(in heaven), come down here (on earth)!

In the midst of all the wonderful ministry and work that is being done, we continue to have many who struggle with the daily challenges of life – sickness, surgery, growing older, family problems and death. What a wonderful testimony to a life well lived was celebrated at the passing of a dear brother Bernard Hawk. God was honored as many came to pay their respects to the Hawk family and celebrate the life of a beloved child of God.

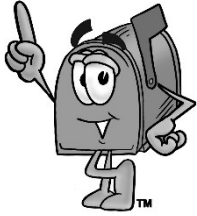
Yet, as we look at all of the outer things that are going on at Oakland, we must remember that God's greatest work is always something that is hidden to the common eye. His greatest work is the transforming work of his Spirit that is recreating each of us into the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. As each of us allows God to transform us inwardly, we will together as God's people reveal more clearly the love and grace of God to others. We must remember... God's work is always a work from the inside out. I trust you are opening the inner sanctuary of your heart daily to the work of God's Spirit as he continues his work of transforming you into the likeness of his Son – Jesus Christ. It is my joy to serve as your interim pastor during these days. Know that my wife, Betty, and I will be praying that God will continue his great work in and through each of you at Oakland Baptist Church.

Blessings,  
Randy Rains



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**Support our newest Army Recruit:**

PFC Bradshaw III Tennis S  
Alpha Company  
4<sup>th</sup> Platoon  
3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion  
13<sup>th</sup> INFREGT  
193<sup>RD</sup> Infantry Brigade  
4420 Jackson Blvd.  
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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](mailto: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, Sherry Alston, Bill & Pat Groome, Hazel Morgan, Frank Smith, or Glenn Williams. Thank you.



## Happy Birthday!

Bobby Fields	7/1
Austin Sherrill	7/1
Emery Alford	7/3
Pat Sheets	7/3
Michelle Alford	7/4
Debbie Groome	7/4
William Todd Hicks	7/4
Sandra Pleasants	7/5
Sharon Atkinson	7/6
Patsy Dymacek	7/9
Dori Henley	7/11
Ray Henley	7/11
Jeffrey Childress	7/14
Betty Courtney	7/18
Ann Taylor	7/15
Will Irby	7/16
Jean Hicks	7/19
Cary Kincaid	7/22
Jordan Snead	7/22
Cheri Wise	7/22
Staci Harpster	7/24
Mary Bradshaw	7/25
Velma Godwin	7/26
Virginia B. Cook	7/26
Angela B. Justiniano	7/27
James Hodges	7/27
Troy Ladd	7/27
Betty Fields	7/28
Brian Atkins	7/29
Herman Parrish	7/29
Sandi Williams	7/29
Cheryl Klaty	7/31
Jo Ann Ware	7/31

## Happy Anniversary!

Robert & Sandra Grooms	7/6
Adam & Michelle Alford	7/7
Gabe & Becky Edwards	7/15
Charles & Doris Atkins	7/21
Dean & Vicki Kellison	7/24
Timothy & Christina Clough	7/31
Robert & Katie Nixon	7/31

### WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

#### FIRST LANDING CAMPOUT – July 11 – 13, 2014

The Youth Group will be heading to First Landing State Park on the Chesapeake Bay for a weekend retreat. We will spend this time reflecting on our relationship with Christ and each other as the body of Christ. Students should be sure to bring a tent, sleeping bag, appropriate clothing, a snack to share, and \$15.

#### BACK-TO-SCHOOL LOCK-IN - August 15-16, 2014

We will celebrate the upcoming school year at our annual back-to-school lock-in! All upcoming 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend!

Much love and many blessings,  
Ali Marks

## Reminders from God

1. I love you
2. I will never abandon you
3. I will provide for you
4. I have plans for you
5. I will give you strength
6. I will never leave you alone
7. I will always answer you
8. I will lead you

Trust in the Lord

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## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### News from the Our WMU...

#### WOM

1. All ladies are invited to join the WOM evening group for an ice cream social at Friendly's at Fountain Square on July 17 at 6 pm or whenever you can get there.
2. Mission project is school supplies for Coeburn, our local schools and Operation Christmas Child. Please drop your donations on the table outside the copy room. Thank you!
3. Women's Get Away is November 8-9. If you are interested in going, you must pay your \$10 deposit by August 3.

VBS - Words cannot express my appreciation to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School...without you it wouldn't have been possible. The children had a blast! Thank you for your commitment to our children.

Our offering this year went to "More Than Nets" and the children and adults gave \$420 which will purchase 42 nets for Yendi, Ghana. Thank you for supporting this project.

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## Baptist Buzz

*Excerpts from*

News from the WMU, Goshen Baptist Association, & Virginia Baptist

#### RuraLove Ministry Update

During the past month RuraLove helped churches minister to:

- 17 families with financial help
- 11 families with household needs
- 1 families with a whole household
- 14 families with clothing
- 9 families with medical



## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – JULY 2014

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
06	Sherry Alston	Hazel Morgan	Kathy Wade	Alisha Fields	Michaela Kandrotas
13	Pat Groome	Marie Nester	Bill Groome	Peggy Bartley	Ali Marks
20	Bill Groome	Shirley Shelton	Sharon Kincaid	Kim Rosson	Hayley Rosson
27	Len Archer	Ann Taylor	Shirley Bath	Denise Brooking	Lillie Rosson



		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's	<u>3</u> 7pm B&G Meeting	<u>4</u>  <b>Happy Independence Day!</b>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Deacon's Meeting	<u>7</u> 7pm gods at war study	<u>8</u> Visitation Committee Meeting 7pm	<u>9</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Business Meeting	<u>10</u> 7pm VBS Recap Meeting	<u>11</u> Youth Camping trip to First Landing State Park thru 13th	<u>12</u> Youth Camping trip to First Landing State Park thru 13th
<u>13</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Youth Meeting	<u>14</u> 10am WOM 7pm gods at war study	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's	<u>17</u> 10am Seniors at Holly Grove 6:00pm WOM – Ice Cream Social	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship- 11:15 Children's Worship Visitation – 2pm (Church is invited)	<u>21</u> 7pm gods at war study	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>24</u> Visitation – 7pm (Church is invited)	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 8am Men's Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's			

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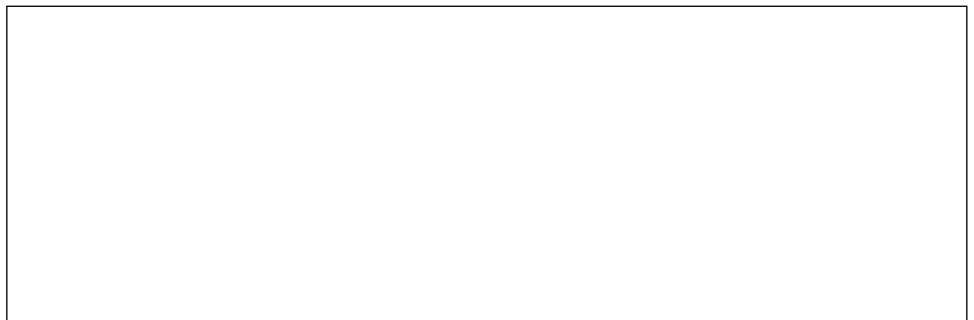
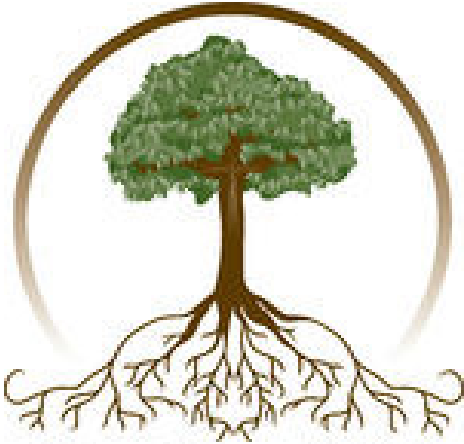
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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Marianne Adams  
Audrey Brown  
Ruth Coleman  
Bobbie & Kermit Cook  
Stephen Dale  
Davis Family  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Hudson Family  
Cary Kincaid  
Joan Lloyd  
Rhonda Lloyd  
Gene Mills  
Frank Moran  
Hazel Morgan's granddaughter,  
Danielle  
Gerald Pleasants  
Debra Peels  
Beryl Potter  
Dale Stephen

Jordan Toskes  
Billy Walton  
Sandi Williams  
Mike Wood  
Angie Wright's sister, Janet  
Buddy with Carpenters for Christ  
Our Church  
Pulpit Committee

**Remember our Nursing Home Members. Their names and addresses are listed under "Keep in Touch" section.**

**Our Christian Love & Sympathy:  
*The Family of Bernard Hawk*  
*The Family of JB Skeen***

## Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Joey Berlin-Stateside  
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside  
Chris Durham, Stateside  
Gabe Edwards, Stateside  
Sully Edwards, Out on Deployment  
Sgt. Allen Gordon (Deployed)  
Daniel Gregory, Army - Stateside  
Ethan Payne, USMC Stateside

Going forward, the prayer concern list will be 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



