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Church



THE ACORN

September
2014



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Dear Church Family,

September marks the beginning of a new season of the year. Slowly the days grow shorter and the sun makes its slow march toward the south. We move from the long, hot days of Summer to the cool crisp mornings of the Fall. Kids are back to school, football season is in full swing, fresh vegetables from the garden are growing scarce. The changing of the seasons remind us that life is always changing... from one season to the next. I am reminded of the writer of Ecclesiastes who said "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." This is true for us both personally and as a church.

In August we celebrated the 160th anniversary of Oakland Baptist Church. I can't help but think of all the seasons through which the congregation has journeyed. Many of you have been part of the many seasons in the life of the church. There have been seasons of drought when times were tough and troubles seemed to prevail. Yet, there have also been times of harvest when the church experienced growth and transformation. For every church there are seasons. I wonder what the next season will hold for Oakland Baptist Church? Will you plan on being a part of the new season of life at Oakland Baptist? What place does God have for you in making the next season for Oakland Baptist one of blessing and health?

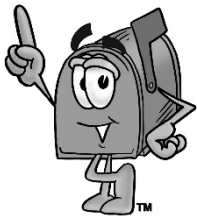
On a personal level, what season of life's journey do you find yourself these days? The writer of Ecclesiastes lists many seasons of life we can experience – "a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to break down and a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and time to dance, a time to cast away and a time to gather, a time to seek and a time to lose, a time to tear and a time to sew, a time to keep silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate." How would you describe this season of life for yourself? However you may define this season of your life, please know this... God is love and you are His beloved. There is no season in life that will ever change or rob you of God's love. His love is faithful in every season of life!

May God bless and renew us for the season ahead. It is a joy to serve as your interim pastor.

Blessings & Grace,
Randy Rains

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

UPDATE: We need everyone's help! We have positions still

available for the 2014 - 2015 year! Thank you to all that have already signed up. Please prayerfully consider where you can serve Oakland next year; there is something for everyone. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Adult Sunday School hallway. If you have any questions, please see Sherry Alston, Bill Groome, or Hazel Morgan.

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, Sherry Alston, Bill & Pat Groome, Hazel Morgan, Frank Smith, or Glenn Williams. Thank you.



<http://Nubiagroup.blogspot.com/>

Happy Birthday!

Kaitlyn Hawk	9/1
Allen Perkins, Sr.	9/3
Deborah Murphy	9/4
Allen Perkins, Jr.	9/4
Charles Smith, Jr.	9/4
Janet Hawk	9/5
Alma Walton	9/6
Tom Parrish	9/8
Ralph Pleasants	9/8
Sonny Sheets	9/8
Brian Hodges	9/9
Chelsea Atkins	9/10
Westley Atkinson	9/10
Mary Southall	9/10
Grayson Proffitt	9/11
John Shelton	9/11
Daniel Strebel	9/11
Teresa Miles	9/13
Lori Carrasco	9/14
Dabney Barber	9/15
Tony Gordon	9/15
A. J. Nester	9/15
Robert Atkinson	9/16
Dalton Nixon	9/16
Teresa Groome	9/19
Sabrina Kirkines	9/20
Frank Southall	9/21
Stuart Ritchie	9/22
Donald Bowmaster	9/23
Monica Grooms	9/23
Frances Groome	9/25
Matt Barlow	9/26
Michael Brooking	9/26
Thomas Reid	9/27
Stacy Harper	9/28
Audrey Alford	9/29
Brandi Goff	9/29
Lorraine Majka	9/29

Happy Anniversary!

Bobby & Betty Fields	9/5
John & Dabney Barber	9/6
Charles & Diana Wagner	9/6
Gregory & Leslie Comstock	9/14
Pedro & Brenda Carrasco	9/17
Robbie & Margo Parrish	9/23
Dana & Nancy Franklin	9/27

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

FIRST LANDING CAMPOUT – To be rescheduled. TBA.

Field Day of the Past - September 19-21, 2014.

The OBC Youth will run the Old Country Store at Field Day of the Past. This serves as an amazing opportunity to interact in the Goochland community. Youth members will raise money toward their summer mission according to their hours worked. Please sign up for shifts with Kim Rosson.

Fall Consignment - Sept. 24, 26, 28, 30; Oct. 2, 3, 4, 11.

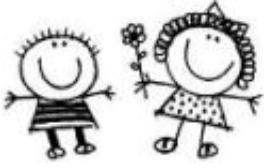
Oakland's Semiannual Consignment Sale is an amazing outreach to our community. Our Youth are very blessed to take part in this event. For each hour worked the Youth member receives \$8/hour worked.

Much love and many blessings,
Ali Marks



There will be a Fall Festival Meeting on Friday, September 5, 2014 at 7pm to discuss, plan, and fill volunteer opportunities for this year's event. Please plan to attend this meeting to sign up for available positions. Please see Sherry Alston (804.855.7446 or oaklandsherry09@yahoo.com) with questions, to sign up to help, or offer suggestions.

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS



any questions.

What a joy it is to witness the blessing the Children's Consignment Sale Ministry brings to those in our community! Come, see and experience the impact this ministry makes on our community and our church. Everyone is welcome and there is something everyone can do to be a part of this important ministry. Please see Sherry Alston, Denise Brooking, Kim Frank, Sandy Harper, Kim Rosson, or Angie Wright if you have

This ministry can only be successful if we have volunteers. Please prayerfully consider signing up to volunteer before, during, and after the sale. Please see Sandy Harper (556-3594) to sign up for one of the work days we have scheduled below:

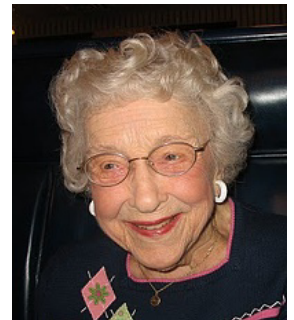
- o 9/24 - set up after bible study
- o 9/26 - drop off (6:30pm - 8:30pm)
- o 9/28 - final set up (1pm - until?)
- o 9/30 - Consignor night (6:30pm - 8:30pm)
- o 10/2 - Public night (6:30pm - 8:30pm)
- o 10/3 - Public night (6:30pm - 8:30pm)
- o 10/4 - Public discount day (9:00am - 12:00pm)
- (After sale need - move all items to old fellowship hall)**
- o 10/11 - open during Fall Festival (9:00am - 12:00pm)
- o 10/17 - resort (6:30pm - until?)
- o 10/19 - pick up (1:30pm - 2:30pm)

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The annual offering for Virginia missions was named for Alma Hunt (1909-2008), a native Virginian who was known worldwide for her missions service and her unwavering dedication to the cause of Christ. Churches and individuals may contribute at any time.

The offering provides funding for all WMUV missions and ministries and makes possible other special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving (but uniquely connected to Virginia Baptists).

Since 1976, this offering has been a joint venture of Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) and Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB).



The annual goal and allocation of funds are directed by a committee composed of equal representation from the WMUV Board of Trustees and the BGAV Executive Board.

When you give to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, you are equipping those who seek to share with others how God has set them free to live and serve.



Each Sunday during the month of September, we will feature a video about a specific Virginia Baptist and WMUV program. Oakland's Goal is \$1,000. Prayerfully give to support our State Missions Offering. Offering envelopes and prayer guides are available in your Sunday School classroom, on the hallway table, or in the pew rack. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at (804)439-1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – September 2014

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
07	Sherry Alston	Ann Taylor	Kathy Wade	Rhonda L. / Brenda D.	Sarah Blair
14	Pat Groome	Hazel Morgan	Bill Groome	Sandy Harper	Michaela Kandrotas
21	Bill Groome	Marie Nester	Sharon Kincaid	Alisha Fields	Ali Marks
28	Len Archer	Shirley Shelton	Shirley Bath	Peggy Bartley	Hayley Rosson



	<u>1</u> Labor Day	<u>2</u> Visitation Committee Meeting 7pm	<u>3</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>4</u> 7pm B&G Meeting	<u>5</u> 7pm Fall Festival Meeting	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship Deacon's 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 12:30pm Youth Meeting	<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 at Oakland	<u>19</u> Field Day of the Past Weekend Friday - Sunday	<u>20</u> Field Day of the Past Weekend Friday - Sunday
<u>21</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship- 11:15 Children's Worship Visitation – 2pm Field Day of the Past Weekend Friday - Sunday	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>25</u>  Consignors – Last day to enter items – 11:59pm	<u>26</u>  Consignor Drop Off 630pm – 8:30pm	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship  Consignment Set Up & Workers Shop 1pm – Until ?	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>  Consignor Shop 6:30pm – 8:30pm				

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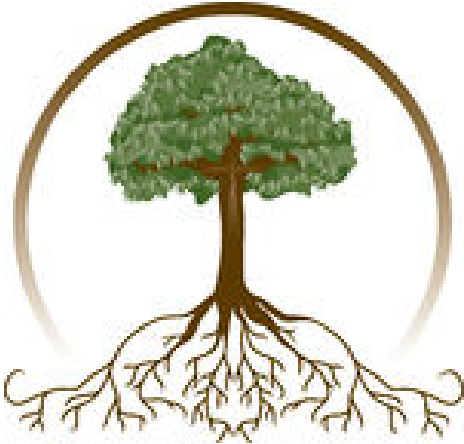
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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at
804.556.3550 & leave a message*



Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Len & Paula Archer
Vicky Barrack
Shirley Bath
Audrey Brown
Ruth Coleman
Randy & Robin Covington
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Rebecca England's Co-worker
Bobby Fields
Carolyn Grant
Pat Groome
Stacey Harper's boss in the loss of his brother
Janet Hawk
Sharon Kincaid's co-worker, Paul
Joan Lloyd
Rhonda Lloyd
Rhonda's niece
Frank Moran
Gladys Nester & her son
Marie Nester's sister, Betty
Gerald Pleasants
Beryl Potter

Starbucks Employees
Tracey Toskes
Tony & Evelyn Wade
Cheri Wise
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Mike & Linda Wood

Colonial Heights Baptist Church
Israel
Our Church
Pulpit Committee
Unspoken Prayer Requests

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

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:
The Family of Debra Peel
The Family of Kermit Cook
The Family of Hilda Harper's brother in law
The Family of Ray Toskes, Jr.

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) or by contacting Sherry Alston BY the 15th of each month