

**Oakland
Baptist
Church**



THE ACORN

August 2015



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Dear Church Family,

It is a joy for Betty and I to serve as your pastoral team. Our greatest desire is to help each and every one of you know Christ and make Him known. We feel like the Apostle Paul who said in his letter to the church at Colossians... "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me." Our deep passion is that Christ will be formed in you. That you will know the exceeding joy and abundance of life that comes from being transformed into the image and likeness of Christ.

In fact, this is the theme of this year's Homecoming & Renewal Services to be held on August 16-19. Our theme for this year is "Until Christ is Formed in You." This phrase comes from the pen of the Apostle Paul in Galatians 4:19. Each and everyone one of us need to be "born again," receiving the new life that God offers us through confidence in Jesus Christ. But we also need to be "formed again" into the image and likeness of Christ. We not only need to be forgiven of our sins, we need also to be cleansed and healed from our sin as well. This is what being "formed again" is all about. How do you need to be "formed again" on a personal basis? In what ways does Oakland Baptist Church need to be "formed again?" This will be the focus of our Homecoming & Renewal Services this year. We will begin on Sunday morning, August 16 during our regular worship service time at 11:00 a.m. We will continue with services on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Coming to lead us in this year's services will be Dr. Lindsay Sadler who will be challenging each of us to a life of transformation. Along with Dr. Sadler, we are happy to welcome our very own Len Archer and friend Kathy Evans as our guest musicians who will be leading us in worship and special music. You don't want to miss this special time in the life of our church.

Let me encourage each of you to be praying and planning to attend. Ask God to show you where you need to be transformed. Begin inviting others and praying for God to accomplish his transforming work in their lives. As a church, we need to pray that God will lead us and help us to be open to how he may want to transform us for the days ahead. It will be an exciting time. Come, expecting God to work in your life and in the life of Oakland Baptist Church!

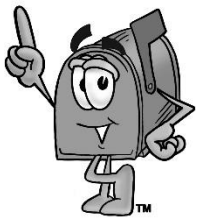
With Love & Blessings,

Randy & Betty

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Seeking Host families to "Share Your America" with a high school exchange student from one of 70 European, South America, Asian or African countries during the upcoming school year. Sponsored by PAX-program of Academic Exchange. The students will arrive in the U.S. in August. If interested, contact Carolyn Nicholson @ 540.661.6414.



Keep in Touch!

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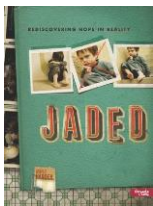
New Address:

PFC Bradshaw
3-82 GSAB
Ft. Bragg, NC 28307



**Join us for Faith Night at the Diamond!
Thursday, August 6th**

Gates open at 5:30 pm for pregame Faith based activities (Pregame Faith Based Band, Player Testimonies, Pregame Praise Dance, Performances). *We will also have post-game fireworks!* If you preordered tickets and haven't gotten them yet, please see Angie Wright or Sherry Alston.



**Early Morning Bible Study
Jaded: Rediscovering Hope in Reality**

August 2 – August 30, 8:30 am
In the Faith Builders Class Room

This five week Bible study looks at the lure of bitterness and cynicism that creeps in and takes over when life doesn't turn out the way its "supposed to." If interested, please contact Angie Wright at 804.937.5406.

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.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE: We need everyone's help! We have many positions still available for the 2015-2016 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 sign-up sheets are in the vestibule along with a job descriptions of each position / committee. If you have any questions, please see Sherry Alston, Bill Groome, or Hazel Morgan.

Happy Birthday!

Tammy Ware	8/2
Ashley Bath	8/6
Louise Grubbs	8/6
Grant Perkins	8/7
Pedro Carrasco	8/8
Alan (Bubba) Rosson	8/9
Betty Dunivan	8/12
Michael Hicks	8/12
Norman Snead	8/12
Grayson Atkinson	8/13
Tiffany Bowen	8/13
Dean Hamblen	8/13
Kerstin Bradshaw	8/14
Doris Atkins	8/16
Gabe Willis	8/17
Alisha Fields	8/21
Betty Jane Smith	8/21
James Simpson	8/22
Gerald Pleasants	8/24
Hilda Harper	8/25
Ricky Smith	8/25
Dorothy Gammon	8/26
Katie Nixon	8/26
Bailey Atwood	8/28
Melissa Smith	8/28
Joyce Hamblen	8/29
Henry Tucker Osborne	8/29
Bernice Peasley	8/31

Happy Anniversary!

Tommy & Debbie Murphy	8/5
Brandon & Alisha Fields	8/10
George & Teresa Groome	8/12
Warren & Jill Harrow	8/16
Doug & Staci Harpster	8/21
Frank & Jenny Smith	8/26
Robert & Mary Gammon	8/30
George & Frances Groome	8/31

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

MFUGE 2015 - July 5-10 @ Charleston Southern University -
We had a wonderful time on our mission trip to Charleston, SC. We began our days with devotional time at 6:45am and ended our nights with church group time ending at 10:30. Not only were the days long, they were very hot. Some of us did games & rec with children while some of us were doing yard work and painting. We enjoyed getting to know some great folks from other churches from VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, LA, & AL as well as enjoying some time with each other. We have memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you so much for the love, prayers, and support you give us to be able to go on these mission trips. Next year's mission trip is already in the works!

YOUTH BEACH CAMP - August 14 & 15

We are camping out at First Landing State Park. We will leave church on Friday, August 14 at 1pm and return about 5pm on Saturday, August 15. This is open to all youth and rising 7th graders. Please see one of us to reserve your spot.

We want to assure you that while we are in a transition period and will miss Ali greatly, the youth committee is dedicated to continuing the studies and events Ali had planned with the Youth. Kim and Joey will handle Sunday school and Sherry will handle Wednesday nights Youth Group. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact one of us.

Words from Women on Missions....

Thank you for your support of Christmas in July. A large box of school supplies was taken to Goochland Elementary & Jouett Elementary.

August Mission Project is collecting *colored* marble composition notebooks (no black & white), #2 pencils, 5 x 7 puzzle/word search books (most be size specified). These will be sent to the Goochland Women's Correctional Center. Place in designated box on table outside copy room

Women's Get Away Is November 7 & 8. This year's theme is "*All for You*" and the cost is \$71.50. A \$10 deposit is due by September 6 with the balance due by October 11. Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available for pick up on August 30th. Deadline to drop off filled boxes is Sunday, November 15th. Please your box on the table outside the copy room.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Our 2015 Homecoming & Revival / Renewal at Oakland Baptist Church

161st Homecoming: Sunday, August 16 at 11:00am
Revival/Renewal: Monday – Wednesday, August 17 – 19,
7:00pm each night

Our theme: "Until Christ is Formed in You"
Our guest speaker/preacher: Dr. Lindsay Sadler
Special music: Len Archer and Kathy Evans



Dr. Lindsay Sadler



Len Archer & Kathy Evans

For more information, please visit our website:
www.oakland-baptist.com or visit our Facebook page: [Oakland Baptist Church](#).

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Join us Sunday, August 23 at 5pm for our Grief Support Group. Our time together will include a time for sharing why we came to the group (not mandatory), we will watch a video that is packed with practical information about the journey we have been forced to travel (faith-based videos), we will connect with others who are grieving, and invite God into our grief. You are welcome to begin attending the group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. If you have a family member or friend that you think can benefit by being a part of this group, please invite them to join us. If you have questions, please contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446).

Dr. John Lindsay Sadler, Jr. - Life verse: *By the grace of God am I.* (I Corinthians 15:10).

Married 40 years to Lee Arrington Sadler; **Four Children: Chris, Crystal, Jonathan, Angela and 10 grandchildren.**

LESIURE ACTIVITIES – Reading, Golf, and Writing

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION: BA – 1972 UNC-Wilmington; M.Div. – 1984 Southeastern Seminary. **D. Min.** – May 2006 Southeastern Seminary. **ORDINATION** – Liberty Baptist Church 1982 – Charlottesville, VA

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE: Dr. Sadler's has served as Pastor of Liberty Baptist in Charlottesville, Pastor of Fallston Baptist in Fallston, NC; Senior Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist in Raleigh, NC; Senior Associate Pastor, Acting Senior Pastor, and Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, VA., While Senior Pastor, also a Chaplin in the Army, served in Iraq for 14 months. Dr. Sadler retired from First Baptist Church. He also served as a Transitional Pastor for Emmanuel Baptist in Manassas, VA

PUBLISHED: R.E.S.C.U.E.: A Navigational System for Church Transformation; The I AM is Christmas.

Dr. Sadler is currently writing two books to be published early summer of 2015: The I AM is Easter & The I Am is the Church.

Len Archer has been a firefighter with the Richmond Fire Department since 1985 and is currently a full-time fire investigator with the City of Richmond. As a vocalist, Len has performed at the University of Richmond Modlin Center for the Performing Arts, was a featured soloist aboard "The Annabel Lee" riverboat in Richmond, VA, and performed the National Anthem in front of a sold-out crowd of thousands at Richmond's Landmark Theatre (now Altria) during two separate speaking engagements featuring Rudy Guliani and General Tommy Franks, the latter performance in concert with the Ft. Lee Army Band. Believing that God has led him into a ministry of sharing his Word through song, Len now officially begins that endeavor. Len's launch into his music ministry which

Work Day - Saturday, August 1 @ 8 am. We would like to have the church cleaned and organized before Homecoming. Please help us by cleaning out your spaces, organizing and labeling items that you or your committee are responsible for before August 1. If you are able to spare time on August 1, please join us for as long as you can; we'll have something for everyone to do. We will clean and organize common areas in the church. Items that aren't labeled or organized may end up at the local donation area or the dump. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446). Thank you!

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – August 2015

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
02	Len Archer	Ann Taylor	Kathy Wade	Brandy Hutchinson	Children's Church
09	Paula Archer	Peggy Bartley	Bill Groome	Denise Brooking	Mission Friends
16	Angie Wright	Brandy Hutchinson	Shirley Bath	Michelle Alford	Mission Friends
23	Lesley Alford	Cassidy Hutchinson	Lesley Alford	Sandy Harper	Children's Church
30	Glenn Williams	Hazel Morgan	Sharon Kincaid	Cheryl Klaty	Mission Friends

August 2015

						<u>1</u> 8 am – Work Day
<u>2</u> 9:45am SS 11:00am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Deacon's Meeting 7pm C.L.A.S.S.Y (College Group)	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 6:30pm CCSM Meeting	<u>5</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Prayer for Homecoming & Revival, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>6</u> 7pm Faith Night at The Diamond	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30 pm Youth Committee	<u>10</u> 10am WOM Morning Group 7pm Bylaws & Constitution Comm. Meeting	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Prayer for Homecoming & Revival, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>13</u>	Youth Camp out at First Landing State Park	
<u>16</u> Homecoming 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley 12:30 Pot Luck Luncheon	<u>17</u> 7 pm – Revival / Renewal Service	<u>18</u> 7 pm – Revival / Renewal Service	<u>19</u> 7 pm – Revival / Renewal Service	<u>20</u> 10am Seniors at GSUMC 7pm WOM Evening Group	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 5pm Grief Support Group	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> 7pm C.L.A.S.S.Y (College Group)	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> 8 am Men's Breakfast 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sherry	<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
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Remembered in our hearts &

prayers:

Vernal Amos
Paula Archer
Paul Balduf
Kenneth "Red" Brill
Audrey Brown
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Betty Fields
Kim Frank's students
Velma Goodwin
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Frank Hughes
Lonnie Kincaid
Ruby Lent
Debbie Minor
Frank Moran
Hazel Morgan
Gladys Nester
Claire & Tom Parrish
Louise Parrish

Betty & Randy Rains
Heath Rains
Bubba Rosson
Frank & Jenny Smith's daughter &
son-in-law
Betty Stanley
Gabby Traw
Tony Wade
Homecoming & Revival
Dr. Lindsay Sadler, Guest Speaker

Our Christian Love & Sympathy
The Family of Russell Humphrey
The Family of Kenneth Lloyd

**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, Stateside
Sully Edwards, Deployed
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed
Daniel Gregory, Army, Stateside
Ethan Payne, USMC, Stateside

**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**