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Dear Church Family,

As you have probably already heard, or read in my previous Pastor's Letter last month... this is the "Year of Transformation" at Oakland Baptist Church. It will be a year in which we focus on both personal and organizational transformation. When it comes to church, there are many questions people ask. Among the many questions, what is the most important question we should be asking? There are always the "Operational" questions. Who is going to take care of the church property, making sure that the property is cared for and maintained? Are we going to have enough income to pay the staff and cover the expenses of church life? There are also the "Program" and "Activity" questions. What programs do we need to plan for and promote? Who can we recruit to lead and work in programs like Sunday school, Youth, Music and Missions? Do we have too many activities going on... or too few? Do we need any new programs or activities? And of course there is always the questions about "Growth." How can we get more people to come to church? Why are so many people not interested in attending church, much less in helping with all the programs and activities? Is there something we can do to attract more people to be an active part of Oakland Baptist Church?

All of these are good questions and must be addressed. However, they are not the most important questions for our lives personally and for us as a church. What is the most important questions we need to be asking? First and foremost, I think we all need to be asking ourselves – "How can my life be transformed so that I can become more like Christ?" The Bible calls us to be imitators of Jesus, not just people who believe in Him. We are to live such transformed lives that when others look at us, see the way we act, the way we talk, the way we relate to others – they will see Christ in us. I don't know about you, but I am still in need of some major transformation in my life so that I can become more like the Christ I claim to follow. Often, as Christians we spend a good deal of our time and energy complaining about how other people and the world needs to change. We need to be asking how I can be changed and transformed. It is only as God transforms me that I can become an agent of transformation in the world.

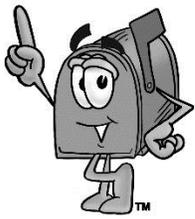
Secondly, we need to be asking ourselves as a church how God needs to transform us? Overall, the church has an image problem in today's world. Many people see the church as an outdated, irrelevant relic that really doesn't have much to offer. Some people affiliate with the church in order to "get saved" and make sure they have their place in heaven reserved. But how do we become a community of transformation? How do we overcome our public perception that the church is judgmental, anti-everything and exclusive instead of a welcoming, inclusive and open place where people can come to find hope, help and healing in the Love of Christ?

How do we change ourselves and the church? We can't and we don't have to. Only God can do this as we give Him space and opportunity to first of all transform us... and secondly as we are transformed the church is transformed. Do you need transformation in your life? Do you want to see Oakland Baptist Church transformed? Join us as we offer ourselves, both personally and corporately, to the work of God's Spirit in us and among us so that we can be transformed and become a transforming community of Christ!

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With Our Love, Randy & Betty



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FT. Eustis, VA 23604-5480

**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, Bobby Fields, Bill Groome, Ricky Harper, Frank Smith, Glenn Williams, or Angie Wright. Thank you.

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30am beginning Sunday, February 1, 2015 for Pressure Points by Chip Henderson.



Pressure is nothing new. But rather than allowing it to crush their faith, James beckoned first-century believers to let the pressures of life push them deeper in their journey with Jesus. The Book of James beckons you, too. Open your heart and life to the truth of God's Word and deal positively with the pressure points in your life. Learn how to keep sin, frustration, harsh words, and wrong actions from ruining lives and hurting others. Pressure doesn't have to dismantle your faith; rather it can lead you to experience the presence and power of God like never before. Ideal for small groups. Please see Angie Wright (804.937.5406) to sign up. Thank you.

## Happy Birthday!

Debra Hollenberg	2/2
Jamie Lloyd	2/2
Wayne Troy	2/2
Brian Hollenberg	2/3
Lonnie Kincaid	2/3
James Wright	2/3
LaWana Huff	2/5
Tommy Murphy	2/5
Diana Wagner	2/9
Crystal Sharpe	2/11
Sandy Harper	2/12
Harry Barlow	2/13
Robert Dorey	2/13
Sadie Edwards	2/14
Joshua Barlow	2/15
Christina Erdt	2/15
Sharon Marker	2/15
Gunner Marks	2/15
Faris Hamrick	2/16
Jena Bath	2/17
David Hawk	2/17
Travis Harrow	2/19
Daniel O'Rourke	2/20
Nathan Alford	2/21
Jerry Gammon	2/21
Tony Wade	2/22
Lillie Rosson	2/23
Alex Justiniano	2/25
John Matysek	2/25
Becky Hicks	2/27
Hazel Morgan	2/27
Danette Moen	2/28
Julie Proffitt	2/28
Justin Hicks	2/29

## Happy Anniversary!

Allen & E Grant Perkins	2/4
Mike & Linda Dillon	2/25



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

**Souper Bowl Luncheon** - - February 1, 2014 @ 12:30pm

All Oakland church-goers are invited to enter in our Annual Souper Bowl Luncheon! Prepare your best soup or chili and have the church vote on the best recipe. Votes will be based upon donation. The contender who raises the most money for their recipe wins the grand prize! Money raised will be used for the Youth's summer mission.

**Valentine's Party** - - February 11, 2014 @ 7pm

Matthew 22:37-39 - "Jesus replied, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Let's love just as Jesus would have us at the Oakland Youth Valentine's Party, scheduled during regular meeting time.

**Basket Bonanza** - - March 7, 2014 @ 2pm

It's time for Fish Fry at Oakland! With the Fish Fry comes the Youth Basket Bonanza. We will be accepting basket donations to be given by ticket purchase, so please don't hesitate to enter if you feel led. Money raised will be used for the Youth's summer mission trip.

Much love and many blessings,

Ali Marks



## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to “An Evening of Praise Music with Len Archer & Friends” on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm - Oakland Baptist Church. Hope to see you there.

**FISH FRY** - We need everyone’s help selling tickets and in various positions during the event. Please see the following people: Betty Fields or Gerald Pleasants for meal tickets; Shirley Bath for \$1.00 donation tickets; Hilda Harper - Bake Sale Items; David Hawk - Auction Items needed (Antiques, Collectibles, Jewelry, etc.). Thanks for your continued support. Flyers are available for distribution and letters are available for vendors. If you are able to work at the Fish Fry, a sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall or you may call Sherry Alston (804.855.7446) to sign up. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



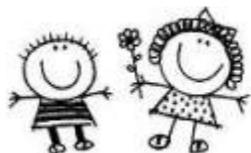
Calling all bakers! Please see Hilda Harper to sign up with bake sale items you will be able to provide! Thank you.

We need items for the Auction at this year’s fish fry! Clean out those closets, basements, etc. and donate items now for the auction. Please put your donated items in the new fellowship hall in the “Auction Item Drop Off”

area. If you need help getting items to church or have questions, please see David Hawk or Sherry Alston. Thank you.



### Consignment Ministry News:



Would you like to be a consignor or know someone who would? Maybe you just want to know what’s involved in being a consignor. We have set the dates for our **Spring Consignment Sale** and the system is ready for you to register and start entering your items. Never consigned before? It’s easy, visit our website: [www.oakland-baptist.com](http://www.oakland-baptist.com), click Children’s Consignment Sale Ministry (CCSM) link for all information regarding registration, what we will accept, hanging clothes, etc. Last day to enter items for the upcoming sale is, Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 11:59pm. Important dates to remember: DROP OFF - Friday 4/10/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; CONSIGNOR SHOP - Tuesday 4/14/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; PUBLIC SALE - Thursday 4/16/15 & Friday 4/17/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; Saturday 4/18/15 & Saturday 4/25/15 - 9am -noon; and PICK UP - Sunday, 5/3/15 - 1:30-2:30pm. Feel free to forward this information to your friends and family that would be interested in consigning. We always welcome new consignors!

Thank you for your participation, support, and prayers in our consignment sale and making this a very successful ministry. Questions: email us at [consignment@oakland-baptist.com](mailto:consignment@oakland-baptist.com)

Oakland Baptist Church Children’s Consignment Ministry Team To sign up, see a member of the CCSM Team: Sherry Alston, Denise Brooking, Sandy Harper, Kim Rosson, or Angie Wright.

Oakland Baptist Church



# Annual Fish Fry,

## Auction & Bake Sale



# Saturday, March 7, 2015



### Cost of Admission:

	<u>Advance</u>	<u>Door</u>
Adults (11 & up)	\$9	\$11
Children (4-10)	\$3	\$4

*Children 3 & under are free*

### For Advance Tickets,

Contact Mary Bradshaw at 556-6996

Advance tickets on sale until Feb. 28

[www.Oakland-Baptist.com](http://www.Oakland-Baptist.com)

### Great Food &

### Fellowship:

Meals served 3:30pm – 6:00pm

### Meal includes:

- 2 Pieces of fish
- Homemade hushpuppies
- Homemade coleslaw
- Baked beans

*(Take out meals are also available!)*

### Where are we?

Oakland Baptist Church  
 2965 Oakland Church Road  
 Gunn Spring 23065  
 011 Broad Street - 1.6 miles East of Route 522  
 (Gunn Spring Exit 159)

### Bake Sale:

End your meal off with a great dessert from our Bake Sale!

The Bake Sale will continue through the entire event.

### Auction:

Starts at 6:00pm

You'll want to stay for this!

Lots of antiques, gifts and collectibles!

### Missions Donation:

Donate \$1 to missions and you may take home:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Handmade quilt
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$100 gas card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$50 gas card

## **NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WMU Happenings...**

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** - Let us give thanks that we have exceeded our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal of \$3000 this year! Your joyful and sacrificial giving made this possible. By last Sunday we had raised \$2853 toward the \$3000 goal. After being challenged to reach the goal you gave an additional \$515 which enabled us to exceed the goal by more than 10%. Well done! And remember... every penny given goes overseas to support the work of our missionaries that we love and hold up in prayer. Thanks to each of you who gave as God led.

WMU Focus week is February 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Women on Missions Groups and Oakland ladies will lead the morning service on February 15, 2015. Everyone is invited to join us prior to the worship service (between 10:25 - 10:50 am) for a time of refreshments and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

WMU Projects for February:

- **Hannah & Jochebed Ministries:** This is a children's ministry and we are collecting underwear and socks for them. Please place items in box on table outside of copy room.
- **Operation Christmas Child:** I encourage everyone to collect items throughout the year to pack the shoeboxes. A list of suggested items will be available on the table outside the copy room.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Kincaid at [grammykincaid@yahoo.com](mailto:grammykincaid@yahoo.com) or call 804.439.1417.

### **GOSHEN OPPORTUNITIES**

Jefferson Area Board of Aging (JABA) is looking for:

- Certified exercise teacher for seniors
- Friendly callers for Louisa and Fluvanna clients (the friendly caller would just call and check on seniors in the Louisa and Fluvanna area).

Adult Community Education (ACE) is looking for an ESOL teacher. This is a paid hourly position but they would be happy to have volunteers. Informal class once per week. Could also use volunteer assistants in the classes.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Laurien Jeffers at [laurienjeffers@yahoo.com](mailto:laurienjeffers@yahoo.com) or call Goshen 540.894.8440.

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2014

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
01	Len Archer	Cassidy Hutchinson	Kathy Wade	Sandy Harper	Kim Rosson
08	Paula Archer	Hazel Morgan	Bill Groome	Cheryl Klaty	Brandy Hutchinson
15	Angie Wright	Ann Taylor	Shirley Bath	Ali Marks	Lillie Rosson
22	Lesley Alford	Peggy Bartley	Lesley Alford	Michaela Kandrotas	Michelle Alford

# February

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Souper Bowl Luncheon/Deacon Meeting			6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<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 12:30 pm Youth Committee	10am WOM	7pm Fish Fry Planning Meeting	6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			
***** WMU Focus Week – February 8 – 15 *****						
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
9:45am Sunday School 11am WMU Focus Sunday 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley 12:30pm VBS Planning Meeting			6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	10am Seniors @ Holly Grove 7pm WOM		7 pm An Evening of Praise Music w/Len Archer & Friends
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30 pm Lunch & Planning Meeting for Ladies Tea		7pm Fish Fry Planning Meeting	6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			

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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Lesley Alford  
Henry Amos  
Audrey Brown  
Dee Buchanan  
Ruth Coleman  
Lou Dodson  
Virginia & Robert Dorey  
Betty & Bobby Fields  
Eddie Garrett  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Junior Hale  
Sandra Jackson  
Kim Jennings  
Ruby Lent  
Joan Lloyd  
Frank Moran  
Bill Nester  
Gladys Nester  
Courtney Newton  
Charlotte Parrish  
Louise Parrish

Claire & Tom Parrish  
Gerald Pleasants  
Betty & Randy Rains  
Heath Rains  
Alma Salazar  
Betty Stanley  
Tom Sutterfield's mom  
Kathy Wade's grandson, Dallas  
Our Country  
Our Church & Youth  
Homeless  
Community Needs  
Unspoken Prayer Requests

## Our Christian Love & Sympathy:

The Family of Ben Isbel  
The Gibson Family  
The Family of Paul Gilmer  
The Family of Everett Ware

**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