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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! Our theme for Oakland Baptist in 2015 is going to be “The Year of Transformation.” The Gospel is all about transformation. Personally, each of us are in constant need of being transformed into the likeness of Christ. In 2nd Corinthians 3:18 the Apostle Paul says that we are “all being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” Each one of us, no matter how old or how young, hunger for the transforming power of God’s Spirit to be at work in our lives. There are many areas in my life where I am unlike Christ. Those areas need the gentle, gracious transforming work of the Spirit so I can reflect Christ in all I am and do. What about your life? Are there areas in your life that need the transforming power of Christ? How will you open your heart and life to God this year so that He can do His work of transforming you into being like Christ?

What about our families? Are they not also in need of transformation? We must learn how to allow the Spirit of Christ to live in and become the center of our marriages and our homes. Even if you live alone at this stage of life, you are still part of a family. How does God need to be at work within your marriage or family? Are there others in your family for whom you need to pray or reach out to in love? Marriage and the family are in a serious state within our culture. We desperately need the transforming power of the Spirit to be at work among us... bringing healing, health and hope.

As a church family we are also in need of being transformed. Churches who resist change and live by the mantra... “We’ve never done it that way before” – are usually churches that are on the decline. Are we willing to take some risk and do something new this year? What needs to change at Oakland Baptist that will help us move forward in lifting up the name of Christ and ministering to others in His name? We are involved in many wonderful ministries, but how can we allow God to transform those ministries in new ways?

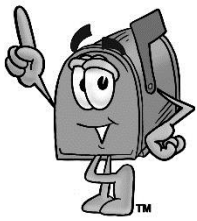
The work of transformation is never easy, but it is always worth it. We must remember - we cannot transform ourselves. However, as we allow the Spirit of God to be at work in us, He can and will bring transformation. It may be painful at times and we will probably feel resistant toward change. Let us say, as the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 3:12, “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect (complete), but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.” We look forward to serving you and encouraging you in 2015 as God continues His transforming work in us and through us at Oakland Baptist.

Blessings,

Randy & Betty Rains

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There will be a Fish Fry planning meeting on Tuesday, 1/6 at 7pm. Anyone who is willing to help PLEASE be at this meeting, there are many things to discuss. We need everyone to be there!

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.

WMU Happenings...

Don't know what to do with all that loose change in your pockets? WOM has the perfect solution. Fill a baby bottle to support Bethany Place Pregnancy Center in Fredericksburg, VA. A baby bottle has been placed in each Sunday School classroom. Please fill it with your change or bills and I will collect them on Sunday, January 25.

Thank you so much for your support of Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in 2014. We collected and delivered 75 boxes to Ragland. We encourage you to continue collecting items throughout the year to pack these boxes.

Partnership Dinner will be held at the Mineral Family Life Center on Saturday, January 10, at 5 pm. This is an opportunity to hear updates on many of Goshen Association's Partnership Missions Project. More information on this event to come.

Happy Birthday!

Shannon Fields	1/1
Amanda Brooking	1/3
David Hodges	1/3
Karen Nicely	1/3
Adam Alford	1/5
Stewart Hicks	1/5
Sophie Summitt	1/5
Melissa Heffinger	1/7
Judy Bailey	1/8
Linda Smith	1/8
Missy Bowmaster	1/9
Patrick Hodges	1/9
Rhiannon Sherrill	1/9
Ricky Harper	1/10
Jason Snead	1/11
Trish Wise	1/11
Crystal Kirkines	1/12
Nancy Walton	1/14
Katherine Murphy	1/15
Amy Gordon	1/16
Charles Atkins, Jr.	1/17
Gregory Comstock	1/17
Brenda Dodson	1/18
Robert Parrish	1/18
Jenny Summitt	1/18
Liz Alford	1/19
Frank Erdt	1/19
Rebecca England	1/19
Mabel Pleasants	1/19
Jessica Osborne	1/22
Frank Smith	1/22
Hallie Hicks	1/23
Kyndall Bradshaw	1/25
Robert Gammon	1/25
Angi Hill	1/26
Peter Carrasco	1/28
Jennifer Garrigan	1/29
Patricia Gammon	1/29
Kim Groome	1/29
Josie Summitt	1/29
Jennifer Walsh	1/29
Mike Dillon	1/30
Beth Willis	1/31

Happy Anniversary!

Dan & Carol Summitt	1/1
Grayson & Barbara Atkinson	1/9
Stewart & Hallie Hicks	1/23
Tony & Kathy Wade	1/27

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

MOVIE DAY -- TBA

The OBC Youth will attend a showing of the "Exodus" movie following worship. Date at times are currently being discussed by the Youth Committee.

SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON -- February 1, 2014 @ 12:30pm

The Youth will host their annual Souper Bowl Luncheon following the worship service. This is a time for friendly competition and fellowship. Anyone who has a great soup/chili recipe is invited to enter the competition. Votes for the best will be cast via monetary donations. Money raised will be put toward the Youth's summer mission trip.

BASKET BONANZA ENTRIES -- The Youth will be running the Basket Bonanza once again at the Fish Fry on March 7, 2014. Winners of each basket will be selected by ticket purchase. Money raised will go toward the Youth's summer mission trip. In order to make it a success, we will need baskets. If you feel led to donate a themed basket to the bonanza, please contact Ali Marks via email at obcyp2010@gmail.com.

Much love and many blessings,
Ali Marks

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you Santa,

We had another wonderful day at Oakland with our annual “Breakfast with Santa” community event. It was great to see so many smiling and anxious faces on the kids and adults. The support from our Oakland Church family was fantastic. Kids were excited as well as the adults to see and have time with Santa. I would love to hear some of the stories the kids told Santa while setting in his lap. We had pictures taken with Santa that all look very professional and at no charge. We had the friendliest Santa taking plenty of time with each child.

It wasn't just breakfast with Santa. I was great fellowship with all. A mountain of pancakes was served by the kitchen crew. There was a group helping the kids with crafts and coloring. We had blankets made by the kids and adults which will be given to the rescue squad for a child when they go on a call. The youth told the Christmas Story about Jesus which they loved. Also, the consignment ministry had families in need go through the donated toys clothes so there children would have something for Christmas.

If you haven't been able to come to a “Breakfast with Santa” event I would like to invite you to come next year. Everyone had a great time and it was an experience you won't forget.

Thank everyone that helped out.

Ricky Harper

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – January 2015

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
04	Frank Smith	Hazel Morgan	Sharon Kincaid	Kim Rosson	Lillie Rosson
11	Bobby Fields	Ann Taylor	Pat Groome	Brandy Hutchinson	Ali Marks
18	Ricky Harper	Peggy Bartley	Shirley Bath	Denise Brooking	Michaela Kandrotas
25	Bill Groome	Brandy Hutchinson	Lesley Alford	Michelle Alford	Sarah Blair



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<u>4</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Deacon Meeting	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 7pm Fish Fry Planning Meeting	<u>7</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship- 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30pm Youth Committee	<u>12</u> 10am WOM	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>15</u> 10am Seniors 7pm WOM	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
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Lesley Alford
Sandi Blair
Audrey Brown
Read Clayton
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Gabe Edwards
Bobby Fields
The Gibson Family
Velma Goodwin
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Hallie Hicks' sister, Joyce
Kim Jennings
Craig Kane
Ruby Lent
Frank Moran
Gladys Nester
Louise Parrish
Tom & Claire Parrish
Gerald Pleasants
Sonny Sheets
Tom Sutterfield's mom
Kathy Wade's grandson, Dallas

***Our Christian Love &
Sympathy:***
The Family of Timmy Gilmer
The Family of Linda Beene
The Family of Everette 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

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revised monthly through
mentioned prayer concerns,
website submissions, email
([communication@oakland-
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Sherry Alston BY the 15th of each
month**