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Dear Church Family,

It's the month of March... and you know what the means? Spring is almost here! The cold, short, dark days of winter are beginning to grow longer as the sun makes its way north. The plant and animal life are sensing the changing rhythms of the season as new life begins to rise and prepares to burst forth. It is a time of transformation from death to life. During the winter, it seems as if everything has died. The branches are bare and the earth is void of the vibrant colors of life. Then comes the miraculous changing of the seasons, bringing new life.

What a great reminder of how God is at work in each of our lives. Even while we were yet sinners, Christ came to redeem us. Even when we were dead in our sins and trespasses, God came to bring us new life in Christ. We are now children of God, given the hope of new life within us. Yet, like the seasons, we are not quite there. We are always on a journey of transformation from the winter times of life to the new life of spring. What has died within you that needs to be brought back to life? What in your life needs to be transformed? This is our mission at Oakland Baptist Church. We are to be people of new life, bringing hope and life to others who are dead to the joy of knowing Christ.

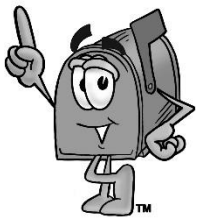
How can we be people of new life? The only way we can do that is to allow Christ to live in us. The Apostle Paul said many years ago - "for to me to live is Christ." Life comes when we follow and pursue the life that Christ has to offer us. Jesus said that he came to give us life and to give it in abundance. Could your life be described as the abundant life? Or are you living the exhausted life... or perhaps a life of survival? However you may describe your life these days, I hope you will let us encourage and help you find the true life that comes from following the Jesus way. After all, Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. Following the Jesus Truth, in the Jesus Way, will always lead to the Jesus Life. We hope you will be a part of the journey of transformation toward new life in Christ at Oakland Baptist Church. This is the "Year of Transformation" at Oakland Baptist. If we can be of service or assistance to you, we hope you will call upon us. It is our joy to serve and equip you in finding the life of Christ.

Blessings,

Randy & Betty Rains

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Support our newest Army Recruit:

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2nd Platoon
F CO 1-222nd AVN REGT
1002 Benedict Place
FT. Eustis, VA 23604-5480

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.

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.



Happy Birthday!

David Bailey	3/1
William Hees	3/1
Robert Grooms	3/5
Uriah Marks	3/5
Eddie Bradshaw	3/7
Brandon Klaty	3/8
Paula Archer	3/9
Ruby Gentry	3/9
Vicki Kellison	3/9
Dan Summitt	3/9
Kathy Wade	3/9
David Atwood	3/10
Michaela Kandrotas	3/12
Jessie Pleasants	3/12
Gabe Edwards	3/13
Wayne Ware	3/13
Brenda Snead	3/14
Rhonda Lloyd	3/15
Charles Wagner	3/15
Joshua Kellison	3/16
Robert Cutchin	3/17
Kyle Dabney, III	3/17
Becky Edwards	3/17
Noel Brooking	3/18
Elizabeth LaSavage	3/22
Tennis Bradshaw	3/24
Ember Franklin	3/24
Ali Marks	3/24
Angie Wright	3/24
Louise Parrish	3/25
Nancy Franklin	3/26
Thasha Renee Luck	3/26
Riley Saunders	3/26
Daryl Smith	3/26
Jerralyn Sherrill	3/27
Jeremy White	3/27
Amber Bowmaster	3/28
Melinda Gammon	3/28
Amanda Durham	3/29
Janet Jones	3/30
Breanne Berlin	3/31
Deborah Ware	3/31

Happy Anniversary!

David & Debbie Ware	3/16
Robert & Debbie Cutchin	3/17
Harry & Martha Barlow	3/20
Bubba & Kim Rosson	3/25

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

Basket Bonanza - - March 7, 2014 @ 2pm

The Oakland Youth will run the Basket Bonanza during Fish Fry. Basket donations will be won by ticket purchase to raise money for our summer mission trip. Please contact Ali Marks if you feel led to donate a basket.

Much love and many blessings,
Ali Marks

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

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Great Food & Fellowship:

Meals served 3:30pm – 6:00pm

Meal includes:
2 Pieces of fish
Homemade hushuppies
Homemade coleslaw
Baked beans
(Take out meals are also available)

Where are we?

Oakland Baptist Church
2965 Oakland Church Road
Gum Spring, 23065
011 Broad Street - 1.6 miles East of Route 522
(Gum 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:
1st prize: Handmade quilt
2nd prize: \$100 gas card
3rd prize: \$50 gas card

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 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

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.

WMU Happenings...

The Women on Missions Sunday was a success! Thanks to Betty Rains for her hard work in organizing the service...the countless hours of interviewing our ladies to prepare them for the event, gathering materials, and leading us. During the service we had an opportunity to honor our ladies. Special recognition was given to Virginia Dorey for her work and the legacy she paved for us. It was truly a blessing to hear each person's testimony about what Oakland, Oakland's ladies, and WMU meant to each of them. Kathy Evans provided our special music. Thanks to Jerri Sherrill and Hazel Morgan for preparing and serving the wonderful refreshments. The fellowship hall was beautiful and the food was delicious. I am truly blessed to work with such a wonderful group of ladies. Thanks for all you did to make this day special.

All ladies are invited to join one of the Women on Missions groups. The morning groups meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 10 am. The evening group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Come and pray for our missionaries, learn about them and their work, and help us plan special mission projects and events.

Parents of Preschoolers: Mission Friends will start Sunday, March 1. Sarah Blair and Michaela Kandrotas are looking forward to leading this group. They will meet in the 3 & 4 year old classroom. Any questions, contact Sarah Blair at 804.439.1402 or srebeccablair@gmail.com.

Annie Armstrong Offering & Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 1 - 8.

GIVING TO THROUGH THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING® 100% of every gift goes to support the North American Mission Board's Send North America strategy of planting more churches to push back lostness in North America. Oakland can help the North American Mission Board deliver the message of God's love, mercy and redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ, to every corner of this continent. Oakland's goal is \$2,000.




You are invited to the Ladies' Tea on March 22, 2015 from 2—5 pm
Oakland Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Laura Guest, IMB
Missionary to South Asian Peoples. Invite a friend, bring a tea cup and a snack to share.

*Please sign up by Sunday, March 15 Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board outside
the copy room. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid (804.439.1417).*

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2014

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
01	Glenn Williams	Brandy Hutchinson	Kathy Wade	Rhonda Lloyd	Denise Brooking
08	Frank Smith	Cassidy Hutchinson	Bill Groome	Sarah Blair	Sandy Harper
15	Bobby Field	Hazel Morgan	Shirley Bath	Hazel Morgan	Cheryl Klaty
22	Ricky Harper	Ann Taylor	Lesley Alford	Kim Rosson	Lillie Rosson
29	Bill Groome	Peggy Bartley	Sharon Kincaid	Brandy Hutchinson	Ali Marks

March

<p><u>1</u></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Deacon Meeting</p>	<p><u>2</u></p>	<p><u>3</u></p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p>6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir</p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p>B&G Meeting 7pm</p>	<p><u>6</u></p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p>Fish Fry 3:30pm – 6:00pm</p> 
<p><u>8</u></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30 pm Youth Committee</p>	<p><u>9</u></p> <p>10am WOM</p>	<p><u>10</u></p>	<p><u>11</u></p> <p>6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir</p>	<p><u>12</u></p>	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u></p>
<p><u>15</u></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School 11am WMU Focus Sunday 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley 12:30pm VBS Planning Meeting</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p> <p>6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir</p>	<p><u>19</u></p> <p>10am Seniors @ Holly Grove 7pm WOM</p>	<p><u>20</u></p>	<p><u>21</u></p>
<p><u>22</u></p> <p>9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Kathy Ladies Tea</p>	<p><u>23</u></p>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u></p> <p>6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir</p>	<p><u>26</u></p>	<p><u>27</u></p>	<p><u>28</u></p>
<p><u>29</u></p> <p>8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Sherry Church Council 12:30pm</p>	<p><u>30</u></p>	<p><u>31</u></p>				

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Gary Anderson & Family
Paula Archer
Shirley Bath
Audrey Brown
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Betty & Bobby Fields
Kim Frank's son, Sam
Eddie Garrett
Velma Goodwin
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Ricky Harper
Brandy Hutchinson's dad
Kim Jennings
Ruby Lent
Joan Lloyd
Rhonda Lloyd's friend, Jeff
Frank Moran
Gladys Nester
Louise Parrish & daughter, Brenda
Tom & Claire Parrish
Gerald Pleasants

Donny Pretty
Betty & Randy Rains
Heath Rains
Sonny Sheets
Betty Stanley (Praise!)
Tony Wade
Sandi Williams
Henry Wilmer
Fish Fry
Our Country
Our Church & Youth
Homeless
Community Needs
Unspoken Prayer Requests

Our Christian Love & Sympathy: The Family of Virginia Dorey

**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-
baptist.com](mailto:communication@oakland-baptist.com)) or by contacting
Sherry Alston BY the 15th of each
month**