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Dear Church Family,

Spring has finally arrived! As I was driving down Interstate 64 this morning it was evident that new life was abounding. The red buds were in full bloom and the new green leaves were gently revealing themselves. It reminded me of nature's constant transformation – a continual process of dying and being reborn. What a perfect analogy and picture of the Christian journey. As Christians, we do not arrive. We are on a life long journey of transformation that involves a series of death and life experiences. We are all on the trajectory of being transformed into the image and likeness of Christ. Each of us are at different stages of the journey, but we are all on the journey together. As a church, we are here to encourage and admonish one another to stay on the path of transformation. That is why we have declared our theme for the year at Oakland Baptist Church to be - "A Year of Transformation."

Once again, we each need to be asking ourselves the question – both personally and as a church – "Where do I need to be transformed?" What in me needs to die so that the life of Christ can live in me? As a church, what do we need to let go of so that the fullness of Christ can shine through us as the body of Christ? These questions need to be constantly before us. Transformation is not easy simply because it requires death... death to our old ways of being, thinking and doing. Yet, transformation can also be exciting because it brings us new life. God is always at work in us, as His beloved people, so that we may become more like Him as we shine with His glory. Our prayer is that we are all moving along the journey to the place where we can say with the Apostle Paul who said it so well... "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." – Galatians 2:20

Let us also express our thanks for the generosity of giving to our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. 100% of the money given to this offering goes to support our missionaries who are serving in the U.S. and Canada. Many of them work in areas where the needs of people are great and the Good News of Jesus is desperately needed. Our goal this year was \$2000 and we exceeded our goal! Thanks to each of you who gave generously and with a joyful heart.

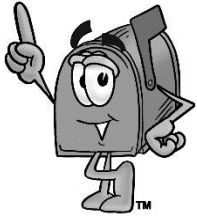
Our Spring Consignment Ministry is in full swing as I write this letter. This is a wonderful ministry to our local community. Thanks to all who participate in and help make this ministry possible. We trust and pray that those who take part in this ministry will see the love of God in action and will be drawn closer to Christ.

It is a joy for us to serve you. We keep you in our prayers and ask that you do the same for us. We are all pilgrims on our way into God's everlasting Kingdom. It is often a difficult journey, but even more so it is a joyful one as we keep our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

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Blessings, Randy & Betty Rains



**Keep in Touch!**

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Henrico, VA 23238

Ruth Coleman  
Symphony Manor  
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Richmond, VA 23238

Margie Gonzalez, 334.692.4131  
162 Jones Road  
Newton, Alabama 36352

Tom & Claire Parrish, 804.447.4141  
12401 Gayton Road  
Room 325  
Henrico, VA 23238

Darrell & Cheri Wise  
10759 Southern Trace Circle  
Flint, TX 7752

**New Address:**

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



**CONSIGNMENT MINISTRY NEWS:**

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU! For being a blessing to others by helping with our Spring / Summer

Consignment Sale. This ministry wouldn't be successful without your help, support, and prayers. We've got one more date for this sale and that's pick up! If you haven't signed up to help with pick-up, please see Sandy Harper to do so. Pick-up is Sunday, May 3, 1:30pm - 2:30pm. Thank you, CCSM Team: Sherry Alston, Denise Brooking, Sandy Harper, & Kim Rosson.

**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.



Ladies Spring Outing: Bella Sicilia Restaurant – Goochland. May 14th at 6:30 pm – dinner. Please RSVP to Angie Wright (anyone who may need a ride, let Angie know) 804.937.5406

## Happy Birthday!

David Bowmaster	5/1
Abigail Osborne	5/1
Margo Parrish	5/1
Cameron Young	5/1
Sherry Alston	5/3
Jason Brooking	5/3
Kimberly Murray	5/5
Sarah Wade	5/6
Ann Dabney	5/7
Sharon Kincaid	5/8
Wanda Kirkines	5/8
Joey Berlin	5/9
Christina Clough	5/11
Revia Wells Kramer	5/13
Ron Taylor	5/13
Wyatt Clough	5/14
Ashley Dabney	5/15
Billie Altizer Reid	5/15
Preston Young	5/15
Jeff Brooks	5/16
Denise Brooking	5/17
Jared Kellison	5/17
Claire Parrish	5/18
Kamren Clarke	5/19
Warren Harrow	5/20
John Snead	5/21
Martha Barlow	5/22
Brandon Fields	5/22
Mary Catherine Gammon	5/22
Audrey Brown	5/25

## Happy Anniversary!

David & Missy Bowmaster	5/16
David & Janet Hawk	5/16
Vernon & Wendy Grady	5/18
James & Sally Hodges	5/19
Glenn & Angie Wright	5/19



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

**Youth-Hosted Talent Show** - May 16, 2015 - Spaghetti Dinner @ 5pm; Show @ 6pm - - All students 6th Grade and younger are invited to showcase their talents! Money raised will find our Youth Mission trip to Charleston this July. Please sign up on the sheet outside Ali's office. Talents performed by adults are welcome, but will not be votes upon.

**Grad/Youth Sunday - June 7, 2015** - The OBC Youth will lead worship. Please contact Ali Marks via cell (434-987-3141) or email (obcyp2010@gmail.com) if you should have a graduate to be recognized.

Much love and many blessings,  
Ali Marks

## Words from Women on Missions....

**Week of Prayer for Associational Missions** is May 17 – 24. Oakland's goal is \$1,000. Prayer guides and envelopes will be available in the Sunday School rooms and vestibule area.

### Coeburn Lunch Project

We will collect the following:

- Jars of peanut butter and jelly
- Single serving fruit & pudding cups
- Single serving bags of chips
- Juice boxes

Please place items in box provided under table outside the copy room. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THAILAND TREK

#### Take a Trip to Thailand!

- ❖ New Friends
- ❖ Amazing new culture
- ❖ Thai games
- ❖ Unique snacks
- ❖ Surprising adventures
- ❖ Incredible music

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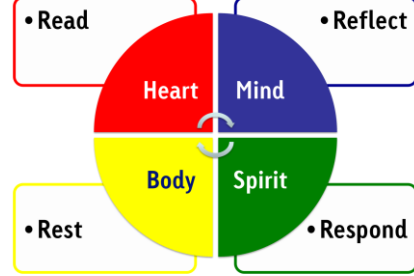
**VBS will last from:** June 15, 2015 - June 18, 2015

**Commencement:** Friday, June 19, 2015

**Each day's fun begins at:** 6:45pm

**The VBS day ends at:** 9:00pm

**For more information, call:** Sharon Kincaid, 804.439.1417



Beginning Monday, May 4th at 7:00 pm, Betty Rains will begin a 6 week Bible session for women. She will be guiding and teaching the practice of Lectio Divina: prayer and meditation of scripture. All are welcome!



It is anticipated that our Grief Support Group will start in June or July. Watch your newsletters for details. Notices will also be posted on our church website and Facebook pages. For questions, contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446)



**It's time to update  
Oakland's Church Directory!  
BE A PART OF OUR FAMILY ALBUM  
Sunday, May 31 after worship**



We will gather for fellowship over a POT LUCK LUNCHEON and will be taking pictures during that time. Group shots will be taken on Sunday, May 31 and Sunday June 7; please plan to attend Sunday School.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the adult Sunday School hall for you to reserve a time to have you or your family's picture taken. A schedule for Sunday School class and group shots will be distributed.


We encourage all families to help us complete our family album!

*Any questions, please contact: Sherry Alston 855-7446; Gail Brooks 339-4682; or Kim Rosson 928-2780*

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – May 2015

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
03	Frank Smith	Brandy Hutchinson	Kathy Wade	Ali Marks	Lillie Rosson
10	Bobby Fields	Cassidy Hutchinson	Bill Groome	Michaela Kandrotas	Michelle Alford
17	Ricky Harper	Hazel Morgan	Shirley Bath	Rhonda Lloyd	Denise Brooking
24	Bill Groome	Ann Taylor	Lesley Alford	Sarah Blair	Sandy Harper
31	Len Archer	Peggy Bartley	Sharon Kincaid	Hazel Morgan	Cheryl Klaty

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					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 7pm A.A.
<u>3</u> 9:45am SS 11:00am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>7</u> National Day of Prayer   7pm B&G Meeting	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 7pm A.A.
<u>10</u> Happy Mother's Day! 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30 pm Youth Committee	<u>11</u> 10am WOM Morning Group	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>14</u> 6:30pm Ladies Spring Outing, Bella Sicilia	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 7pm A.A.
<u>17</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley 12:30 pm VBS Planning Meeting	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>21</u> 10am Seniors at Providence 7pm WOM Evening Group	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 7pm A.A.  <div style="border: 1px dashed red; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; color: red;">Carpenters for Christ – Mulberry, MO May 22 - 29</div>
Week of Prayer for Associational Missions						
<u>24</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 7pm A.A.
<u>31</u> 8 am Men's Breakfast 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sherry 12:30 Church Pot Luck Luncheon & Directory Picture Day						

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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:**

Lesley Alford & her cousin, Susan  
Kay Amos  
Gary Anderson  
Len Archer  
Jane Atkinson  
Shirley Bowyer's granddaughter, Tiffany  
Ann Brown  
Denise Brooking's co-worker  
Audrey Brown  
Janice Burkhead  
Ruth Coleman  
David Creasy  
David & Charlene Eshleman  
Betty Fields  
Cary Lynn Fields  
Eddie Garrett – Praise!  
Leon Goode  
Velma Goodwin  
Lou Dodson Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Pat Groome  
Ricky Harper  
Mike Harris  
Hallie & Stewart Hicks  
Gayle Hoyle  
Brandy Hutchinson's nephew,  
Thomas Gage

Sharon Kincaid's boss & her husband,  
Charlene & David  
Kim Jennings  
Leonard Jones  
Ruby Lent  
Debbie Minor  
Gladys Nester  
Claire & Tom Parrish  
Louise Parrish  
Betty & Randy Rains  
Heath Rains  
Taylor Roberts  
Bubba Rosson  
Julia Semones  
Betty Stanley  
Gabby Traw  
Evelyn Wade  
Kathy & Tony Wade  
Glenn Williams  
Sandi Williams

**Our Nursing Home Members; see  
"Keep in Touch" section.**

**Our Christian Love & Sympathy:**  
**The Family of Billy Hutchinson**  
**John Miller & Family (mother passed)**  
**The Family of Stewart Ragland**  
**The Family of Skylar Waldrop**  
**The Family of Karen Ware**

### **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**