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Dear Church Family,

November has arrived and with it the wonder and color of Autumn. Of course, November is the month of Thanksgiving – a wonderful reminder of our need to be thankful for all the blessings that God bestows upon our lives. Life certainly has its' challenges and disappointments. However, as the line from the hymn goes, "Count your many blessings, name them one by one." Thanksgiving is a learned practice. It is not something that comes naturally. I think of Paul's words to the congregation at Ephesus when he wrote... "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him." (Ephesians 1:16-17)

We have much to give thanks for at Oakland Baptist these days. We can be thankful for the generous giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission offering. You gave far beyond our goal and we will send over \$1500 to the offering. Our children were challenged to participate in the offering and raised over \$58 for which we are thankful. Our Children's Consignment Ministry went extremely well, clearing well over \$9500. We are thankful for all who participate in this ministry and pray for those in our community whose lives have been impacted. We are also thankful for the fun, food and fellowship we enjoyed at the Fall Festival. Between the proceeds we received from the Brunswick Stew and the Bake Sale, we raised over \$3000 for missions. Thanks to all who gave of their time and energy to make this event possible.

Yet, we are not just thankful for these events and for the money that has been raised. We can be thankful for a congregation of folks who care, support and challenge one another in life's journey. Life is not easy, but with the support of a church family we can learn to walk through both life's blessings and burdens.

Betty and I are thankful to each of you for your love, support and encouragement. We are thankful for the opportunity to support, challenge and pray for you as we all grow up into Christ – who is the head of the body – his church. What are you thankful for these days? May God give us all thankful and grateful hearts in the days ahead.

Blessings,
Randy & Betty

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Keep in Touch!

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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, Bobby Fields, Ricky & Sandy Harper, Kim Rosson, Glenn Williams, Angie Wright, or Betsy Young. Thank you.



NEWSLETTERS - If you are interested in continuing to receive the Oakland Baptist Church monthly newsletter, please provide an updated email address to communication@oakland-baptist.com and be sure to add that email address to your safe senders list, in order to avoid it going to your junk / spam mail. If you do not have email access or will be picking it up at church, contact one of the committee members and provide / confirm your mailing address. Committee members: Sherry Alston (804.855.7446), Shirley Bath (804.241.5702), Bill Groome (804.556.6482), Pat Groome (804.908.3276) or Sharon Kincaid (804.439.1417). Thank you.

Happy Birthday!

Leonard Jones	11/2
Shirley Bath	11/3
Shirley Bowyer	11/3
Sally Hodges	11/3
Beth Parrish	11/5
Sandi Blair	11/7
Sam Pleasants	11/8
Ryan Erb	11/9
Ben Pillsbury	11/10
Loren Stanley	11/10
Christopher Hodges	11/11
Amy Jarrell	11/11
Eric Majka	11/12
Les Bradshaw	11/13
Pam Bradshaw	11/13
Mikayla Brooks	11/13
Horace Crowder	11/14
Tori Klein	11/16
Bill Groome	11/18
Jennifer Dabney	11/19
Betsy Young	11/19
Tennis Bradshaw	11/21
Ruby Lent	11/21
Luke Parrish	11/21
Amanda Alston	11/22
Emily Ryland	11/22
Brenda Carrasco	11/23
Barbara Atkinson	11/24
Christina England	11/24
Ashley Saunders	11/25
Derek Blair	11/26
Carolyn Grant	11/27
Vance Willis	11/27
Shearin England	11/29
Stan Majka	11/30

Happy Anniversary!

Ben & Gail Pillsbury	11/1
Dennis & Melinda Gammon	11/5
Lonnie & Sharon Kincaid	11/5
Eddie & Mary Bradshaw	11/10
Ron & Ann Taylor	11/17
Bill & Pat Groome	11/18
Grayson & Carolyn Grant	11/25
Michael & Theresa Hicks	11/26

PUMPKINS and JESUS

P is for the People that Jesus came to save.

U is for the Unconditional love to each one He gave.

M is for the Message that we should all be sharing.

P is for the Priceless gift God above showed he is caring.

K is for the King of Kings.

I is for the Insight He brings.

N is for the Nails in His hands.

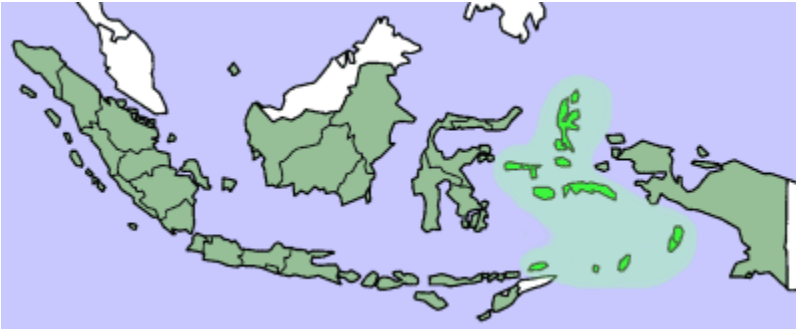
S is for our Savior who gave His life so we could stand.

So when you see a pumpkin don't think about some guy named Jack.

Instead remember Jesus Christ, Lord of Lords, who is one day coming back.



NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Indonesia: Tropical paradise or islands of lostness?

More than a millennium ago, foreign traders began coming to Indonesia's 13,000 islands, seeking precious spices of nutmeg, mace, and cloves. Religious beliefs also flowed into the islands from trade ships: Hinduism from India, Buddhism from China, and the most

influential religion of all, Islam. The beliefs of Muslim traders swept the archipelago, making Indonesia today the world's most populous Muslim nation. This creates a challenge for introducing Indonesians to the gospel.

Explore Indonesia through the 2015 International Mission Study. Discover the challenges and joys of ministry there. Visit the places that draw more tourists than traders today, and learn about individuals who are leaving a legacy there that matters for eternity.

Join us on Wednesday, November 18th, at 6 pm for an international dinner and 7 pm for the study.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and list of gift suggestions are available for pick up; some are below. Fill your shoebox and return by Sunday, November 15th. Boxes can be placed on table outside copy room. Thank you for your support.

What Goes in My Shoebox?

"Wow" Item: Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Ideas include: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes

Other Suggestions: Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. ***Non-liquid Hygiene Items:*** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

Crafts: Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets. Instructions available on Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child website along with age & genders specific gift ideas.

A Personal Note: You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back.

Do Not Include: Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – November 2015

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Preschool
01	Glenn Williams	Betty Stanley	Lesley Alford	Kim Rosson	Children's Worship
08	Betsy Young	Ann Taylor	Bill Groome	Cheryl Klaty	Mission Friends
15	Bobby Fields	Kay Amos	Shirley Bath	Rhonda Lloyd	Mission Friends
22	Ricky Harper	Betty Dunnivan	Betty Rains	Betty Smith	Mission Friends
29	Kim Rosson	Kim Frank	Sharon Kincaid	Denise Brooking	Mission Friends

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<u>01</u> 12:30pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>02</u>	<u>03</u>	<u>04</u>	<u>05</u> 6:30 pm AA	<u>06</u>	<u>07</u>
<u>08</u> 9:45am SS 11:00am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship	<u>09</u> 10 am WOM Morning Group	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>12</u> 6:30 pm AA	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship & Mission Friends 12:30 pm Youth Committee	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 6 pm WNS 7 pm Business Meeting	<u>19</u> 10am Seniors at 6:30 pm AA 7 pm WOM Evening Group	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship & Mission Friends 5pm Grief Support	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>26</u> 6:30 pm AA  Happy Thanksgiving	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship	<u>30</u>					

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Matt Alford
Shirley Bowyer's daughter,
Wanda Powell
Shirley Bowyer's nephew,
Charlie
Audrey Brown
Robert & Donna Burriss
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Bill & Pat Groome
Kim Frank's mom
Stacey Harper's co-worker
Sharon Kincaid's C\co-Worker
Frank Moran-Praise
Gladys Nester
Gabby Traw

Shirley Vaughan
Betsy Young's brother, Cecil
Watson
Alma Walton
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Alma Hunt Offering-Surpassed
Goal
Carpenter's for Christ in GA
Children's Worship

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

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:
**Shirley & Sherry - loss of their
Aunt Edith Collier
Hazel & Kathy - loss of their
brother
Bill Zimmerman Family**

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**