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Dear Church Family,

Well, the summer is coming to an end, school is back in session and the beauty of Autumn is not far away. Though this is not the beginning of a new year, from the perspective of the church calendar it is the beginning of a new year in many respects. This is the time in which many of you will begin to resume new roles and responsibilities to which you have committed yourselves for the coming year. Some of you will begin new responsibilities with our Sunday School program as many of you will continue the responsibilities you have been filling for many years now. We are thankful for each and every one who serve in our Sunday School program whether it be as a teacher, helper, record keeper or whatever your role may be. Sunday School is an ongoing ministry of Oakland that encourages and trains us in the process of becoming transformed into the image and likeness of Christ – which is what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Many others of you have taken on responsibilities for service both within the life of the church and within the life of our community. As you know, we have many programs and activities at Oakland through which you may serve. We are thankful to each of you who have made a commitment to serve in so many practical ways. And we must always remember... as Paul says in Colossians 3:17 – “Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

Another extremely important role in the life of Oakland is that of a deacon. The Deacon Fellowship consist of the men and women who are elected each year by the church body to serve a three year term. Each year we have 3 deacons who complete their 3 year term and new deacons will be elected to take their place. While every role of service is important, the role of a Deacon is considered to be key to the life and ministry of the church. Deacons provide leadership to the church fellowship in many capacities, but their primary responsibility is to be concerned with the spiritual life and health of the church. Thus, a deacon must be a person who is spiritually healthy themselves and able to lead other in that direction as well. The election of a deacon is not a popularity contest to see who is most liked or who can get the most votes. The election of a deacon is something that must be given much thought and prayer. So as we elect deacons this month, please be in prayer that God will lead us in calling out those who will serve well as a part of the Deacon Fellowship.

As I close, let me also mention that this month we will be promoting our special offering for the “Alma Hunt State Missions.” On Sunday/Sept 20 we will have the privilege and joy of having Lynn Litchfield to be our guest speaker. Lynn is a Prison Chaplain working under the support of Virginia Baptist. She works with an exciting ministry called “Grace Inside.” You won’t want to miss what Lynn has to share about the exciting ways God Grace is at work in our prison system.

I had better bring this to close, but not without telling you how much we appreciate you. It is our joy to serve you and to encourage you to continue growing in your faith. As Paul says in Colossians 1:28... “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

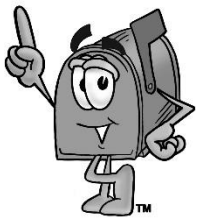
With Love & Blessings,
Randy & Betty

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Fall Festival Planning Meeting! Tuesday, September 8 at 7pm. Please plan to attend this meeting to coordinate this annual community event. Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 10; 8am – 2pm. Please contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446).



Keep in Touch!

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE: We need everyone's help! We still have positions available for the 2015-2016 year! Thank you to all that have already signed up. Please prayerfully consider where you can serve Oakland next year; there is something for everyone. The sign-up sheets are in the vestibule along with a job descriptions of each position / committee. If you have any questions, please see Sherry Alston, Bill Groome, or Hazel Morgan.

****NOTE: The new Sunday School year begins on Sunday, 9/6; Committees begin 10/4****

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.

NURSERY WORKERS: If you would be willing to get on the rotation list to work in the nursery during Worship service, please contact Kim Rosson. This is for the 0-2 year olds only. Mission Friends and our Children's Church workers have graciously planned on continuing working with the 3-5 year olds during service for the upcoming year. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Kim's contact info: call or text 804-928-2780 or email krosson23065@yahoo.com



Join us on the 4th Sundays each month at 5pm for our Grief Support Group. You are welcome to begin attending the group at any session. Each is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. If you have a family member or friend that you think can benefit by being a part of this group, please invite them to join us. If you have questions, please contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446).

Happy Birthday!

Kaitlyn Hawk	9/1
Allen Perkins, Sr.	9/3
Deborah Murphy	9/4
Allen Perkins, Jr.	9/4
Charles Smith, Jr.	9/4
Janet Hawk	9/5
Alma Walton	9/6
Tom Parrish	9/8
Ralph Pleasants	9/8
Sonny Sheets	9/8
Brian Hodges	9/9
Chelsea Atkins	9/10
Westley Atkinson	9/10
Grayson Proffitt	9/11
John Shelton	9/11
Daniel Strebel	9/11
Teresa Miles	9/13
Lori Carrasco	9/14
Dabney Barber	9/15
Tony Gordon	9/15
A. J. Nester	9/15
Robert Atkinson	9/16
Dalton Nixon	9/16
Teresa Groome	9/19
Sabrina Kirkinis	9/20
Stuart Ritchie	9/22
Donald Bowmaster	9/23
Monica Grooms	9/23
Frances Groome	9/25
Matt Barlow	9/26
Michael Brooking	9/26
Thomas Reid	9/27
Stacey Harper	9/28
Audrey Alford	9/29
Brandi Goff	9/29
Lorraine Majka	9/29

Happy Anniversary!

Bobby & Betty Fields	9/5
John & Dabney Barber	9/6
Charles & Diana Wagner	9/6
Pedro & Brenda Carrasco	9/17
Robbie & Margo Parrish	9/23
Dana & Nancy Franklin	9/27

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

WELCOME NEWBIES! We welcome our rising 7th graders to our youth group! This is an exciting time for them as they transition to the youth group with more advanced and in depth bible studies. For the new Sunday School year, we will dive into God's An Artist and You're A Masterpiece by Lorraine Peterson. Our youth are exposed to many differing beliefs in school and on TV, through friends and in the movies. In this study, it brings together scientific facts and personal narratives to show us that there is a Creator, and He is a loving God with a plan for our lives. We are his masterpieces and we have a purpose for today and hope for an eternity.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH TO SERVE: The youth have an opportunity to help with our Children's Consignment Sale Ministry by working before, during and after the sale. This is a great time of fellowship to be able to meet our consignors, help them with their consigned items, setting up the fellowship hall for the sale and working with the consignment team doing various jobs during the sale. This is a very rewarding job and the youth will be blessed by helping others. Plus, the committee offers the youth \$8 an hour to go towards their summer mission trip. Set up starts 9/23/15. A schedule of work days will be posted in the youth room.

Words from Women on Missions....

Thank you for your donations of school supplies. The supplies will be split between Goochland and Jouett Elementary.

Women's Get Away is November 7-8. This year's theme is "All for You!" With keynote speaker/author, Beverly Carroll. Keith Tan will once again be the worship leader. The cost is \$71.50 (includes lodging and meals). A \$10 deposit is due by Sunday, September 6, and balance by October 11. If you have any questions, see Sharon Kincaid.

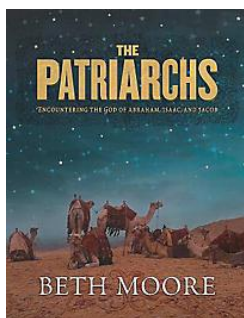
Alma Hunt Offering & Week of Prayer for State Missions is September 13-20. The theme this year is "Across the Street, Around the World." Our goal is \$1000. On Sunday, September 13 or 20 (need to check date with Randy), Lynn Litchfield with Gracelnside will be sharing during the worship hour. Come and hear about the ministry program our chaplains provide in our prisons.

WMU Missions Projects

1- Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, list of suggested items, and labels will be available Sunday, September 6. Fill your box and return it by Sunday, November 15. 2- Start collecting 2016 calendars, all occasion/Christmas cards and forever stamps for the Goochland Women's Correctional Center. Place all donations on table outside copy room.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.147 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us Monday evenings at 6:45pm beginning on Monday, September 14 for this study on **The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**. Beth Moore provides a personal study experience five days a week for this in-depth women's Bible study of Genesis 12-50. Discover God's pursuit of a relationship with man, and marvel as His plan to bless all people unfolds. Full of twists and turns, ruin and redemption, revelation and mystery this Bible study keeps participants captivated by the God who stars in it! Explore concepts such as blessing, covenant, and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today. Group members will also study the Hebrew names of God introduced on the early pages of Scripture.

Throughout 10 weeks of exciting, engaging intrigue, participants will plunge into the heart of Genesis, to God's remarkable pursuit of relationship and to the unfolding of His earthly plan: that through one nation—and ultimately, one man—all people on earth will be blessed. Many of the most profound and enduring concepts in the whole counsel of God's Word are initiated in this marvelous book of beginnings. Member books are \$15.99, please see Sherry Alston (804.855.7446) to sign up.



When was the last time you visited VMFA? What...that long ago? What...never?

Don't put it off...there's so much to see and it's FREE*! Join us Saturday, September 12 at 10am at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Please contact Sherry Alston (804.855.7446) for all the details and to sign up. Lunch on your own. *Admission to permanent collection galleries is always free. The cost for special exhibitions and

programs varies. Members enjoy free admission to all exhibitions and discounts on programs.



FUN, FUN, FUN.....DON'T MISS OUT!

Carter Mountain Orchard Saturday, October 24th

Arrive at the church by 8:45 to leave by 9:00. Apple picking, Lunch, Shopping 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (approximately). Cost: your purchases and a small amount to help with gas in the church bus. **Please contact Angie Wright at 804.937.5406 by Wednesday, October 21st.** Fruit Availability Ready-picked or pick your own: Granny Smith, Fuji, York, Stayman, Winesap, Pink Lady. Ready-picked only: Rome, Crispin (Mutsu), Pumpkins

Aunt Sarah's Bakery & Mountain Grill

Fresh, hot cider donuts.....mouth-watering apple pies.....BBQ sandwiches made with our own Peachy Barbecue Sauce.....and much more! Hope you are hungry when you come to the orchard! Aunt Sarah and her crew cook up the best donuts, pies, and cookies around! Our apple-cider donuts are award-winning, and we've experimented with other flavors in season. Our pies are piled-high and full of delicious seasonal fruit. Try our Cherry, Peach, and Apple pies - whole, half, or by the slice. You'll love them so much you'll want to order more for the holidays! Soft serve ice cream is always a delicious treat - try our frozen peach yogurt, or classic vanilla soft-serve - have it on a serving of peach pie, peach crisp, or a donut! The Mountain Grille opens on Thursday evenings beginning May 23rd, and weekends for lunch beginning mid-May. Menus will be posted soon!

Grandma Ruth's Country Store

A trip to Carter Mountain is not complete without a stop in our Country Store! Grandma Ruth loves to find unique, local items for your shopping pleasure. Our shelves are full of country favorites - find apple butter (our top-selling item!), jams and jellies, fruit syrups and pancake mixes, Pennsylvania Dutch candies, and flavored coffees, among many items. Lots of folks love to do their holiday shopping with us - choose from local crafts, beautiful baskets, specialty foods, harvest decorations, Christmas ornaments, American-made toys, and more. Don't forget to pick up Carter Mountain t-shirts for the kids - a great remembrance of your trip! Wish you had taken home more apple butter? Love that jam and need more? No problem, check out our store and let us send it right to you!

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – September 2015

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery	Ext. Session
06	Frank Smith	Ann Taylor	Bill Groome	Kim Rosson	Children's Worship
13	Bobby Fields	Peggy Bartley	Shirley Bath	Rhonda Lloyd	Mission Friends
20	Ricky Harper	Brandy Hutchinson	Lesley Alford	Hazel Morgan	Mission Friends
27	Bill Groome	Cassidy Hutchinson	Sharon Kincaid	Kim Rosson	Children's Worship

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		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>3</u> 7pm B&G	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 9:45am SS 11:00am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>7</u> 7pm Fall Festival Planning Meeting	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Outing – 10am
<u>13</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 12:30 pm Youth Committee	<u>14</u> 10am WOM Morning Group 6:45pm Patriarchs Study	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>17</u> 10am – Seniors at Oakland 7pm WOM	Field Day of the Past September 18 - 20	
Alma Hunt Missions Offering – September 14 - 21						
<u>20</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley	<u>21</u> 6:45pm Patriarchs Study	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, & CIA's 8pm Choir CCSM – Rack Set-up after bible study	<u>24</u> CCSM – Cut off to enter items 11:59pm	<u>25</u> CCSM – Drop Off 6:30pm – 8:30pm	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 8:30am Men's Breakfast 9:45am SS 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Kathy 5pm Grief Support Group 12:00 Church Council 1:00 CCSM Final Set up & Worker Shop	<u>28</u> 6:45pm Patriarchs Study	<u>29</u> CCSM – Consignor Shop Night 6:30pm – 8:30pm	<u>30</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, & CIA's 8pm Choir	Mark your calendar! Fall Goshen Missions Celebration will be on October 11, 3 pm. Goshen Fall Meeting will be on October 27, 10 am. More information about these events will be in the next newsletter.		

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Jim Aylor
Paula Archer
Shirley Bath
Audrey Brown
Ruth Coleman
Harold Keith Cook
Jeni DeRusha
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Gabe Edwards' brother, Sully
Denise Harper
Lisa Jones
Lonnie Kincaid
Buddy LeNear
Rhonda Lloyd
Hazel Morgan
Gladys Nester
Betty Rains
Dr. Sadler

Patti Shanks
Frank & Jenny Smith's Son in law
Betsy Young
C4C
Goochland Accident Victims
Revival

Our Christian Love & Sympathy
Family of Dr. Mike Barnett
Family of Tommy Tyler
Family of Stacey Wiseman

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, Stateside
Sully Edwards, Stateside
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Deployed
Daniel Gregory, Army, Stateside

The prayer concern is completely revised monthly through mentioned prayer concerns, website submissions, email (communication@oakland-baptist.com) or by contacting Sherry Alston BY the 15th of each month