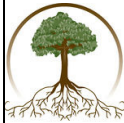


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Dear Church Family,

We are well into the new year as the month of February begins. The Christmas decorations have been stored away until later this year and we are holding on through the short, cold days of winter for the warmth of spring. For some of you, this year will bring many unexpected blessings and joyful times. For others, there will be unexpected challenges and disappointments. Yet, what we must always remember from our celebration of Christmas is that God is Emmanuel – the God who is always with us. We know the story so well, but we often forget the reality that whatever our circumstances may be in life – whether joyful blessings or disappointing challenges – God is with us. His presence can bring peace where there seems to be no peace. His power is available even in our weaknesses. His light shines in the darkest of places. Let's celebrate the "God who is with us" throughout this whole year of 2016!

As I mentioned in the last Pastor's letter, we are beginning this year with a focus on "Being and Becoming the Body of Christ." Through my Sunday morning messages I am focusing on various aspects of what is involved in our "being" and our "becoming" the church – the body of Christ. As you know, the church is not a building. The building is simply the place we meet to learn how to "be" and "become" the church. It is a place where we can invite others to come and learn of this "God who is with us." The church is not programs or events. The church is the people who have committed themselves to follow Jesus and join together for the purpose of "being" and "becoming" the body of Christ in the world.

God has given His body – the church – the awesome responsibility of being a community of reconciliation. We are in the world to bring healing where there is brokenness, to offer hope where there is despair, to share light where there is darkness. We are already the church, but we are also always becoming the church as we continue to follow Christ who is the head. We hope you know that you are a part of the body of Christ. We appreciate all those who are active members of the body of Christ at Oakland Baptist Church. If you are not active, we hope God will lead you to be more regular in your attendance and faithful in your service both in and through Oakland.

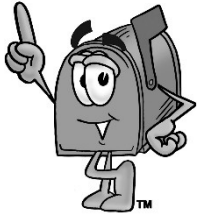
It is our joy to serve you. Please don't hesitate to call on us in anyway if we can be of service, support or encouragement in any way.

Blessings,

Randy & Betty

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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](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.



ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN/YOUTH WORKERS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS: 2016 Kidz Leader Conference and Super VBS Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 5, at Swift Creek Baptist Church, Midlothian, Va. Free registration and lunch. Sign-up sheet on table in church foyer. Final date for registration is Feb 20. Church bus will be provided if necessary. For more information contact Betty Rains or go to <http://www.sbcv.org/2016-Kidz-leader-conference>.

## Happy Birthday!

Debra Hollenberg	2/2
Jamie Lloyd	2/2
Wayne Troy	2/2
Brian Hollenberg	2/3
Lonnie Kincaid	2/3
James Wright	2/3
LaWana Huff	2/5
Tommy Murphy	2/5
Diana Wagner	2/9
Crystal Sharpe	2/11
Sandy Harper	2/12
Harry Barlow	2/13
Robert Dorey	2/13
Sadie Edwards	2/14
Joshua Barlow	2/15
Christina Erdt	2/15
Sharon Marker	2/15
Gunner Marks	2/15
Jena Bath	2/17
David Hawk	2/17
Travis Harrow	2/19
Daniel O'Rourke	2/20
Nathan Alford	2/21
Jerry Gammon	2/21
Tony Wade	2/22
Lillie Rosson	2/23
Alex Justiniano	2/25
John Matysek	2/25
Becky Hicks	2/27
Hazel Morgan	2/27
Danette Moen	2/28
Julie Proffitt	2/28
Justin Hicks	2/29

## Happy Anniversary!

Allen & E Grant Perkins	2/4
Mike & Linda Dillon	2/25



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

**Souper Bowl Luncheon** - - February 7, 2014 @ 12:30pm

The annual Youth Souper Bowl Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 7, 2016 immediately following worship service. If you would like to participate, bring in a crock pot of your favorite soup or chili for all to enjoy. Those attending the luncheon will vote monetarily for their favorite! All proceeds go to our youth for their annual summer mission trip. The crock pot that receives the most "votes" will win a fabulous Super Bowl Party Prize!!

**Mfuge** - June 27 - July 1 @ Liberty University

The Youth will be attending Mfuge this year at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA for our summer mission trip. For all youth interested in attending, please see Kim Rosson to get your commitment form. We need to pay our deposit of \$50 per youth by **February 1st**. The camp is scheduled for June 27 - July 1. This is an amazing opportunity for our youth to get closer to God, serve others and have an unforgettable time of fellowship!

Questions? Contact Kim Rosson at 804.928.2780.

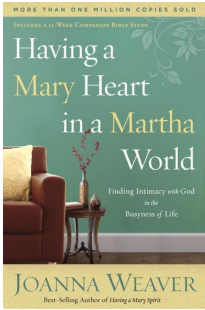


## NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Women's Ministry Opportunities...

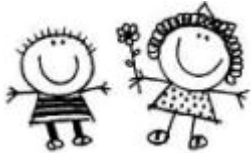
**Morning Book Club** is reading *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls. They will meet at Pat Groome's house on Tuesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.

**Evening Book Club** is reading *A Long Time Gone* by Karen White. They will meet at Sandy Harper's house on Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.



**Bible Study:** Come join us as we study the word and fellowship with each other. On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, we will begin a 10-week ladies Bible Study series, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, written by Joanna Weaver and facilitated by Betty Rains. The book cost is \$14.99. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the list in the church foyer and let us know if you want the church to order your book. If you have any questions, see Betty Rains.

### 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](http://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 7, 2016 at 11:59pm. Important dates to remember: DROP OFF - Friday 4/8/15 - 6:30-8:30pm; CONSIGNOR SHOP - Tuesday 4/12/16 - 6:30-8:30pm; PUBLIC SALE - Thursday 4/14/16 & Friday 4/15/16 - 6:30-8:30pm; Saturday 4/16/16 & Saturday 4/23/16 - 9am -noon; and PICK UP - Sunday, 5/1/16 - 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](mailto: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...

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** - Let us give thanks that we have exceeded our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal of \$3000 this year! Your joyful and sacrificial giving made this possible. Well done! And remember... every penny given goes overseas to support the work of our missionaries that we love and hold up in prayer. Thanks to each of you who gave as God led.

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2014

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery
01	Len Archer	Kay Amos	Lesley Alford	Michelle Alford
08	Paula Archer	Betty Dunnivan	Bill Groome	Sandy Harper
15	Angie Wright	Kim Frank	Shirley Bath	Kim Rosson
22	Sandy Harper	Hazel Morgan	Betty Rains	Cheryl Klaty

# February

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
		10 am – Morning Book Club @ Pat Groome's house	6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			
<u>7</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30 pm Youth Souper Bowl Luncheon & Deacon's Meeting	<u>8</u> 10am WOM	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
***** WMU Focus Week – February 7 – 14 *****						
<u>14</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Susan	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 7 pm – Evening Book Club @ Sandy Harper's House	<u>17</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>18</u> 10am Seniors @ Holly Grove 7pm WOM	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Shirley 12:30 pm – Youth Committee	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Betty	<u>29</u>					

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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Donna & Robert Burris  
Ruth Coleman  
Lou Dodson  
Bobby Fields  
Cole Fields  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Frances & George Groome  
Frank Moran  
Gladys Nester  
Claire & Tom Parrish  
Louise Parrish  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Heath Rains  
Betty & Randy Rains  
Joey Schaeffer  
Bubba Smith  
Tom & Becky Sutterfield  
Butch Swecker

Our Country  
Our Church & Youth  
Homeless  
Community Needs  
Unspoken Prayer Requests

## **Our Christian Love & Sympathy: The Family of Diana Sutterfield**

**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

**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**