

**Oakland
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Church**



THE ACORN

January 2016



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Dear Church Family,

Then New Year is upon us. With each new year we always wonder what we will be facing as the year unfolds. For some of us there will be hardships, health issues and unexpected challenges. For others it will be a year of joy and blessings. Yet, most likely it will be mixture of both for all of us. Life always comes as a mixed bag of both blessings and challenges. The Good News is that whatever we face we can rest assured that God is always with us and He is always at “work in all things for the good of those who love Him.” (Romans 8:28) Please know that whatever 2016 brings your way, you can rest assured that God is traveling with you along life’s journey drawing you ever deeper in loving union with Him.

December was a busy month as we celebrated the Christmas season with so many activities. As we begin the new year, we will resume our Wednesday evening activities. We will begin with our fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m. which will be followed by Youth Group, CIAs and Adult Prayer/Bible Study. We hope you will plan on joining us for these mid-week services. On Wednesday nights during the month of January, the adults will be studying the book of Philippians – “The Gospel of Joy.” Join us as we learn how we can experience joy in the midst of all of life’s circumstances.

In 2015 our theme was “Transformation” as we looked at the need for personal and corporate transformation in our own lives and the life of the church. In 2016, our theme will be - “Becoming the Body of Christ.” What does it mean to be church. Church is not something you do as much as it is something you are. It does not consist of activities and programs, but consist of us being a part of the body of Christ. Come and join us as we explore and discover the difference between “Churchianity” and “Christianity.” What does it mean for us to become the body of Christ at Oakland Baptist Church?

Know of our prayers and love for each of you. We appreciate your prayers and love as well. May we all continue to grow up into Christ who is the head of the church that we may truly be His hands, His feet, His voice and His heart in the world in which we live.

With Love, Prayers & Blessings,

Randy & Betty Rains

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Happy Anniversary!

- Dan & Carol Summitt 1/1
- Grayson & Barbara Atkinson 1/9
- Stewart & Hallie Hicks 1/23
- Tony & Kathy Wade 1/27

WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – We will resume our regular Wednesday Night schedule on January 6, 2016. Remember that we don't meet on Business Meeting Nights and if school is closed because of inclement weather.

THANK YOU - To all the youth that were able to attend our Christmas Celebration! We enjoyed dinner together, exchanging gifts, and a trip to Meadow Park for the Illuminate Light Show. We had a great time together!

Much love and many blessings,
The Youth Committee

Happy Birthday!!

- Shannon Fields 1/1
- Amanda Brooking 1/3
- David Hodges 1/3
- Karen Nicely 1/3
- Adam Alford 1/5
- Stewart Hicks 1/5
- Sophie Summitt 1/5
- Melissa Heffinger 1/7
- Judy Bailey 1/8
- Linda Smith 1/8
- Missy Bowmaster 1/9
- Patrick Hodges 1/9
- Rhiannon Sherrill 1/9
- Ricky Harper 1/10
- Jason Snead 1/11
- Trish Wise 1/11
- Crystal Kirkines 1/12
- Nancy Walton 1/14
- Katherine Murphy 1/15
- Amy Gordon 1/16
- Charles Atkins, Jr. 1/17
- Gregory Comstock 1/17
- Brenda Dodson 1/18
- Robert Parrish 1/18
- Jenny Summitt 1/18
- Liz Alford 1/19
- Frank Erdt 1/19
- Rebecca England 1/19
- Mabel Pleasants 1/19
- Jessica Osborne 1/22
- Frank Smith 1/22
- Hallie Hicks 1/23
- Kyndall Bradshaw 1/25
- Robert Gammon 1/25
- Angi Hill 1/26
- Peter Carrasco 1/28
- Jennifer Garrigan 1/29
- Patricia Gammon 1/29
- Kim Groome 1/29
- Josie Summitt 1/29
- Jennifer Walsh 1/29
- Mike Dillon 1/30
- Beth Willis 1/31

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – January 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery
03	Glenn Williams	Betty Dunnivan	Lesley Alford	Cheryl Klaty
10	Betsy Young	Kim Frank	Bill Groome	Rhonda Lloyd
17	Bobby Fields	Hazel Morgan	Shirley Bath	Betty Smith
24	Ricky Harper	Betty Stanley	Betty Rains	Denise Brooking
31	Kim Rosson	Ann Taylor	Sharon Kincaid	Sandi Blair



						
<u>3</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship 12:30pm Deacon Meeting	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship- 11:15am Children's Worship	<u>11</u> 10am WOM	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Quarterly Business Mtg. 8pm Choir	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 Children's Worship w/ Shirley	<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 7pm WOM	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship	<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>
<u>31</u> 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship						

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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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In our hearts & prayers:

Steve Alford
Shirley Bowyer
Donna & Robert Burris
Ruth Coleman
Logan Gibson
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Mike Harris
Frank Moran
Gladys Nester
Kenny Parrish
Louise Parrish
Heath Rains
Randy & Betty Rains
Robert Steim
Alma Walton
Cecil Watson
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Our Country
Our Church
Our Youth
Community Needs
Unspoken Prayer Requests
Our Nursing Home Members;
see "Keep in Touch" section.

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:

The Family of Ruby Gentry
The Family of Faris Hamrick
The Family of Max Meador

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
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

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. Thank you.