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Dear Church Family,

What a joy it has been for Betty and me to be a part of Oakland Baptist Church over the past 2+ years. From the very beginning you opened wide your arms to welcome us and encourage us as we came to serve and lead you during this time. When we accepted your gracious call to serve as your Pastoral Team, little did we know that so many life changes would take place in such a short time frame. While we had anticipated being with you for a number of years, these unexpected changes and our earlier than expected retirement plans shortened our time with you. We have seen some exciting changes take place as we have welcomed a number of new people into the fellowship of Oakland. We have faced some challenges together with God's grace. Now we can trust that God knew all along what was going to happen and He is the one who will lead both us, as we begin a new season of life, and Oakland Baptist, as you also enter into a new season of life.

It is natural for there to be a sense of sadness during a time like this. We are certainly feeling a sense of sadness as we say farewell and we know many of you are feeling the same. However, life is made up of many transitions and farewells. Like a flowing river, things never stay the same in spite of our best efforts and desires that they would. Yet, I hope you can also sense a joy and excitement about what God has for you in the days ahead. Oakland Baptist Church belongs to God... and He is certainly capable of leading you to days of fruitfulness and blessing in the future. Keep your eyes fixed on God in Christ... and He will guide your way.

Betty and I want to express our deepest thanks and appreciate for the privilege we have enjoyed over the past few years in serving as your Pastoral Team. So many of you have expressed your appreciation to us with words, cards and in other tangible ways. Words cannot adequately express our thanks. As we begin this new season of our lives, please remember us in prayer as we make the needed adjustments to our new home in Costa Rica. Know too that we will be remembering you in prayer as you call a new pastor and look toward a hopeful future at Oakland. Our email addresses will be the best way to stay in touch. You can stay in touch by email with Betty at [bgrains@gmail.com](mailto:bgrains@gmail.com) and with Randy at [randymrains@gmail.com](mailto:randymrains@gmail.com)

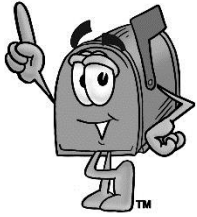
As they say in Costa Rica - Pura Vida - which means "pure life." That is what God offers us in Christ and what we know God has in store for each of you. May God continue the great work He is doing in and through each of you who are a part of the family at Oakland.

With Love, Joy & Blessings,

Randy & Betty Rains

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## Keep in Touch!

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Joe Miller - Transfer by Letter  
Christy Hartley & Keith Wiltshire - Transfer by Letter  
Chloe Wiltshire - Profession of Faith



Alex Justiniano graduated from Matoaco High School. I apologize for the error in the June 2016 newsletter.

## 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 as you want it to appear in the bulletin, newsletter or website, 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 Sharon Kincaid.

### Deadlines:

- Bulletin** - 12 noon of each Wednesday
- Newsletter** - 15th of each month
- 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 any member of the Deacon Fellowship 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.

### Contact Information:

#### Deacon Fellowship:

- Len Archer: (804) 556-4583; (804) 517-2901 (cell)
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- Bobby Fields: (804) 556-4800
- Ricky Harper: (804) 556-3694; (804) 514-6988 (cell)
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## **Happy Birthday!**

Bobby Fields	7/1
Austin Sherrill	7/1
Emery Alford	7/3
Michelle Alford	7/4
Debbie Groome	7/4
William Todd Hicks	7/4
Sandra Pleasants	7/5
Sharon Atkinson	7/6
Patsy Dymacek	7/9
Dory Henley	7/11
Ray Henley	7/11
Jeffrey Childress	7/14
Betty Courtney	7/15
Ann Taylor	7/15
Jean Hicks	7/19
Cary Kincaid	7/22
Jordan Snead	7/22
Cheri Wise	7/22
Staci Harpster	7/24
Mary Bradshaw	7/25
Velma Goodwin	7/26
Virginia Beach-Cook	7/26
Angela Justiniano	7/27
James Hodges	7/27
Betty Fields	7/28
Brian Atkins	7/29
Herman Parrish	7/29
Sandi Williams	7/29
Cherly Klaty	7/31
Jo Ann Ware	7/31



**July 13<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm**

**Hotdogs & hamburgers, baked beans,  
chips & drinks**

**Please bring a dessert to share.**

**Sign-up sheet in foyer.**

**Questions? See Sandy Harper.**

### **Quarterly Business Meeting**

**July 13<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm**

**Proposed changes to Constitution &  
Bylaws will be discussed and voted on. A  
complete copy is available for pick up on  
the table in the foyer.**

## **Happy Anniversary!**

Robert & Sandra Grooms	7/6
Adam & Michelle Alford	7/7
Gabe & Becky Edwards	7/15
Charles & Doris Atkins	7/21
Dean & Vicki Kellison	7/24
Ronnie & Virginia Cook	7/27
Timothy & Christina Clough	7/31
Robert & Katie Nixon	7/31



The choir is taking a break during the months of July/August. God gave all of us a talent and now's your opportunity to share it. If you would like to sing (solo, duet, or small group), play an instrument, read poetry, or give your testimony, let Lesley Alford know and she will put you on the schedule.

## **NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **WMU Happenings...**

Our project is Christmas in July...we would like to pack ten (10) backpacks this year as well as collect school supplies for Goochland and Jouett Elementary. Items needed are: spiral notebooks, marble composition books, packages of notebook paper, pencils, pens, crayons, erasers, glue/glue sticks, scissors, boxes of tissues, etc. Please drop donations in box outside of copy room. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or [grammykincaid@yahoo.com](mailto:grammykincaid@yahoo.com).

Save your change and dollars for Stop Hunger Now. Goshen volunteers will be packing meals on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 3 - 5 pm at Mineral Baptist. Goshen's goal is to purchase and pack 60,000 meals. To meet this goal, Goshen needs to collect \$16,000. We plan to take a team from Oakland to help at this event. More information to come. Let's go everyone!

Thanks to all our volunteers...Cave Quest VBS was a success! The children had a wonderful time and learned that Jesus gives us hope, Jesus give us courage, Jesus gives us direction, Jesus gives us love, and Jesus gives us power. Our VBS offering went to Operation Kid to Kid and will help teens repair homes in the United States.

#### ***Note of thanks from First Baptist Church Greenup...***

Words cannot express the how thankful we are that Carpenters for Christ came to the First Baptist Church in Greenup, Illinois. We had planned a building expansion which would include an activity center and Sunday School rooms joining our existing facility. We were concerned with finances, knowing labor would be about half of the cost of the new facility. We had no idea that a group of dedicated men could come and put up a building completely finished on the outside while ruffing in all the inside work as well. Your mission saved us thousands of dollars and has allowed us to have a functioning facility by the end of this summer. Not only were our church members amazed but the community could not believe that such a project could be accomplished in such a short period of time.

We saw miracles happen every day, as rain was forecast all week long, but not a day or hour was delayed due to rain. There were testimonies both inside our fellowship and in the community as to how polite, well mannered, and mature the men were who came to invest their lives in this mission. We were blessed with making new friends and were touched by the Bible studies, prayer and fellowship that we experienced during the week. It is hard to believe that a group of sixty men can live together, love each other and be a blessing, while sleeping in Sunday School rooms and showering in a portable trailer. Your men worked selflessly, acted graciously and had time to share their faith with men and women in the community. We heard nothing but how gracious and humble your mission team was.

Our church will never be the same because of the example was set. Your dedication to our Lord and your sacrifice, has set an example both to our church and to our community. You were a living example of what Christian men should be in this day and time when so many have become so self-centered. May God bless each man, your families and your church for giving so much to a small town church who will never forget the love and investment that you made in us. You will forever have an investment in every soul that comes to the Lord through this building project. As we open the doors to our church family and to the community we believe many people will come to Christ and you and your team have made it all possible.

In Christ, Brooke Davis  
Pastor, First Baptist Church Greenup

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – July 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery
03	Sandy Harper	Hazel Morgan	Lesley Alford	Betty Smith
10	Glenn Williams	Betty Stanley	Bill Groome	Denise Brooking
17	Betsy Young	Ann Taylor	Shirley Bath	Sandi Blair
24	Bobby Fields	Kay Amos	Pat Groome	Michelle Alford
31	Ricky Harper	Betty Dunnivan	Sharon Kincaid	Sandy Harper



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<u>3</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>4</u> 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>11</u> 10am – WOM Morning Group	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 6pm Cook Out 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm – Youth Committee	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 10am Seniors @ Holy Grove 7pm WOM	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> 8:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship						

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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Vernell Amos  
Shirley Bowyer  
Ruth Coleman  
Lou Dodson  
April Grant  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Margie Gonzalez  
Jim Hamrick  
Julie Lloyd  
Frank Moran  
Gladys Nester  
Claire & Tom Parrish  
Louise Parrish

Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Heath Rains  
Randy & Betty Rains  
Riley Saunders  
Frank Sheffield  
Linda Shettle  
Jenny Smith  
Our Country  
Our Church & Youth  
Homeless  
Community Needs  
Unspoken Prayer Requests

## **Our Christian Love & Sympathy:**

The Family of Brian McCarty  
The Family of Ben Pillsbury

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, 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 Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.