

**Oakland
Baptist
Church**



THE ACORN

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Dear Church Family,

Summer has arrived. Soon, our children and youth will be out of school and we will all enter into a different rhythm for the next few months. The days will be longer. We will enjoy being outdoors working in the garden, grilling on the Weber, enjoying a vacation, visiting family, etc. This change of routine is sometimes referred to in church life as the “summer slump.” But we trust it won’t be a slump for us at Oakland. Although our Wednesday evening fellowship meal and other activities will cease for June, July and August - there are a number of other events that will be taking place. During June 20-24 we will be holding our annual Vacation Bible School - Cave Quest. Kim Rosson and Michelle Alford, along with a host of others, will be leading us in this special week. We hope you will make plans to bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbor friends and others to join us for VBS this year. We will also be having a class for adults as well called - “Jesus on Location.” Look forward to seeing you at VBS!

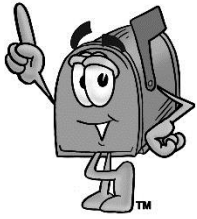
On Wednesday/July 13, we will be having a hamburger and hot-dog cookout, along with our quarterly business meeting. We’ll be giving you more information about the cookout later on as we plan for a wonderful time of food and fellowship. Also, at our quarterly business meeting, the Deacon Fellowship will be recommending a few changes to the OBC Constitution/By-laws related to the nomination/selection of deacons and also the hiring of staff. The suggested changes are listed as part of this month’s newsletter so everyone will have time to review these ahead of our business meeting. If you have any questions related to the suggested changes, please see either Randy Rains or Ricky Harper and we will be glad to answer any questions.

In August, we will look forward to our annual Homecoming/Revival time beginning Sunday/Aug 21 and continuing Mon/Tue/Wed evenings (Aug 22, 23 and 24). We are finalizing plans for these special days of celebration and renewal and will be letting you know more later. It will be an exciting time as we reflect upon all that God has done in the past, seek to experience what God wants to do in us in the present, as we look forward to what God will do through us in the future.

Betty and I want to thank you for the privilege we have of walking with you as we deepen our faith in Christ and continue to make ourselves available for use in His service. Thank you for your support and prayers. Please know that we hold you up in prayer as well. If we can serve or encourage you in anyway, please don’t hesitate to let us know.

With Love & Blessings,

Randy & Betty Rains
Pastoral Team



Keep in Touch!

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Change of Address

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1601 Broad Rock Blvd
Richmond, VA 23224
Tom - Room 138; Claire - Room 137



Wanda Miller
128 Millers Lane
Bumpass, VA 23024
(804)872-3849

Our Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it...
Dad

~Author Unknown

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 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 (change)
- 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:

Pastoral Team: Randy & Betty Rains
223 Whippoorwill Way, Louisa, VA 23093
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Deacon Fellowship:

- Len Archer: (804) 556-4583; (804) 517-2901 (cell)
- Paula Archer: (804) 556-4583; (804) 305-5019 (cell)
- Bobby Fields: (804) 556-4800
- Ricky Harper: (804) 556-3694; (804) 514-6988 (cell)
- Sandy Harper: (804) 556-3694; (804) 514-3871 (cell)
- Lonnie Kincaid: (804) 363-3288 (cell)
- Kim Rosson: (804) 928-2780 (cell)
- Glenn Williams: (804) 629-5353 (cell)
- Betsy Young: (804) 457-4048 (home)

Happy Birthday!

Evelyn Wade	6/1
Tanner Bradshaw	6/2
John Barber	6/3
Jill Harrow	6/3
Joshua Brooking	6/5
Crystal Pope	6/6
Morgan Lloyd	6/6
Bradford Parrish	6/7
Tiffany Gibson	6/8
Sandra Grooms	6/8
Robert Nixon	6/8
Amy Murray	6/10
Sharon Smith	6/11
Shirley Shelton	6/12
Kalee Jo Harrow	6/13
Sharon Sherrill	6/17
Tammy Brooking	6/18
Sarah Blair	6/20
Marie Nester	6/20
Hayley Rosson	6/20
Vickie Barrack	6/21
Dana Franklin	6/21
Jaimie Snead	6/23
Christian Justiniano	6/25
John Hodges	6/26
Robin Battle	6/27
Sean Dickerson	6/27
Doug Harpster	6/27
Martin Walton, Jr.	6/27
Wendi Cooper	6/28

Happy Anniversary!

Preston & Betsy Young	6/6
Ricky & Sandy Harper	6/7
Stan & Lorraine Majka	6/12
Grayson & Linda Proffitt	6/19
Bruce & Liz Alford	6/22
Ricky & Brenda Dodson	6/22
Leonard & Janet Jones	6/23
Buck & Becky Hicks	6/25
Tony & Amy Gordon	6/29

NOTE TO PARENTS: Children grades K-3 will attend worship during the summer months. Weekly worship packets will be available in the church foyer. The Extended Teaching hour during worship for Babies - Pre-K will continue during the summer months.



Congratulations 2016 Graduates!



Nathan Alford

Graduated from Blue Ridge Virtual Governor's School at Goochland High School

He is a designated AP Scholar, received an Air Force ROTC Scholarship, top scholarship from Virginia Professional Firefighters Association, and the Emerging Leaders Scholarship from VA Tech. He received both the Presidential Service Academy nomination & local nomination from David Bratt. He will be attending VMI in the fall and pursuing a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. Upon graduation from VMI, he will be a Commissioned Officer in the US Air Force.



Alex Justiniano

Graduated from Monacan High School, Advanced Degree with Honors

He will be attending VCU in the fall and will be pursuing a degree in Biochemistry.

Josie Summitt

Graduated from Goochland High School
She will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall and will be pursuing a degree in Biochemistry.

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Ministry Opportunities...

Attention All Shelia's!

The morning and evening book clubs will be meeting together on June 9, at 6:00 pm, at Betty Rains' home. We will be reading the classic Australian novel, *The Thorn Birds*, by Colleen McCullough. Come join us as we experience an authentic Aussie barbecue--complete with "snags" and "burgers with the lot." Please bring a dessert or salad. We will meet at the church, leave at 5:30 pm and take the bus. There is a sign-up sheet in foyer. Betty's phone number is [804-201-6576](tel:804-201-6576). Her address is 223 Whippoorwill Way, Louisa, VA. 23093.

WMU Happenings...



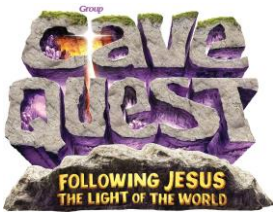
Our annual WMU ice cream social will be on Thursday, June 16th at the Silver Diner in Innsbrook. We will meet at 6 pm and enjoy a time of food, fun and fellowship. If you would like to go but need a ride, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439-1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

Bibles for Panama: We have collected \$1,030.84...that's 14.12 cases of Bibles. Our goal is 20 cases (\$1,460) and we are \$429.16 short of our goal. We will collect money through June 26 (this is a change). See the CIAs display outside the copy room. A container for donations - cash or check - is on the table. Make checks payable to Oakland Baptist and put note on memo line "Goshen - Panama Bibles." Thanks for your support!

Save your change and dollars for Stop Hunger Now. Goshen volunteers will be packing meals on Sunday, October 9th from 3 - 5 pm at Mineral Baptist. Goshen's goal is to purchase and pack 60,000 meals. To meet this goal, we will need to collect \$16,000. Let's go everyone!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL...



Mark your calendars to join us during Vacation Bible School this summer! This year's theme is **Cave Quest**, and will be held **Monday, June 20th through Friday, June 24th from 6:30pm-8:45pm**. Your kids will experience an over-the-top underground adventure that grounds them in the rock-solid foundation of God's love. Your child will love this interactive week of fun that will allow them to learn a daily Bible point that is reinforced by all activities throughout the evening. All kids **ages 3 through 6th grade** (grade just completed) are welcome! Go to our website www.Oakland-Baptist.com to register your child/children. We hope to see you there!

Goshen Association is hosting **IMPACT VA in Orange, VA** the week of **July 10th - 16th**

Volunteers Needed! Crew Chiefs & Adult Crew Members, Runners, Refuse Hauling & Lunch Preparation. If interested, contact John @ 540.894.8440.

JABA Cares is a Neighbors Helping Neighbors program and they are looking for individuals who can help isolated seniors in the area enjoy dignified independence and remain in his or her home longer. If you express genuine care and concern for older adults and desire to bring light and life into someone's life, there's a need for you. Adults 60+ need help going to the store, running errands, light housework, or just a friendly visit. Current urgent needs are in Louisa, Mineral, and Blue Ridge Shores. Contact Carleigh Showalter at (434)817-5226 or cshowalter@jabacares.org.

On Wednesday, July 13th at 7 pm, we will hold our Quarterly Business Meeting. During that meeting we will adopt the changes to the OBC Constitution & ByLaws voted on in the July 8, 2015 Quarterly Business Meeting. In addition, below for your review are revisions to **Section 1. Pastor**, **Section 2. Deacons** and **Section 14. Additional Staff** that will be discussed and voted on at the Wednesday, July 13th business meeting. A complete copy will be available for pick up on Sunday, June 5th, in your Sunday school classroom or table in church foyer.

Section 1. Pastor

- a) **Election:** When the church is without a pastor, **the Deacon Fellowship shall initiate the process. A job description will be developed and a committee consisting of at least three (3) representatives from the Deacon Fellowship and two (2) active members from the church at large will be formed to serve as the search committee to fill the position.** This committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one person at a time. An affirmative vote of at least three-fourths majority of those present at the church business meeting shall be necessary to call a pastor. During the period in which the church is without a pastor, it will be the responsibility of the *Deacon Fellowship* to secure pulpit supply.

In the event an interim pastor is desired, he shall be approved by the church, upon recommendation of the *Deacon Fellowship*.

Section 2. Deacons

The body of Deacons shall be known as "the Deacon Fellowship". It shall be composed of church members carefully chosen to give assistance to the pastor and the staff in providing for the spiritual growth and material welfare of the members.

- (a) **Qualifications:** The qualifications of a Deacon are those set forth in Acts 6:1-6 and I Timothy 3:8-13. They must be willing to accept, without any reservation, the church covenant and the biblical teaching of stewardship, witnessing, tithing and sacrificial giving. Members must be 21 years of age and an active member, faithful in attendance of Sunday School, Sunday morning Worship and other activities of Oakland Baptist Church for at least one (1) year.
- (b) **Number:** The Deacon Fellowship shall consist of nine (9) members. **Deacons shall serve for three year terms, and shall not be eligible for re-election until the lapse of at least one year. (Line moved from (c) Elections (1).**
- (c) **Elections:** **The election of deacons shall be handled in the following manner:**
- (1) **The deacon fellowship shall serve as the Deacon Selection Committee.**
 - (2) **On the first and second Sundays of August, church members will be given the opportunity to nominate qualified church members, set forth in Article II. Section 2. Subsection (a) in the Constitution and Bylaws of Oakland Baptist Church, for the Deacon Selection Committee to consider and vet for election.**
 - (3) **The Deacon Fellowship, acting as the Deacon Selection Committee will be responsible for the screening and vetting of those who have received a minimum of three nominations and who fulfill the qualifications for Deacon, set forth in Article II. Section 2. Subsection (a) in the Constitution and Bylaws of Oakland Baptist Church.**
 - (4) **On the first Sunday of September, the number of nominees needed to fill vacancies on the Deacon Fellowship who have been selected by the Deacon Fellowship will be listed in the Sunday morning bulletin along with a brief biological sketch.**
 - (5) **On the second Sunday of September, the nominees will be voted on for approval by the church fellowship.**

(d) **Interim Deacons:**

(1) In the event of a vacancy, the Deacon Fellowship shall recommend a Deacon from the inactive Deacon list to fill the unexpired term. Upon approval by the church membership at a regular or called business meeting, the Deacon shall become active.

Section 14. Additional Staff:

- (a) **Election:** When the church is in need of additional staff (e.g. Children/Youth Minister, Minister of Music/Worship, Associate Pastor, etc.) the Deacon Fellowship and Pastor/Pastoral Team shall initiate the process. A job description will be developed and a committee consisting of at least three (3) representatives from the Deacon Fellowship and two (2) active members from church members at large will be formed to serve as the search committee to fill the position. This search committee shall bring to the consideration of the church only one person at a time. An affirmative vote of at least three-fourths majority of those present at the church business meeting shall be necessary to call any additional staff.
- (b) **Term of Office:** Additional staff shall serve as long as he/she and the church both feel that the relationship should be maintained. In the event either party comes to believe that the relationship should be terminated, the party initiating the termination shall give the other party not less than thirty (30) days' notice. Should the staff member initiate the termination, he/she shall present a written resignation to the church. When the church initiates the termination, two weeks prior notice will be given to the church membership announcing a special called business meeting at which the termination will be discussed and considered. It shall be necessary to secure a vote of at least three-fourths majority of the members present to approve the termination.



Mark your calendar! Church-wide Cook-out on Wednesday, July 13th, at 6 pm before the Quarterly Business Meeting. Plan to join us for a great time of food and fellowship. A sign-up sheet will be in the church foyer.

Homecoming is August 21st with Revival August 22nd - 24th.

More information to follow.

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.



WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – June 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery
05	Kim Rosson	Ann Taylor	Lesley Alford	Sandy Harper
12	Len Archer	Kay Amos	Bill Groome	Kim Rosson
17	Paula Archer	Betty Dunnivan	Shirley Bath	Cheryl Klaty
24	Bobby Fields	Kim Frank	Pat Groome	Rhonda Lloyd



			7 pm – Choir Practice <u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	7 pm – Choir Practice <u>8</u>	6 pm – Book Clubs Meeting @ Betty Rain's House <u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	10 am – WOM Morning Group <u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	7 pm - Choir Practice <u>15</u>	10am Seniors @ Oakland 6 pm WOM Ice Cream Social at Silver Diner <u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm – Youth Committee	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – CAVE QUEST – 6:30 – 8:45 PM NIGHTLY						
<u>26</u> 8:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	7 pm – Choir Practice <u>29</u>	<u>30</u>		

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Lesley Alford
Steve Alford
Vernell Amos
Paula Archer
Virginia Beach-Cook
Shirley Bowyer
Mark Brooking
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Becky Edwards
Mary Catherine Gammon
Margie Gonzalez
Grayson Grant
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
George Groome
Christy Hartley
Hallie Hicks
Polly Kane
Julie Lloyd
Debbie Minor

Frank Moran
Hazel Morgan
Gladys Nester
Ethel Osterbind
Claire & Tom Parrish
Louise Parrish
Louise & Robert Parrish's
daughter, Brenda
Ben Pillsbury
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Heath Rains
Randy & Betty Rains
Bubba Rosson
Frank Sheffield
Jenny Smith
Nita Snead
Ron Taylor
Becky Wagner
Cecil & Pete Watson
Chloe Wiltshire

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:

The Family of Charles Banks
The Family of Will Irby
The Family of Harvey Parrish
The Parvin Family
The Family of Rhonda Sadler

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 concerns are revised monthly through mentioned prayer concerns, website submissions, email or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.