

**Oakland
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Church**



THE ACORN

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Dear Church Family,

The month of March is a time for celebration. Although Easter often falls in April, this year we will be celebrating Easter on March 27th. For the early Christians, Easter was the most important celebration of the year. The celebration of the Resurrected Lord was the highlight of the year for Christians, much more so than Christmas which did not begin to be celebrated until several hundred years after the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, we will be having our "Sunrise" service at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday/March 27, followed by breakfast, then Sunday School and our Easter Worship Service. We are experimenting with this new time schedule to better accommodate families and to prevent any long gaps in the schedule. We hope you will join us for this special time of the year... and invite some family/friends to come as well. Also, on Saturday/March 26 we will be having a special "Easter Egg" hunt for children from 10:00 – 12:00 noon.

On the first Sunday/March 6, the women will be leading us in our morning service. You will want to join us for this special day as we celebrate "Beautiful Women doing Beautiful Things for Christ." This Sunday also kicks off our week long focus for the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering. This is the annual offering we collect to provide support for all the mission work we do here within our own country. It supports inner-city ministries to the poor, the planting of new churches, prison ministries and work among many of our immigrant populations. Our goal this year is \$1000. We hope you will begin praying now, asking God how He will lead you to give and pray.

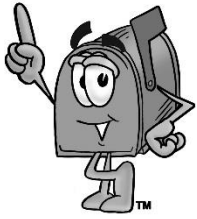
As we celebrate Easter, it is a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves that we have a resurrected Lord. Through Jesus, God has said Yes to new life! God does not call us to simply live by a set of rules and regulations that can help us manage life. He calls us to follow a living Lord who lives in us through the power of His Holy Spirit. In the midst of any and all circumstances of life, we are constantly being renewed by the presence of our resurrected Lord so that we can share in His life and share His life with others. The Apostle Paul said it so well in his letter to the Corinthians... "We do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day."

Blessings,

Randy & Betty

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Support our newest Army Recruit:

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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 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 one of our deacons 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. Please contact any member of the Deacon Fellowship: Len Archer, Paula Archer, Bobby Fields, Ricky Harper, Sandy Harper, Kim Rosson, Glenn Williams or Betsy Young. 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!

David Bailey	3/1
William Hees	3/1
Robert Grooms	3/5
Uriah Marks	3/5
Eddie Bradshaw	3/7
Brandon Klaty	3/8
Paula Archer	3/9
Ruby Gentry	3/9
Vicki Kellison	3/9
Dan Summitt	3/9
Kathy Wade	3/9
David Atwood	3/10
Michaela Kandrotas	3/12
Jessie Pleasants	3/12
Gabe Edwards	3/13
Wayne Ware	3/13
Brenda Snead	3/14
Rhonda Lloyd	3/15
Charles Wagner	3/15
Joshua Kellison	3/16
Robert Cutchin	3/17
Kyle Dabney, III	3/17
Becky Edwards	3/17
Noel Brooking	3/18
Elizabeth LaSauvage	3/22
Tennis Bradshaw	3/24
Ember Franklin	3/24
Ali Marks	3/24
Angie Wright	3/24
Louise Parrish	3/25
Nancy Franklin	3/26
Thasha Renee Luck	3/26
Riley Saunders	3/26
Daryl Smith	3/26
Jerralyn Sherrill	3/27
Jeremy White	3/27
Amber Bowmaster	3/28
Melinda Gammon	3/28
Amanda Durham	3/29
Janet Jones	3/30
Breanne Berlin	3/31
Deborah Ware	3/31

Happy Anniversary!

David & Debbie Ware	3/16
Robert & Debbie Cutchin	3/17
Harry & Martha Barlow	3/20
Bubba & Kim Rosson	3/25



‘On My Journey Home!’
Beloved hymn settings, timeless classics, memorable folk songs
and fresh contemporary works

Presented by the Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale
Dr. Deborah Carlton Loftis, Director, and Dr. Carol Hill, Assistant Director

Saturday, March 5, 6:00 PM

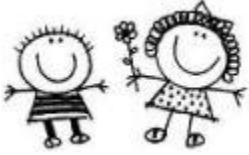
The Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale is currently celebrating its 40th season of presenting inspiring concerts of sacred music in churches and other venues. The 45-member chorale is composed of musically trained women who are active participants in a Virginia Baptist music ministry. (DBC is especially proud to host this fine group, as our own Carol Hill serves as their assistant director!)

John 14:2-3: 'My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.'

Come and join us for an evening of worship and praise at Derbyshire Baptist Church on Saturday, March 5th at 6 pm. Lesley and I look forward to seeing you there. Thank you. Sharon Kincaid

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, 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

Here’s a short list of ways this ministry has been able to help: Louisa Sheriff’s Office; East End Pregnancy Center; Goochland County Elementary Schools; Jouett Elementary School; Fredericksburg Pregnancy Center; RuraLove; Goochland Family Services; Louisa Resource Council; Louisa Santa Council; Sleep Away Camp - Ruth Project; Operation Christmas Child Boxes; Bethany Christian Services; Financial Support for an Indigenous Missionary for a Children’s Ministry in Moldova; Over 70 children to date have benefited from this ministry.

To sign up, see a member of the CCSM Team: Sherry Alston, Denise Brooking, Sandy Harper, or Kim Rosson.



WMU Happenings...

All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Tea on Sunday, March 20th at 12:30 pm. We will hold a baby shower for the Goshen Association. Please pick an item from the pack-n-play in the lobby and put your name next to the item number on the paper. Bring the item with you to the shower and we will pack a boy and a girl basket. The baskets will be given to Goshen to help women in need. We will play baby shower games and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you are planning to attend, please provide Sherry Alston (804.855.7446 / oaklandsherry09@yahoo.com) with a baby picture of yourself by Wednesday, March 16, 2016; we will use them for a game. WOM will provide a cake, punch and tea to drink. Please bring a finger food to share. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com. Hope to see you there!

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – March 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery
06	Glenn Williams	Betty Stanley	Lesley Alford	Rhonda Lloyd
13	Betsy Young	Ann Taylor	Bill Groome	Betty Smith
20	Bobby Fields	Kay Amos	Shirley Bath	Denise Brooking
27	Ricky Harper	Betty Dunnivan	Betty Rains	Sandi Blair



		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
			6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	10am WOM 7pm Bible Study – "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"		6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			
Annie Armstrong Offering – March 6 – 11, 2016						
<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Susan	7pm Bible Study – "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"		6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	10am Seniors at Oakland 7pm B&G 7pmWOM		
<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Shirley	7pm Bible Study – "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"		6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			10am – 12pm Children's Easter Celebration
<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		
8:30 Early Service 9am Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Betty	7pm Bible Study – "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World"		6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir			

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Donna & Robert Burris
Peggy Clarke's Family
Ruth Coleman
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Lou Dodson
Margie Gonzalez
Hilda Harper
Polly Kane
Debi Minor
Frank Moran
Hazel Morgan
Paul Morral
Gladys Nester
Bob & Louise Parrish's Daughter,
Brenda
Louise Parrish
Mabel Pleasants
Kathy Wade
Betsy Young's Brother

Our Country
Our Church & Youth
Unspoken Prayer Requests

Our Christian Love & Sympathy:
**Bob & Louise Parrish & Their
Family in the passing of their
daughter, Lynn.**

**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

**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**