

**Oakland
Baptist
Church**



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Dear Church Family,

As the saying goes... Spring has sprung. The rebirth of creation is displaying the power of the resurrected life that we celebrated at Easter. Trees, plants, bulbs, and all sort of fauna are springing to new life. All a reminder of God's glory. What a beautiful time of the year to celebrate as we fire up the grill and enjoy time with family and friends. It won't be long before gardens are producing an array of fresh vegetables that will be enjoyed by all.

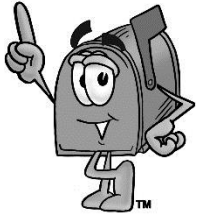
The labor of so many during our Children's Consignment Ministry also bore much fruit. Many people in our community benefited by being able to both sale and buy much needed items for children of all ages. Thanks to our dedicated CCSM Committee and to so many others who gave of their time to assist during this important ministry. During the Consignment Ministry this year, we also had a bake sale which generated enough income to purchase three cases of Bibles for our Panama Bible Project. Thanks to those who donated goods for the sale and for those who served. Our prayer is that through the CCSM people's needs will be met, but even more important is their lives will be touched in some way by the love of God and His Good News!

As we move toward Summer, we are already preparing for our Vacation Bible School which will be held June 20th - 24th. Thanks to Kim Rosson and Michelle Alford for co-leading our VBS this year... and thanks to all of you have signed up to help in some form or fashion. If you are interested in serving during our VBS this year, please see either Kim or Michelle to let them know of you interest and availability. We can never have too many workers. If you can't serve, there are a variety of items we are asking folks to provide. These are listed in the foyer of the church sanctuary. Also, if you have neighbors, friends or family who may be interested in attending, please know that all are welcome.

Over the past few months, we have had a number of training events related to our Sunday School Ministry... especially related to our ministry to children and youth. We are thankful that Tom Sutterfield has graciously accepted the position of Sunday School Director. Please keep Tom in prayer as he works with a host of dedicated and gifted teachers and workers who faithfully serve our children, youth and adults. If you are not involved in Sunday school, let me encourage you to prayerfully consider joining us. Every Christian needs to be part of a group of folks who are dedicated to growing in their faith... and this is what Sunday school is all about.

It is our joy to serve as your Pastoral Team. Let's continue to lift each other up in prayer and build each other up in Christ. Don't hesitate to let us know if we can pray for you or be of service to you in any special way.

Blessings,
Randy & Betty Rains



Keep in Touch!

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God's Helpers

God could not be in every place
With loving hands to help erase
The teardrops from each baby's face,
And so He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone
And leave us to a fate unknown;
Without providing for His own,
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day
And kneel beside our crib to pray,
Or kiss our little aches away;
And so He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,
He simply could not take command.
That's why He placed our tiny hand
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,
I know that God will gladly send,
To welcome home her child again,
That ever-faithful mother.

--George W. Wiseman

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
- 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.

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Happy Birthday!

Donnie Bowmaster	5/1
Abigail Osborne	5/1
Margo Parrish	5/1
Cameron Young	5/1
Sherry Alston	5/3
Jason Brooking	5/3
Kimberly Murray	5/5
Sarah Wade	5/6
Ann Dabney	5/7
Sharon Kincaid	5/8
Joey Berlin	5/9
Christina Clough	5/11
Bailey Grant-Dickerson	5/12
Revia Wells Kramer	5/13
Ron Taylor	5/13
Wyatt Clough	5/14
Ashley Dabney	5/15
Billie Altizer Reid	5/15
Preston Young	5/15
Jeff Brooks	5/16
Denise Brooking	5/17
Claire Parrish	5/18
Kamren Clarke	5/19
Warren Harrow	5/20
Martha Barlow	5/22
Brandon Fields	5/22
Mary Catherine Gammon	5/22



Happy Anniversary!

David & Missy Bowmaster	5/16
David & Janet Hawk	5/16
Vernon & Wendy Grady	5/18
James & Sally Hodges	5/19

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY FOR MAY

The Sacred Call to Self-Understanding & Transformation: The Psalmist says “Search me, O God, and know my heart! Examine me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting” - (Psalms 139:23-24). If we are to truly understand God, we must also understand ourselves. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings during the month of May as we study an ancient tool called the Enneagram. The Enneagram (a Latin work that means “nine types”) is a tool that has been used for centuries to better understand ourselves so that we can better understand God and how He wants to transform us. You won’t want to miss this special study which will be held each Wednesday evening during the month of May. Come for a wonderful fellowship meal at 6:00 p.m. and our study will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Senior Law Day in Goochland County Wednesday, May 11th - 1:00 - 4:00 pm Goochland Public Library

The Goochland Department of Social Services, Senior Connections, The Capital Area Agency on Aging, the Law Firm of Williams Mullen, and Capital One are offering valuable legal services opportunity.

No cost to participants. This is a service for eligible older adults and persons with disabilities.

Income eligibility requirements:

Single person household: \$2,792/monthly or less

Two person household: \$3,782/monthly or less

Life Planning Documents:

Wills

Durable Power of Attorney

Advance Medical Directive

(all legal documents will be completed and legally notarized on-site).

To reserve a time slot, please contact Mrs. Pat Giesen at (804) 343-3059 or pgiesen@youraaa.org. An application will be sent to you and it must be completed and returned to Senior Connections no later than Tuesday, May 3, 2015. One-hour appointments, with an attorney, will be scheduled in confidential settings. There is a limited number of available appointments. Don’t Delay! Call Today!

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Ministry Opportunities...

Evening Book Club is reading *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. They will meet at Sharon Kincaid’s house on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 pm.

Morning Book Club will meet at Paula Archer’s house on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 10 am. They are reading *The Last Midwife* by Sandra Dallas.

Bible Study: Come join us every Monday night at 7:00 as we study *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World*, written by Joanna Weaver and facilitated by Betty Rains. Books cost \$8.46.

Consignment Ministry News: Thanks to everyone who helped with our Children Consignment Ministry in April! We were able to sell over 2,500 items through this ministry to help those who cannot otherwise afford children's clothes, baby equipment, toys, shoes and so much more. Our consignors and volunteers make this ministry so successful! Donated items from the sale will go to help so many in our community. Our next sale will be September. For information on how to consign and be part of this ministry, go to our church website www.oakland-baptist.com and click on the Children’s Consignment Ministry link. You will be blessed!



Join us on Saturday, May 21st, for a spring, fun filled day to the Shenandoah Valley, where we will visit The Cheese Shop in Stuart’s Draft, followed by a delicious home-cooked lunch at Mrs. Rowe’s Family Restaurant and Bakery in Staunton, and a leisurely tour of Andre Viette Farm and Nursery in Fishersville. All are welcome! Please meet at the church at 8:30 am. Transportation will include church bus and carpooling. Sign-up sheet in foyer.

Carpenter’s for Christ are headed to Greenup, IL the week of May 26th - June 3rd. Please remember our men as they go and minister in this community.

Goshen Association will be hosting **IMPACT VA** in Orange this summer from July 10 -16. Volunteers are needed for the following positions: Crew Chiefs & Adult Crew Members, Runners, Refuse Hauling & Lunch Preparation. See letter from John Miller regarding position descriptions on bulletin boards in hallways. If you would like to help out, contact John @ 540.894.8440.



WMU Happenings...

On Saturday, May 7th, we will have an opportunity to help with the yard sale at RuraLove. We will work from 7 am - 1:30 pm. If interested in helping, meet at the church by 6:15 am to carpool. Light continental breakfast, coffee and water will be provided. Pack a bag lunch to take with you. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.

The Goshen Mission Offering and Week of Prayer is May 15th - 22nd. Oakland’s goal is \$1,000. Prayer guides and offering envelopes are available in the Sunday school classrooms and foyer. All GMO funds are allocated to special mission activities not supported by the regular Ministry Budget.

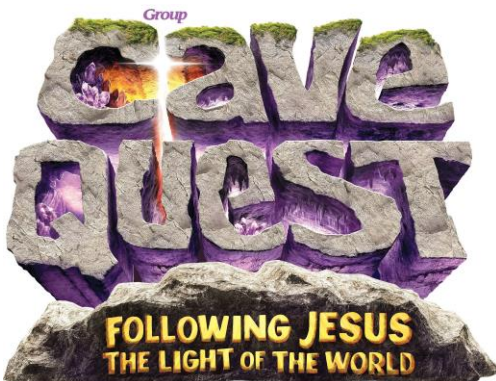
Bibles for Panama: The leaders of the Chiricana Baptist Association, who the Goshen Associate has worked with over the last 5 years, has an opportunity to go into public and private schools to share what the Bible means to them, give their testimonies, share their faith and hand out Bibles. How can Oakland help in spreading the gospel? A case of Bibles costs \$73. To date, we have raised \$580 which is almost 8 cases of Bibles. We have collected \$235.50 in donations, \$73 from CCSM Committee, and raised \$271.50 through the bake sale held during consignment. Thanks to everyone who baked items for us. We will collect money through July 24. 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."

On May 29th, we will recognize our upcoming graduates during church service. We are so proud of Nathan Alford and Alex Justiniano for reaching this very important milestone in their lives! Come and hear what these young men have planned for the future and join us as we pray over them for what God has in store for their lives.



Attention Parents! On Sunday, May 29th, there will not be Children's Church during the 11:00 am worship hour. All school-age children will stay in the worship hour with their parents. We will still offer Extended Session Teaching Hour for preschool age children.

UPDATE: Wednesday, May 25th, will be our last Wednesday night for Fellowship Meals, Adult Bible Study, CIAs and Youth. We will take a break for the summer. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for special events during the summer. Starting June 1st, choir practice will start at 7 pm.



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! We hope to see you there!

The VBS Team is looking for donated items to make this year's Cave Quest VBS our best yet! Items needed include:

- Rolls of brown paper
- Colored cellophane
- Battery-operated tea lights
- Paper grocery bags
- Large cardboard boxes
- Large black or brown tarps (borrow & return)
- White or colored Christmas lights (borrow & return)
- Spray paint (blue, yellow, green & purple)
- AAA batteries
- Medium-3M command hooks

See Kim Rosson or Michelle Alford with questions. Thank you for your support.

Mark your calendars! Cook-out on Wednesday, July 13th, before the Quarterly Business Meeting. Homecoming is August 21st with Revival August 22nd - 24th. More information to follow.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – May 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Nursery
01	Sandy Harper	Kay Amos	Lesley Alford	Rhonda Lloyd
08	Glenn Williams	Betty Dunnivan	Bill Groome	Betty Smith
15	Betsy Young	Kim Frank	Shirley Bath	Denise Brooking
22	Bobby Fields	Hazel Morgan	Betty Rains	Sandi Blair
29	Ricky Harper	Betty Stanley	Sharon Kincaid	Michelle Alford



<u>1</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting 1 – 3 pm Consignor Pick Up	<u>2</u> 7 pm – Bible Study	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Susan 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>9</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group 7 pm – Bible Study	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>12</u> 7 pm B&G Meeting	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15am Children's Worship w/Shirley	<u>16</u> 7 pm – Bible Study	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm Choir	<u>19</u> 10am Seniors @ Providence 7pm WOM	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 8:30 am Church-wide Shenandoah Valley Trip
<u>22</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15 am Children's Worship w/Sarah 12:30 pm – Youth Committee	<u>23</u> 7 pm – Bible Study	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> LAST WED NIGHT 6pm WNS 7pm Adult Bible Study, Youth, & CIA's 8pm Choir	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 8:30 Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship NO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				

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

Mark Brooking
Donna & Robert Burris – Praise!
Ruth Coleman
Lou Dodson
Becky Edwards
Brandon Fields
Mary Catherine Gammon
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Margie Gonzalez
George Groome
Melissa Heffinger
Hallie Hicks
Debbie Minor
Frank Moran
Hazel Morgan
Gladys Nester
Ethel Osterbind
Claire & Tom Parrish

Louise Parrish
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Heath Rains
Randy & Betty Rains
Frank Sheffield
Jenny Smith
Ron Taylor
Our Country
Our Church, Children & Youth
Homeless
Community Needs
Unspoken Prayer Requests

Our Christian Love & Sympathy: The Family of Bernice Lewis

**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) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month