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## “Thank You”

Judith Bledsoe Bailey

The German mystic Meister Eckhart is reputed to have said that if the only prayer you make is “thank you” that will suffice. When I first read these words I admit I had to think about it a bit – because of the wealth of prayers we pray, from the Lord’s Prayer to the “sinner’s prayer” (Lord have mercy on me, a sinner). And of course, in the mystic’s statement is the big “if.” Still –

But upon reflection, I understand. Praying “thank you” involves looking up and out, to realize how much we are part of a larger community of people who help make our life possible. It begins with gratitude for life itself, for those who brought us into being and nurtured us, for all who help sustain us, whose gifts are different from ours, whose attitudes and conversations help shape our thinking and our actions. We are interconnected; we do not live by our own strength alone.

Gratitude is a recognition of all that has been given, for the grace of God, for the knowledge of Christ and the redemption that has found us. Gratitude allows us to know that whatever we are, whatever we have, it is enough. We give thanks to God for what the Apostle Paul calls “this indescribable gift.” 2 Cor. 9:15 (NRSV)

As Christians we know that the gift of redemption means to respond to Jesus’ command to “love our neighbor as we love ourselves.” Redemption does not lead to selfishness, but hopefully to selflessness. How do we express our gratitude in today’s world?

A recent “60 Minutes” show gave a glimpse of what that can mean. Bryant Wright, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention who is now pastor of Johnson Ferry Baptist Church in Georgia emerged as one of the leaders in helping resettle Syrian refugees. Even though Georgia governor’s tried to block refugees, this church sponsored eight Syrian families to resettle in metro Atlanta last year. The refugees were given English tutoring and help finding jobs. The pastor looks to the Bible to reinforce his stance as he responded to the interview: “Well, see, our calling, Bill, is far higher to follow Christ and do what Christ teaches us to do than whether there’s an “R” or a “D” behind your name. And that’s what we’ve got to live by far more than what people are hearing on talk radio, or on the news or from political candidates.” <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/60-minutes-syrian-refugee-crisis-immigration/>

I am so encouraged by what this church has done – a SBC church acting out of the heritage of thousands of missionaries to foreign lands, loving people in the name of Christ and addressing the physical needs for housing, schools, churches and hospitals. We do not give up our commitment to Christ; we do not forget what God has done for us when we are truly grateful.



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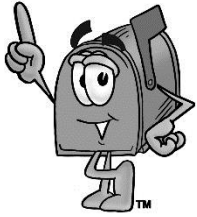
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### From Pastor Search Committee:

The Pastor Search committee is excited to announce it has a strong candidate that has been invited to come and preach at Oakland. We encourage all members to be present on the following dates to have an opportunity to hear the candidate preach and ask questions:

**November 13** - The candidate will preach the Sunday Worship service. Afterwards, everyone will gather in the fellowship hall for a pot luck luncheon with a Q&A session to follow.

**November 16** - The candidate and family will join us for Wednesday Night Supper with an additional Q&A session to follow.

**November 20** - Special Called Business meeting to discuss the candidate and vote on calling them to Oakland.

Please spread the word. This is a very important time in the life of Oakland and we would like all members to participate in deciding on the next spiritual leader of our church.

## 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:

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There will be a special called business meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 7 pm to vote on the recommendation of the youth leader search committee to hire Shelby S. Jones as Youth Leader.

## Happy Birthday!

Leonard Jones	11/2
Shirley Bath	11/3
Shirley Bowyer	11/3
Sally Hodges	11/3
Beth Parrish	11/5
Sandi Blair	11/7
Sam Pleasants	11/8
Ryan Erb	11/9
Loren Stanley	11/10
Christopher Hodges	11/11
Amy Jarrell	11/11
Eric Majka	11/12
Les Bradshaw	11/13
Pam Bradshaw	11/13
Mikayla Brooks	11/13
Horace Crowder	11/14
Tori Klein	11/16
Bill Groome	11/18
Jennifer Dabney	11/19
Betsy Young	11/19
Tennis Bradshaw	11/21
Luke Parrish	11/21
Amanda Alston	11/22
Emily Ryland	11/22
Brenda Carrasco	11/23
Barbara Atkinson	11/24
Christina Hanson	11/24
Ashley Saunders	11/25
Derek Blair	11/26
Carolyn Grant	11/27
Vance Willis	11/27
Shearin England	11/29
Stan Majka	11/30

## Happy Anniversary!

Dennis & Melinda Gammon	11/5
Lonnie & Sharon Kincaid	11/5
Eddie & Mary Bradshaw	11/10
Ron & Ann Taylor	11/17
Bill & Pat Groome	11/18
Grayson & Carolyn Grant	11/25
Michael & Theresa Hicks	11/26

## CIAs are on the move...

During the month of October, we learned about World Hunger. We meet The McIntosh Family who serve in Thailand; and John and Wanne Dina who serve in Mozambique. The CIAs learned how hunger impacts people around the world and in our community.

The CIAs collected non-perishable food for Victory Christian. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, we delivered four boxes and four bags of food. Due to a mix-up in the director's schedule, we did not get to tour the Food Bank. However, that has been rescheduled for Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will leave church at 6:25 pm.



On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we will participate in the International Mission Study and learn about Norway and the Dove Family who serve there.

**Note of Thanks...** We have been blessed and comforted by your expressions of sympathy and understanding during my sister's illness and death. Thank you for your conversations and hugs, your prayers, your cards and the delightful fruit basket we received when we returned home. We love you all, Judy and David

What a pleasant surprise to receive a generous "pastor appreciation" gift from you all during worship last week! You have blessed us in so many ways. Thank you. Judy and David

## Ladies' Book Club...

The morning book club is reading *The Gift from the Sea* by Ann Morrow Lindbergh and will meet at Hazel Morgan's house on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am.

The evening book club is reading *A Man Called Obe* by Fredrik Backman and will meet at Michelle Alford's house on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

## Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

### WMU Happenings...

**Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions - Goal \$1,500.** Thank you for your support! We collected \$730. If you missed the opportunity, you can still give to this offering. Envelopes are available on the table in the hallway.



Thanks to everyone who came out to support this event. 235 people from our Goshen Association churches gathered at Mineral Baptist on October 9<sup>th</sup>. We worked hard but had a lot of fun packing, weighing and sealing the meals.

Pictured: Kathy, Pat & Bill Groome; Tom & Becky Sutterfield; Sharon Kincaid. Not pictured: Frank & Jenny Smith; George & Teresa Groome.

**Day of Prayer Event:** On Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am - 10:30 am, the WOM will host a Day of Prayer. Please join us at 8:30 am for a continental breakfast and program to follow. Help is needed before, during, and after the event. If you would like to help, please see Sharon Kincaid.

**Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** are due Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Place your box on the table outside the copy room.

### IMS 2016: NORWAY...SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

Dinner @ 6 pm; Study @ 7 PM

It's a land of dramatic Nordic landscapes with lush meadows and forested hills, icy glaciers and rushing waterfalls, deep fjords and snow-capped peaks. In the north, the summer sun shines around the clock, and in the winter northern lights fill the sky.

Beyond startling beauty, Norway's other superlatives include it being considered the world's most democratic nation. It ranks among the world's wealthiest nations with North Sea oil fields allowing the country to sock away reserves of hundreds of billions of dollars. And using the United Nation's measures for happiness, people in Norway enjoy high levels of security, strong social policies, freedoms, and an overall sense of well-being, making Norway one of the happiest countries in the world.

Yet, in a country that seemingly has everything, Norway's heritage as a Christian nation belies its spiritual state. Postmodern culture has taken root here as in much of Europe with its sense of relativism and lack of definitive truths. Large church buildings of the past stand empty or have been converted into cafes in this secular culture.

In a land of such outward beauty and self-sufficiency, how and where is God working to bring people to a rich faith in Norway? Journey through Norway in the International Mission Study 2016, and see how God is bringing spiritual beauty to this land.





## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – November 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to PreK
06	Betsy Young	Peggy Bartley	Sharon Kincaid	Rhonda Lloyd	Sarah Blair
13	Bobby Fields	Hilda Harper	Bill Groome	Kim Frank	Janet Hawk
20	Ricky Harper	Wanda Miller	David Hawk?	Michelle Alford	Alisha Fields
27	Kim Rosson	Ann Taylor	Pat Groome	Sandi Blair	Becky Sutterfield



		<u>1</u> 10 am – Ladies' Book Club @ Hazel Morgan's house 7 pm – Ladies' Book Club @ Sandy Harper's house	<u>2</u> 6 pm – Dinner 6:30 pm – CIAs to Victory Christian 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>7</u> 8:30 – 10:30 am Day of Prayer	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – Special Called Business Meeting, Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship – Pastor Candidate Preaching 12:30 Pot Luck Lunch w/Q&A	<u>14</u> 10am – WOM Morning Group	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – Pastor Candidate Q&A <b>NO CIAs or Youth</b> 8 pm – Choir	<u>17</u> 10am Seniors @ Gum Spring UMC 7pm WOM	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm – Special Called Business Meeting	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 7 pm - Community Thanksgiving Service @	<u>24</u> 	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – IMS Study: Norway 8 pm - Choir			

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**Remembered in our hearts & prayers:**

Lesley Alford  
Nathan Alford  
Vernell Amos  
Patsy Anderson  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Don Beatty  
Shirley Bowyer  
Ruth Coleman  
Lu Dodson  
Bobby Fields  
Kim Frank  
Robert Gammon  
Margie Gonzalez  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
George Groome  
Pat Groome  
Alan Harper  
Julie Lloyd  
Bryan McCallister  
Millie Michem  
Wanda Miller  
Frank Moran  
Dale Nester  
Gladys Nester  
Ethel Osterbind

Louise & Robert Parrish  
Callahan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Heath Rains  
Randy & Betty Rains  
Riley Saunders  
DeJean Senheus  
Linda Shettle  
The Silva Family  
Betty Smith  
Nita Snead  
Loren Stanley  
Jimmy Stewart  
Billy Walton  
Cecil & Pete Watson  
Sandi Williams  
Keith & Chloe Wiltshire  
Our Church & Nation  
Interim Pastors - David & Judy Bailey  
Our New Pastor/Pastors  
Pastor Search Committee: Michelle Alford, Len Archer, Bill Groome, Susan Heffinger & Kim Rosson

Christian Sympathy to:  
The Family of Imogene Apsey  
The Family of Mary Bledsoe Latham

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

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.