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FORGIVENESS

David L. Bailey

When we confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness, we are forgiven.

"If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope."
Psalm 130:3-5, New International Version (NIV)

As children of God and followers of Jesus, we are called to forgive others.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." - Colossians 3:12-14, New International Version (NIV)

Forgiving friends is often easier than forgiving enemies. "A legend about Brother Angelo, a monk in Francis of Assisi's order, illustrates the challenge we face in forgiving others. On Christmas Eve, Brother Angelo cleans his simple mountain hut and decorates it for Mass. He says his prayers, sweeps the hearth, hangs a kettle over the fire, and then sits back to wait for Brother Francis, whom he expects later in the day. Just then three outlaws appear at the door, begging for food. Frightened and angry, Brother Angelo sends them away empty-handed, scolding and warning them that thieves are damned to hell fire.

"When Francis arrives, he senses that something is not right. Brother Angelo then tells him about his visitors, and Francis sends him up into the mountains with a jug of wine and a loaf, to find them and ask their forgiveness. Brother Angelo is indignant. Unlike Francis, he cannot see the wild men as brothers -- only as outlaws. He sets out obediently, however, and by nightfall (having followed the men's footsteps in the snow), he finds them and makes amends. Sometime later, the legend goes, they leave their cave and join the order." - Johann Christoph Arnold, *Seeking Peace*, 1998, 108

Forgiven and forgiving . . . It's the way we are called to live. Thanks be to God.

"Forgiveness is a process - a journey. As much as we might like forgiveness to be a *forgive and forget* moment, lives do not work that way. Old hurts have a way of resurfacing as we are led to examine a new facet of a wound we hoped had healed. Forgiveness is a commitment to face life with a posture that risks rather than protects, while also struggling with the fact that there are times when protection is the wise choice." - Susan L. Nelson, "The Freeing Grace of Forgiveness," *Presbyterians Today*, March 1998, 16.



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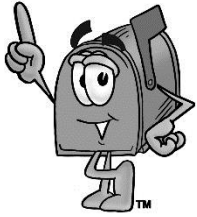
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CIA News...

Our prayer corner is set up. I'm excited for the children to have an opportunity to use it and share the prayers concerns on their heart. In September, we learned about the Hagens and Fenners, missionaries who serve in the Philippines. We also learned about the Fruit of the Spirit.

The children will continue working to memorize their CIA pledge, motto, and scripture verse. They will earn a badge when they can say it from memory.

October is World Hunger emphasis. We will learn about hunger, how it effects those in our community and other parts of the world, and ways we can help. On October 9th, we will go to Mineral Baptist to help package food for Stop Hunger Now. We will also collect non-perishable foods for the entire month and deliver them to Victory Christian on October 26th. While there, the Food Bank Director is going to share about the Food Bank, how it works and give the children a tour. Please drop your donations in the box outside the CIA room downstairs. This is separate from the box upstairs which goes to Perkins Baptist. Let me know if you have any questions.

Check out our bulletin board downstairs.

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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The Ladies' Evening Book Club is reading "A Man Called Obe" by Fredrik Backman and will meet at Sandy Harper's house on Tuesday, October 25th at 7 pm.

Happy Birthday!

Stephanie Murphy	10/1
Gavin Marks	10/4
Julie Lloyd	10/5
Gwen Saunders	10/5
Judy Morton	10/6
Joyce Hawk	10/8
Margie Gonzalez	10/9
John Ware	10/11
Debbie Cutchin	10/12
George Groome	10/12
Benjamin Hart	10/12
Susan Heffinger	10/12
Louise Ware	10/12
Polly Kane	10/13
John Summitt	10/14
Kim Rosson	10/15
David Ware	10/15
Tiffany Ladd	10/17
Brandon Wagner	10/17
Pat Groome	10/19
Heather Hodges	10/19
Kevin Osborne	10/20
Grayson Grant	10/21
Emmi Kay Harrow	10/22
Rebecca Able	10/23
Gail Brooks	10/26
Kathy Pope	10/26
Elijah Justiniano	10/27
Robert Parrish, Jr.	10/27
Frank Moran	10/28
Alma Salazer	10/28
Adam Saunders	10/28
David Ware, Sr.	10/29
Kelli Groome	10/30

Happy Anniversary!

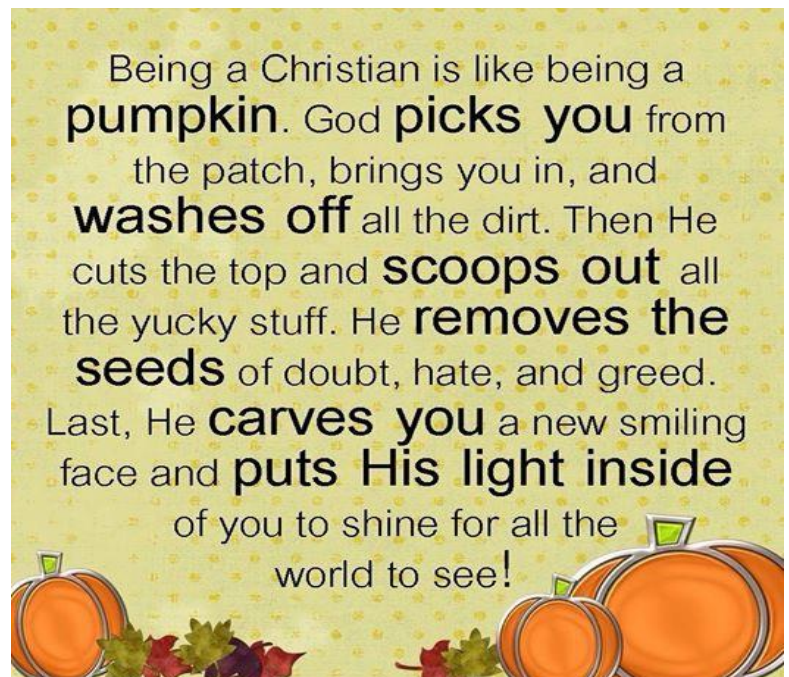
Kevin & Jessica Osborne	10/7
John & Jacqueline Matysek	10/15
Michael & Tammy Brooking	10/16
Timothy & Cassandra Jarrell	10/16
Jeff & Gail Brooks	10/16
Tom & Claire Parrish	10/16
Ricky & Terry Smith	10/26
Martin & Alma Walton	10/30

WMU Happenings...

Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions - Goal \$1,500.
To date, we have collected \$480. It is not too late to give to this mission offering. Envelopes are available in the Sunday School rooms and on the table in the church foyer.

Stop Hunger Now Event - October 9th from 3 - 5 pm:
We will take a group to Mineral Baptist for the Stop Hunger Now Packing Event. We need youth and adults. There is a place in the assembly line for you. We will take the church bus and cars. The WMU will provide lunch immediately after the service. Let us know if you plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the church foyer. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

Day of Prayer Event: On Monday, November 7th 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. Registration is requested and deadline to register is Sunday, October 30th. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the church foyer. Help is needed before, during, and after the event. If you would like to help, please see Sharon Kincaid.



The Ladies' Morning Book Club is reading "The Gift from the Sea" by Ann Morrow Lindbergh. Date and place to meet TBD.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – October 2016

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years
02	Bill Groome	Ann Taylor	Sharon Kincaid	Sandi Blair
09	Pat Groome	Peggy Bartley	Bill Groome	Denise Brooking
16	Lonnie Kincaid	Hilda Harper		Cheryl Klaty
23	Sandy Harper	Wanda Miller	Pat Groome	Kim Frank
30	Ron Taylor	Ann Taylor	Shirley Bath	Sandy Harper



						<u>1</u> 9 am – 12 pm Children's Consignment ½ Price Sale
<u>2</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm - Choir	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 9 am – 12 pm Children's Consignment ½ Price Sale
<u>9</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 3 – 5 pm Stop Hunger Now Event & Mineral	<u>10</u> 10am – WOM Morning Group	<u>11</u> 6:30 – until Consignment Resort	<u>12</u> 6pm Dinner 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 6:30 – until Consignment Resort (if needed)	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 1:30 – 3:30 Consignment Pick-Up	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm - Choir	<u>20</u> 10am Seniors @ Elpis Christian 7pm WOM	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 7 pm – Ladies' Book Club @ Sandy Harper's house	<u>26</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm - Choir	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> <div style="border: 2px solid green; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">C4C - Lexington, SC</div>
<u>30</u> 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>31</u>					

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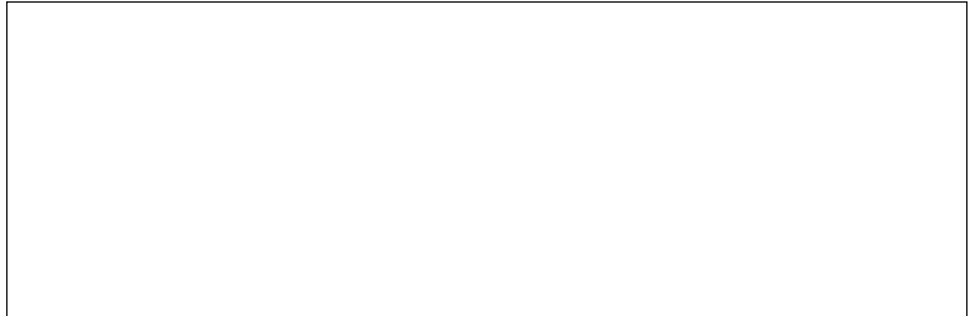
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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Lesley Alford
Nathan Alford
Patsy Anderson
Imogene Apsey
Virginia Beach-Cook
Shirley Bowyer
Ruth Coleman
Wendy Cooper
Robert Cutchin
Jenny DeRusha
Lu Dodson
Bobby Fields
Robert Gammon
Margie Gonzalez
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
George Groome
Polly Kane
Mary Bledsoe Latham
Julie Lloyd
Joe Miller
Frank Moran
Gladys Nester
Ethel Osterbind

Louise & Robert Parrish
Callahan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Heath Rains
Randy & Betty Rains
Riley Saunders
Shirley Shelton
Linda Shettle
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Jimmy Stewart
Tommy Tyler
Allen Wade
Evelyn Wade
Cecil & Pete Watson
Sandi Williams
Our Church & Nation
Interim Pastors - David & Judy Bailey
Pastor Search Committee:
Michelle Alford, Len Archer, Bill Groome, Susan Heffinger & Kim Rosson

Christian Sympathy to:
The Family of Willa Jean Harris
The Family of Betty Jarrell
The Family of Mary Pinney

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.