



### Introducing Nate Varnier!

The Pastor Search Committee is excited to announce that we have invited our pastoral candidate, Nate Varnier, to preach on **Sunday, April 23, 2017**. After an extensive search, the committee feels that God has led Nate to Oakland and he is the right fit to be the next leader of our church.

Nate is originally from New Kent County, Virginia, where he graduated high school in 1997. He attended Virginia Tech, obtaining a forestry degree in 2001. He then worked in the business world doing environmental management work for approximately eight years prior to receiving his call to ministry at the age of 30. Nate received his Master of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond in May 2012.

Nate currently teaches 4<sup>th</sup> grade in Mississippi and pastors a Baptist church just north of Vicksburg in a lake resort community. The church has grown by nine since the beginning of his ministry there and they are consistently seeing new faces almost weekly. His prior church, Fairfields Baptist in Burgess, VA grew by 33 people during his time there, 22 of which were baptisms.

He met his wife, Julie, during seminary and they were married in Richmond, VA. She is originally from Mississippi, so they moved there two years ago to be near her family as their two young daughters (ages 4 and 2) were in their first years of life. They are now ready to get closer to their family in Virginia and find a good community where their girls can attend school and they can continue to grow spiritually with a church family. He is also eager to get back into full-time ministry.

We are excited about Nate and Julie's visit to Oakland and we hope you will attend on **Sunday, April 23** to hear Nate preach God's word and enjoy a time of fellowship afterwards with a potluck luncheon.

If you have a specific question you would like to ask Nate, please submit it to one of the Pastor Search Committee members listed below or email to Kim Rosson at [krosson23065@yahoo.com](mailto:krosson23065@yahoo.com) **by Sunday, April 16**.

On **Wednesday, April 19**, the committee will present information on our search process and how God led us to choose Nate. Please plan to be there so we can share our excitement about Nate and how he fits into Oakland.

There will be a **SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING** on **Sunday, April 30** for discussion and the vote to call Nate Varnier to Oakland Baptist Church. A light lunch will be provided, but we ask that you bring a dessert to share.

*Pastor Search Committee:* Kim Rosson, Bill Groome, David Hawk, Sam Pleasants and Ann Taylor



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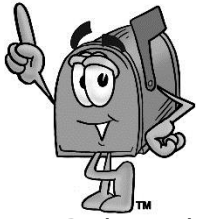
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## Keep in Touch!

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**Easter Sunday Schedule**  
7 am - Sunrise Service  
7:30 am - Breakfast  
8:45 - Sunday School  
10 am - Worship

### ***Goshen Annual Spring Meeting***

Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
3 - 6 pm

Gordonsville Baptist Church  
303 West Gordon Street  
Gordonsville, VA

Presentation from 1:30 - 2:30 pm  
DVD on the Opioid Crisis in VA  
Dustin Lowe to speak on this topic  
(Louisa County Drug Task Force)  
"Hope" from Fluvanna on DVD

Chaplain Karen Powell will be the Keynote Speaker  
Mineral Handbell Choir

## 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:

Interim Pastors: David & Judith Bailey

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## Happy Birthday!

Ruth Coleman	4/1
Harry Smith	4/2
Jeannette Klaty	4/4
Betty Stanley	4/4
Jeni DeRusha	4/8
Donald Amick	4/9
Carol Summitt	4/14
David Gammon	4/15
Joan Lloyd	4/15
Gladys Nester	4/17
Gabriell Traw	4/18
Jim Hamrick	4/19
John Bagby Jones	4/23
April Grant	4/24
Russell Hicks	4/27
Ellie Osborne	4/27
Kathy Alvis	4/29
Len Archer	4/29
Glenn Williams	4/29
Emily Hawk	4/30
Jenny Smith	4/30



## Happy Anniversary!

Ruben & Angie Justiniano	4/6
Loren & Betty Stanley	4/11
Gerald & Mabel Pleasants	4/13
Shannon & Amy Fields	4/17
Kent & Karen Nicely	4/20
Mark & Denise Brooking	4/23
James & Julie Lloyd	4/25
Glenn & Sandi Williams	4/25
Alex & Virginia MacDonald	4/28
Donnie & Louise Ware	4/28

## Youth News...

**“...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. LET US FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS...”  
(HEBREWS 12:1-2)**

This is the theme verse for Missions Connection Camp (MC2) taking place at Eagle Eyrie in July. We have three youth, three children, and three adults who will be attending camp this summer. Our youth and adults will have the opportunity to do mission work in and around the Lynchburg community while our children will be learning about missions through a variety of activities on campus. Please begin praying for camp now. Pray this week will draw each of us going closer to God and open doors for sharing the Gospel.

I'd like to thank each of you who contributed to our bake sale and supported our concession sales during the Spring Consignment Sale. We raised over \$750 for the Harper family!

The Youth Committee is beginning to work on planning the summer youth calendar. If you like Roller Coasters and Contemporary Christian Music, mark your calendar for KingsFest held at Kings Dominion. We will travel as a group on June 23 to see Toby Mac perform. More information will be available in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

Blessings,

Shelby

## Oakland's Children Easter Celebration

Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm

Bring your Easter basket and join us for a time of fellowship and fun. Light refreshments will be served.

Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or [grammykincaid@yahoo.com](mailto:grammykincaid@yahoo.com).



## Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

### *WMU Happenings...*

Thank you for your support of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering! We received \$1,334.00. Our goal was \$2,000 and it's not too late to give.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3 - 5 pm, Oakland will host the Goshen WMU Spring Meeting. There will be two speakers: Greg Compton and Mary Ann Johnson.

Greg has a Masters of Divinity from Baptist Theological Seminary of Richmond and a Masters in Patient Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. He currently serves as Chaplain, Hospice of the Piedmont, in Charlottesville.

Mary Ann has a Masters in Christian education and is a Certified Dementia Care Practitioner. She has worked in the world of dementia for 20 years. She has experience working in residential communities and managing the dementia special care unit. She is recently retired as Program Director from the Alzheimer's Association Greater Richmond Chapter. She also has experience in working with families and people who are diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia disease. Mary Ann has presented at local and national conferences on Spirituality and Dementia and Art and Dementia. Her mother had probable Alzheimer's disease for about 20 years and Mary Ann was a long distance care partner and support for her family.

A light dinner will be served afterwards. Everyone is invited to attend.

All ladies (ages 5 and up) are invited to the "Daughter of the King" Tea on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 5 pm. We will have a guest speaker and a time of fellowship and fun. Please plan to attend. More information to come.

### *CIAs on the move...*

The CIAs prepared and handed out plastic Easter eggs to remind members to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. For every \$25 given, an Easter egg was hung on the tree in the sanctuary. Our goal is to have 80 eggs representing \$2,000. It's not too late to give.

Thank you for your support. On Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, the CIAs packaged bags of hard candy and gum for the Trucker and Seafarers Ministry along the Eastern Shore. The bags will be turned in during our Goshen WMU Spring Meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Oakland.

### **WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – April 2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Kid's Korner</b>	<b>Extended Session – Babies to 2 years</b>	<b>Extended Session – 3 years to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b>
02	Kim Rosson	Ann Taylor	Sharon Kincaid	Cheryl Driver	Janet Hawk
09	Bill Groome	Peggy Bartley	Bill Groome	Helen Smith	Alisha Fields
16	Pat Groome	Betty Dunnivan		Sandy Harper	Becky Sutterfield
23	Lonnie Kincaid	Betty Stanley	Pat Groome	Rhonda Lloyd	Sarah Blair
30	Sandy Harper	Hilda Harper	Shirley Bath	Wendy Cooper	Becky Sutterfield



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<u>2</u> 9:45am SS 11am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Meeting 3 – 5 pm Goshen WMU Spring Meeting	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Cantata	<u>10</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Quarterly Business Meeting, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 10 am – 12 pm Children’s Easter Egg Hunt
<u>16</u> 7 am – Sunrise Service 7:30 am – Breakfast 8:45am Sunday School 10am Worship	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Pastor Search Committee Presentation & Youth <b>CIAs will not meet</b> 8 pm – Choir	<u>20</u> 11 am Seniors @ Gum Spring United Methodist 7 pm – WOM Evening Group	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Pot Luck Luncheon	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> 8 am Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship						

# The Acorn

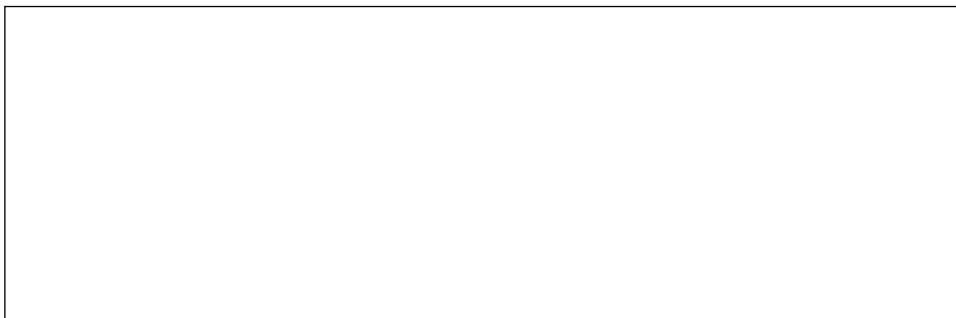
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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?  
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at  
804.556.3550 & leave a message*



## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry & Vernell Amos  
Patsy Anderson  
Norman Apsey  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Don Beatty  
Shirley Bowyer  
Dee Buchanan  
Ruth Coleman  
Lucy Cook  
Alisha Fields  
Cary Lynn Fields  
Mary Catherine & Robert Gammon  
Margie Gonzalez  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Kathy Jones  
Babs Land  
Julie Lloyd  
Bryan McCallister  
Wanda Miller  
Debbie Minor  
Frank Moran  
Dale Nester  
Gladys Nester

Louise & Robert Parrish  
Callahan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Margaret Rosson  
Riley Saunders  
Judy Schaeffer  
Sharon Sherrill  
Betty Smith  
Nita Snead  
Walter Taylor  
Karla Turman  
Susan Wachter  
Kathy Wade  
Cecil & Pete Watson  
Sharon West  
Glenn & Sandi Williams  
Chloe Wiltshire  
Betsy Young  
Our Nation  
Our Church  
Interim Pastors: David & Judith Bailey  
Youth Leader: Shelby Jones  
Pastor Search Committee: David  
Hawk, Bill Groome, Sam Pleasants,  
Kim Rosson & Ann Taylor

Expressions of Sympathy to the families of  
Lu Dodson

**Our Nursing Home Members; see “Keep in Touch” section.**

## Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Joey Berlin, Stateside  
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside  
Gabe Edwards, Stateside  
Sully Edwards, 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.