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Church



# THE ACORN

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Dear Church Family,

It has been an amazing first month with you all! Julie, the kids and I have been extremely blessed to be part of the fellowship at Oakland Baptist Church, and we look forward to our continued work together!

The past few weeks have been difficult for the church as we've said goodbyes to dear loved ones, and I encourage you to allow yourself the time and space to grieve as you need to and to also lean on God through prayer and by talking to others. My prayers continue to go out to those who have lost a spouse, a family member, or a friend. God walks with us in the darkest times, lighting our path with His love, His compassion, and His peace.

I'm looking forward to worshipping and fellowshiping with you all at Homecoming and Revival which begins August 20<sup>th</sup> and concludes Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Invite a family member, invite a friend! We've got three wonderful speakers and a Christian musical group joining us to celebrate the life we have in Christ through God's message and song!

Blessings of peace,

Nate



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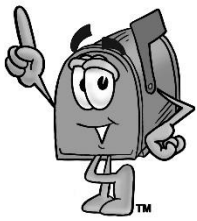
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## Keep in Touch!

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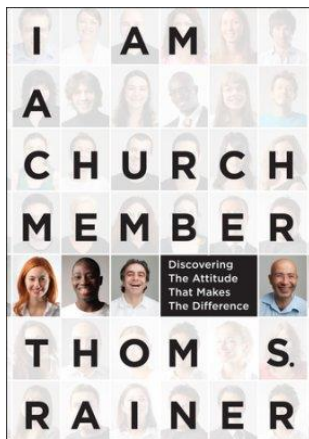
Braeden Smith - Profession of Faith



The choir will be taking a break during the months of July and August. If you would like to sing (solo, duet, trio, etc.), do a reading or give your testimony,

there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Adult Sunday school hallway. Questions? See Lesley Alford.

Beginning Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a study of "I Am a Church Member" by Thom Rainer. The cost of the book is \$5.50 (includes shipping). If you would like the church to order your book, please sign up on the sheet provided in the vestibule by August 27<sup>th</sup>, make check payable to OBC with notation on memo line for "Adult Bible Study Book" and drop it in the offering plate. Questions? See Nate Varnier.



## 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.

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## Happy Birthday!

Tammy Ware	8/2
Ashley Bath	8/6
Grant Perkins	8/7
Pedro Carrasco	8/8
Alan (Bubba) Rosson	8/9
Shelby Jones	8/10
Betty Dunivan	8/12
Michael Hicks	8/12
Grayson Atkinson	8/13
Tiffany Bowen	8/13
Dean Hamblen	8/13
Kerstin Bradshaw	8/14
Doris Atkins	8/16
Gabe Willis	8/17
Alisha Fields	8/21
Betty Jane Smith	8/21
Jane Simpson	8/22
Gerald Pleasants	8/24
Hilda Harper	8/25
Ricky Smith	8/25
Dorothy Gammon	8/26
Katie Nixon	8/26
Bailey Atwood	8/28
Melissa Smith	8/28
Joyce Hamblen	8/29
Henry Tucker Osborne	8/29



## Happy Anniversary!

Tommy & Debbie Murphy	8/5
Brandon & Alisha Fields	8/10
George & Teresa Groome	8/12
Warren & Jill Harrow	8/16
Doug & Staci Harpster	8/21
Frank & Jenny Smith	8/26
George & Frances Groome	8/31

## Youth News...

*“Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” John 6:35*

Since our youth mainly come on Wednesday nights, I decided to continue offering activities on Wednesday nights in June and July. We went to a Flying Squirrel’s game and have a fun night of mini-golf at Bogey’s. We had an awesome week of VBS! But we also had two water game nights where we shared a meal, a Bible story, played “Pie Face Showdown,” and had a water balloon fight.

All the youth knew is that I had planned a fun night involving water balloons and guns. What they didn’t know, is how I would tie our water games into lessons about our need for Jesus. We spent time looking at the story of the Samaritan woman at the well and how Jesus could give her water so she would never thirst again. We also talked about Jesus being the bread of life. Our physical bodies cannot survive without bread and water. But we talked about how the mental, emotional and spiritual side of our lives cannot survive without Jesus. We can have healthy bodies, but without Christ our mental and emotional well-being is compromised. In order to get the most out of life, we need both our physical bodies and our mental/emotional being to be healthy. Often we spend more time concerned with our physical bodies that we neglect our mental and emotional well-being. I encouraged the boys to consider the health of their mental/emotional being. We need Christ to be healthy, happy people.

Blessings,  
Shelby

## Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

### ***WMU Happenings...***

We will continue to collect school supplies through August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our mission project for August is colored marble composition notebooks and 5x7 puzzle and word search books for the Goochland Women's Correctional Center. Place donations on table outside copy room.

During our Fall Missions Celebration, we will be making "Blessing Bags" to hand out to the homeless so we are collecting the following items: travel or motel size shampoo, lotions & soaps; deodorant; individually wrapped toothbrushes; toothpaste; chap stick; disposable razors; and comb and/or small brush.

Place donations in tubs outside copy room. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417.

Women's Get Away is November 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Eyrie. This year's theme is "Joy in the Journey" and Teresa Harmening will be the Featured Speaker & Worship Leader. The cost is \$72.20 person and this covers meals and lodging. If you are interested in going, a \$10.00 deposit is due by Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

### ***Homecoming & Revival...***

Homecoming & Revival is right around the corner. Our theme this year is "The Joy of Unity" and our scripture verse is found in Romans 15:5-6, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." We are looking forward to a wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> is Homecoming and Nate will be our speaker. Special music by members of Oakland. A fellowship meal will follow and everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.

Revival will be held the evenings of August 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7 pm and our guest speakers will be:



**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Darius Webster  
Associate Pastor, Samaria Baptist Church

**Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Ken Rioland  
Pastor, Union Baptist Church



**Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
Steve Blanchard  
Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church Richmond

**Music by Alex Crain & Friends**

**Everyone is invited to join us for an ice cream social immediately after the service on Wednesday evening.**

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – August 2017

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
06	Kim Rosson	Hilda Harper	Sharon Kincaid	Helen Smith	Alisha Fields
13	Bill Groome	Betty Dunivan	Bill Groome	Sandy Harper	Becky Sutterfield
20	Pat Groome	Betty Stanley		Rhonda Lloyd	Sarah Blair
27	Lonnie Kincaid	Wanda Miller	Pat Groome	Kim Rosson	Janet Hawk



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<u>6</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Meeting	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 9am – 12pm Ladies' Crochet Class
<u>13</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>14</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 10 am – Seniors @ Gum Spring United Methodist 7 pm – WOM Evening Group	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> <b>Homecoming</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Fellowship Meal after the worship service	<u>21</u> <b>Revival</b> 7 pm Guest Speaker Darius Webster	<u>22</u> <b>Revival</b> 7 pm Guest Speaker Ken Rioland	<u>23</u> <b>Revival</b> 7 pm Guest Speaker Steve Blanchard Ice Cream Social after the worship service	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry & Vernell Amos  
Kay Amos  
Patsy Anderson  
Norman Apsey  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Don Beatty  
Shirley Bowyer  
Josh Chance - C4C  
Ruth Coleman  
Brian Conrad  
Lucy Cook  
Kaitlyn Daniels  
Robert Dorey  
Betty Fields  
Mary Catherine Gammon  
Margie Gonzalez  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey & Tanner Grant-Dickerson  
Hilda Harper  
Andrew Hutchinson  
Kathy Jones  
Bryan McCallister

Frank Moran  
Dale Nester  
Gladys Nester  
Louise & Robert Parrish  
Callahan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Jason Pope  
Kathy Pope  
Riley Saunders  
Judy Schaeffer  
Betty Smith  
Nita Snead  
Walter Taylor  
Karla Turman  
Susan Wachter  
Donnie Ware  
Cecil Watson  
Glenn Williams  
Chloe Wiltshire  
Betsy Young  
Our Nation  
Our Church

## Expressions of Sympathy to the families of:

Robert Gammon  
Leon Goode  
Louise Grubbs  
Jackie Matysek

**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.