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Dear Church family,

Well...I think I've finally digested my Thanksgiving meal from last week! I hope you all had a wonderful time with family and friends as you celebrated the many wonderful relationships and blessings God has given us.

As we move into the Christmas season, and our focus goes to the celebration of the birth of Christ, I vividly remember a pin that my grandmother, "Granny Pat" gave me as a young boy. It read, *"Remember the reason for the season."* It's always caught my attention, and it may catch yours as well, that just about everyone is a little happier during the Christmas season. Certainly more people are out and about shopping, but there's something else to it...there is more joy in the air and more joy within the hearts of people. I don't think this is a coincidence...I believe God is moving in a big way in the weeks leading up to the celebration of the birth of His Son.

Just the other night Julie and I put up our Christmas tree, and as soon as it stood upright in the stand, Laney and Edie both were completely consumed with joy, to the point where they were jumping up and down uncontrollably. May we all carry the Light of Christ to the world each day, before, during and after the Christmas season, showing others how excited we are to be a child of God and a follower of Christ. May His love shine through you so that others may know Him.

May God continue to guide you as you walk your path for Him.

Blessings of peace,

Nate



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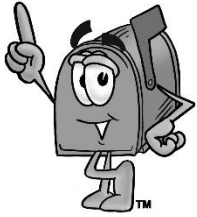
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### Christmas at Oakland

- December 24<sup>th</sup> - Cantata @ 11 am
- December 24<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Eve Service @ 5pm

There will be a special called business meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7 pm to discuss and vote on the following:

- 2018 Budget
- Nominating Committee Report to approve additional committee members
- Review and vote on OBC Constitution & ByLaws

## 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!

Virginia MacDonald	12/1
Lesley Alford	12/2
Billy Walton	12/6
Jimmy Lloyd	12/7
Brandi Hutchinson	12/8
Peggy Bartley	12/10
Brad Goff	12/14
Leona Kay Oglesby	12/15
Wayne Proffitt	12/15
Dennis Gammon	12/17
Judy Gordon	12/17
Joey Hamrick	12/17
Linda Dillon	12/18
Betty Rains	12/18
Jill Snead	12/18
Addison Brolia	12/19
Theresa Hicks	12/20
Linda Shettle	12/20
Wanda Miller	12/21
Craig Kane	12/22
Mark Brooking	12/23
Wendy Grady	12/25
Richard Klaty	12/26
Bruce Alford	12/28
Timothy Jarrell	12/28
Donald Ware	12/30

## Happy Anniversary!

Les & Pam Bradshaw	12/5
Vance & Beth Willis	12/7
Len & Paula Archer	12/11
Wilford & Shirley Bowyer	12/14
Bill & Jeni DeRusha	12/21
Craig & Shelby Jones	12/22
Robert & Sharon Atkinson	12/28
Robert & Louise Parrish	12/30
Thomas & Billie Reid	12/31



## Youth News...

The youth wrapped up our fall study called “One Step Away” a couple of weeks ago. The study was based on Casting Crowns song, “One Step Away”. The opening verse and chorus of the song says:

What if you could go back and relive one day of your life all over again  
And unmake a mistake  
That left you a million miles away from the you, you once knew  
Now yesterday’s shame keep saying that you’ll never get back on track  
But what if I told you -  
You’re one step away from surrender  
One step away from coming home  
One step from arms wide open  
His love has never let you go  
You’re not alone  
You’re one step away

We looked at the book of Jonah and talked about how all the characters seemed to do the opposite of what we’d expect. We talked about God’s love and compassion for the awful, evil Ninevites. We talked about how God used Jonah despite his extremely negative attitude. I pray God used this study to help bring our youth one step closer to understanding God’s love for them, regardless of what they’ve done in their past.

Mark your calendars for December 29! We’re having a Lock-In! The youth committee will meet after church on December 3 to finalize plans for the evening. We will go on a tacky light tour, enjoy an activity to be determined (bowling or laser tag), make a doughnut run, and enjoy lots of food and fellowship. If you’d like to help chaperone at any point during the night, please let me know.

Blessings,  
Shelby

## Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

### *WMU Happenings...*

**Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering - Goal \$3,000.** Prayer guides and offering envelopes are in the Sunday school rooms and on the table in the church foyer. Thank you for your support.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Post Office is open. Drop off Christmas cards for members who regularly attend church and save some money. Place a suggestion \$.25 donation per card in the tin which will support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, 60 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were delivered to Ragland Baptist. Thanks for your support in making a child's Christmas. In 2018, the CIAs will be collecting items throughout the year to pack shoeboxes. Watch the newsletter for more details.

### **The Christ In Christmas**

Poet: Catherine Pulsifer, © 2017

How can you take Christ out of Christmas  
What meaning would there be  
For truly it is Jesus who is the reason  
for this special season you see.

Those who want to say happy holiday  
should be reminded this I say,  
you can find Holy there  
and that should be our prayer.

And further still you say, Santa Claus,  
well, he was a Christian leader too  
by the name of Saint Nicholas  
who helped others all year through.


So as hard as you may try  
There is no reason why  
we would have Christmas time  
without Jesus in our mind.

### **WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – December 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 PreK</b>
03	Kim Rosson	Hilda Harper	Sharon Kincaid	Rhonda Lloyd	Alisha Fields
10	Bill Groome	Hazel Morgan	Bill Groome	Sarah Blair	Shirley Bath
17	Pat Groome	Peggy Bartley	Shelby Jones	Julie Varnier	Wendi Cooper
24	Lonnie Kincaid	Wanda Miller	Kim Rosson	Denise Brooking	Sandi Blair
31	Sandy Harper	Ann Taylor	Shirley Bath	Becky Sutterfield	Sandy Harper

# DECEMBER



					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 8 am – 10 am Breakfast w/Santa
<u>3</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Hanging of the Greens Service	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6:30 pm Wrap Angel Tree Gifts 7pm Choir Practice	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<b><i>Dec 3 – 10: Week of Prayer for International Missions &amp; Lottie Moon Christmas Offering</i></b>						
<u>10</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>11</u> 10am – WOM Morning Group	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 7 pm Special Called Business Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 7 pm Choir Practice	<u>21</u> 10am Seniors @ Holly Grove	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Cantata 5pm Christmas Eve Service	<u>25</u> 	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>31</u> 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship						

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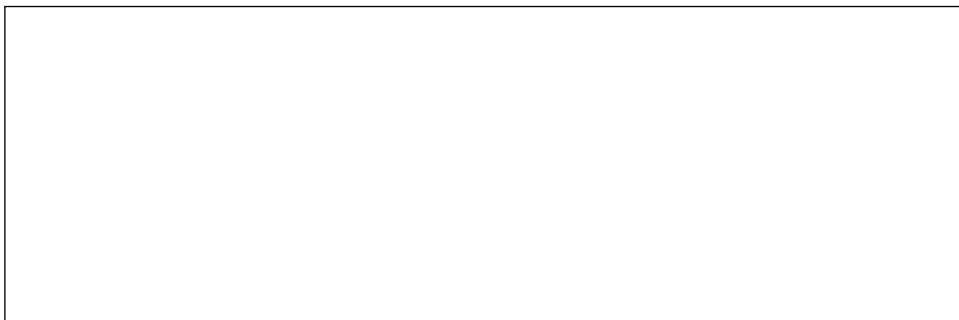
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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?  
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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry Amos  
Kay Amos  
Patsy Anderson  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Shirley Bowyer  
Janice Carneal  
Ruth Coleman  
Brian Conrad  
Bobby Cook  
Lucy Cook  
Kaitlyn Daniels  
Robert Dorey  
Margie Gonzalez  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Pat Groome  
Kathy Jones  
Dean & Vickii Kellison  
Joan Lloyd  
Bryan McCallister  
Frank Moran  
Dale Nester  
Gladys Nester  
Marie Nester

Louise & Robert Parrish  
Callahan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Jason Pope  
Kathy Pope  
Wayne Proffitt  
Lillie Rosson  
Riley Saunders  
Betty Smith  
Nita Snead  
Walter Taylor  
Cecil Watson  
Our Church & Nation

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

### Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

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