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Welcome 2017!

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The year 2016 was a kaleidoscope of surprises, good times, celebrations and yes, sadness. David and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary, our oldest grandson graduated from high school, and we had the unexpected joy of serving both Taylorsville Baptist Church and Oakland Baptist Church. And yet, the deaths of my sister Mary and four other friends this fall was a counterpoint of sadness.

As a result of these experiences, I have become more aware of the fragility of life, more grateful for each day, more grateful for all those whose lives are entwined with mine. It is an awareness that I have often talked about, but now it is more real than ever. I am reminded of those words of Scripture that were the motto of the Masters School where we taught in the late 1960s: "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." (Psalm 90:12 KJV) Another translation puts it this way:" Oh! Teach us to live well! Teach us to live wisely and well! (*The Message*)

The Scriptures serve as the resource for how to live well and fulfill God's purpose for us. The great passage from Micah sums it up for us: "But he's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously." (Micah 6:8, *The Message*) Micah's words are echoed in the commandment of Jesus to "love God and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves."

Showing compassion comes from the Hebrew word "*hesed*," which means "loyal love" or "loving-kindness." As God has treated us with mercy, we are to show the same kind of mercy and kindness to other people.

Walking humbly, or "not taking oneself too seriously," means to be aware of our dependence upon God and other people. We have been given so much that we have not earned. Our appropriate response is a humble heart as well as recognition of possibility and goodness in another person.

As the congregation of Oakland Baptist Church enters the new year, there are plans for reaching out to the less fortunate through our missions committee; plans for getting to know those in the community whom we meet and invite to participate in our church life; there are Bible studies and worship that help us to understand what God has done for us and how we can learn and grow in to wisdom. In this community of faith, I see dedicated people who are focused on following Christ. Surely God has blessed this church and will continue to do so in 2017!



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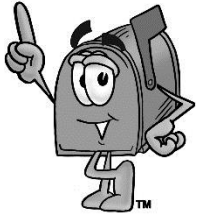
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A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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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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Happy Birthday!

Shannon Fields	1/1
Amanda Brooking	1/3
David Hodges	1/3
Karen Nicely	1/3
Adam Alford	1/5
Stewart Hicks	1/5
Sophie Summitt	1/5
Melissa Heffinger	1/7
Judith Bailey	1/8
Linda Smith	1/8
Missy Bowmaster	1/9
Patrick Hodges	1/9
Rhiannon Sherrill	1/9
Ricky Harper	1/10
Jason Snead	1/11
Trish Wise	1/11
Crystal Kirkinis	1/12
Nancy Walton	1/14
Katherine Murphy	1/15
Amy Gordon	1/16
Charles Atkins, Jr.	1/17
Gregory Comstock	1/17
Brenda Dodson	1/18
Robert Parrish	1/18
Jenny Summitt Booth	1/18
Liz Alford	1/19
Frank Erdt	1/19
Mabel Pleasants	1/19
Jessica Osborne	1/22
Frank Smith	1/22
Hallie Hicks	1/23
Kyndall Bradshaw	1/25
Robert Gammon	1/25
Angi Hill	1/26
Peter Carrasco	1/28
Jennifer Garrigan	1/29
Patricia Gammon	1/29
Kim Groome	1/29
Josie Summitt	1/29
Jennifer Walsh	1/29
Mike Dillon	1/30
Beth Willis	1/31

Happy Anniversary!

Dan & Carol Summit	1/1
Grayson & Barbara Atkinson	1/9
Stewart & Hallie Hicks	1/23
Tony & Kathy Wade	1/27

Youth News...

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.” Matthew 5:14-15

On December 12, we took a bus full of youth and parents on a Tacky Light Tour around the West End of Richmond. It was a beautiful night to get out and get a closer look at some of the houses and all the lights and decorations. One house we went to on Wendhurst Drive was even featured on television that same night and took home the top prize.

All the houses we went to see are breathtaking displays of light and cheer this time of year. You can spot them from miles away and can't help but sit in awe when you first see them. But in a just another week or so these homes will go dark as they pack away the Christmas lights until next year. The hustle and bustle of the Christmas season will be over and life will return to normal.

As Christians, we are called to be the light of the world and our light is to shine all year long. But we can't shine our light unless we are plugged into the Light Source, Jesus Christ. For many it is easy to plug in during the Holiday season, but once the excitement of Christmas is over things go back to life as usual. Attending Worship and Bible Study become less of a priority and our light diminishes. God wants our lights to shine as brightly as the homes on the tacky light tour. Just like people are attracted to those homes, when our lights are shining brightly people will be drawn to us giving us the opportunity to share our faith story.

We will resume our Wednesday night Bible Study on January 4 at 7:00 pm. The youth will begin a study on scripture memorization. We will talk about why it's important to know scripture and how we can apply it in our everyday lives. We will play games, watch videos, listen to music, and have fun while plugging into our Light Source.

Calendar:

January 16 - Martin Luther King Day Mission project (more info to come)

January 18 - Youth Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements



Thanks for all your support! The Santa Breakfast was a great success as we had over 140 people attend this event.

On Saturday, February 4th, the Mission's Committee will be making Brunswick stew and we will be taking pre-orders. The stew will be ready for pick up by noon and must be picked up at the church between 12 - 2 pm. If you would like to donate an item/items for the stew, there will be a sign-up sheet on the wall in the fellowship hall. Questions? See Sandy Harper.

Quarterly Business Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11th at 7 pm.

WMU Happenings...

Thank you for your support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We collected \$1,305.75. Even though the offering emphasis is done, it is not too late to give.

Don't know what to do with all that loose change in your pockets? WOM has the perfect solution. Fill a baby bottle to support Bethany Christian Services, a Christ-Centered Crisis Pregnancy Center & Adoption Services in Fredericksburg, VA. The money will allow for everyone who comes in to get a sonogram to show them the reality of a child with the ultimate goal of saving the lives of the unborn. A baby bottle will be placed in each Sunday school classroom. Please fill it with your change or bills and I will collect them on Sunday, January 29th.

Partnership Dinner will be held at the Mineral Family Life Center on Saturday, January 21st, at 5 pm. Come join us as we hear mission testimonies and about projects for 2017. The cost is \$6 per person so make your reservation now. Contact Joy Dickens at 540-894-8440.

CIAs on the move...

Sarah and I look forward to starting the New Year with our CIA group. We will continue to learn about missionaries here and abroad as well as participating in several mission projects. Our first project will be preparing blessing bags for the homeless. We will fill gallon Ziplock bags with deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, snack items, soap, washcloths, etc. Once the bags are filled, we will give them to River Road Church, Baptist to hand out when they host Caritas.

Our second project will be collecting bags of hard candy and gum (5 stick size) to package bags for the Trucker and Seafarers Ministry along the Eastern Shore. We also need sandwich zipper bags to package the candy and gum. Place donations in tub outside the copy room. Deadline to donate is Sunday, March 19th. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – January 2017

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to PreK
01	Ron Taylor	Peggy Bartley	Sharon Kincaid	Rhonda Lloyd	Sarah Blair
08	Betsy Young	Hilda Harper	Bill Groome	Kim Rosson	Janet Hawk
15	Bobby Fields	Wanda Miller		Michelle Alford	Alisha Fields
22	Ricky Harper	Ann Taylor	Pat Groome	Sandi Blair	Becky Sutterfield
29	Kim Rosson	Peggy Bartley	Shirley Bath	Denise Brooking	Sarah Blair



<u>1</u> HAPPY NEW YEAR! 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	<u>4</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>9</u> 10am – WOM Morning Group	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm – Quarterly Business Meeting 8 pm - Choir	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>16</u> Martin Luther King Day Mission Project	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 6 pm – WNS & Youth Committee 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>19</u> 10am Seniors @ Holly Grove 7pm WOM	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 5 pm Partnership Missions Dinner @ Mineral Baptist
<u>22</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm - Choir	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Nathan Alford
Henry & Vernell Amos
Patsy Anderson
John & Jacob Barber
Virginia Beach-Cook
Don Beatty
Shirley Bowyer
Dee Buchanan
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook
Lu Dodson
Alisha Fields
Betty Fields
Cary Lynn Fields
Margie Gonzalez
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Jimmy Grant
Pat Groome
Alan Harper
Christy Hartley
Julie Lloyd
Paul Magyar
Bryan McCallister
Millie Michem

Frank Moran
Mary Lee Moxley
Dale Nester
Gladys Nester
Virginia O'Neal
Ethel Osterbind
Louise & Robert Parrish
Callahan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Betty Rackley
Heath Rains
Randy & Betty Rains
Riley Saunders
DeJean Senatus
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Betty & Loren Stanley
Tommy Tyler
Cecil & Pete Watson
Sandi Williams
Chloe Wiltshire
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

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) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.