



Welcome to Oakland, Varnier Family!



Oakland is excited to welcome its new pastor, Nate Varnier. Nate, Julie and their family will be arriving in Richmond on Saturday, June 10. If anyone would like to prepare a meal for them for Saturday night and/or Sunday, we are sure they would appreciate it after their long drive. We were also thinking of collecting a small donation towards a gift card to Wegmans or Kroger that will help them get the essentials. If you want to help with meals or gift card, contact Kim Rosson at 804.928.2780. We also need help unloading the moving truck at their new home in Short Pump on Saturday evening (6/10). Contact David Hawk at 804.370.7597 if you can be on call to come and help. Let's

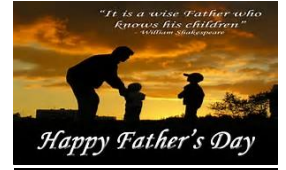
welcome Nate, Julie and the girls to Virginia with a lots of love and JOY!

Parting Thoughts
Judith Bledsoe Bailey

As we join the Oakland congregation in welcoming The Rev. Nate Varnier as pastor, we do so with optimism for the church's future as well as deep thankfulness for our time with you as interim pastors. It is an honor to have served you for a third time as pastors.

A lot has changed over the past few years - the deaths of beloved members of the congregation, new people involved, different styles of worship as well as different processes of church governance. However, you remain the congregation that we know for your great gift of hospitality, your willingness to respond to need, and your energy to work together on different projects both within and outside the congregation. I believe the Holy Spirit is evident among you! David and I thank God for you and for our time with you.

As you look to the future, remember the basic truth that a congregation grows from within. It is the evidence of your loving, respectful and joyful treatment of each other that draws other people into the fellowship. I leave you with a favorite story that makes the point of seeing Christ in each other. (II Cor. 5:17-20) - *Cont'd*
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“The Rabbi’s Gift”

There is a story about a famous monastery that had fallen on hard times. In days past the monastery was filled with young monks. The church resounded with singing. There was vibrancy about the place. But now it was deserted. People no longer came there to be nourished by prayer. A handful of old monks shuffled through the cloisters and praised God with heavy hearts.

On the edge of the monastery woods, an old rabbi had built a little hut. He would come there from time to time to fast and pray. No one every spoke with him; but whenever he appeared, the word would be passed from monk to monk: “The rabbi walks in the woods.” And for as long as he was there, the monks would feel sustained by his powerful presence.

One day the abbot of the monastery decided to visit the rabbi and open his heart to him. After the morning Eucharist, the abbot set out through the woods. As he approached the hut, the abbot saw the rabbi standing in the doorway, his arms outstretched to welcome him. It was as though he had been waiting for him. The two embraced like long-lost brothers.

After a while the rabbi asked the abbot to come inside and sit with him at the wooden table with the Scriptures upon it. They sat there for a moment in the presence of the Book. Then the rabbi began to cry. The abbot then covered his face and began to cry too. For the first time in his life, he cried his heart out.

After the tears had ceased to flow, and all was quiet the rabbi lifted his head. “You and your brothers are serving God with heavy hearts,” he said. You have come here to ask a teaching of me. I will give you a teaching, but you can only repeat it once. After that, no one must ever say it aloud again.”

The rabbi looked straight at the abbot and said, “The Messiah is among you.” There was silence. Then the rabbi said, “Now you must go. “The abbot left without a word and without looking back.

The next morning the abbot called his monks together in the chapter room. He told them he had received a teaching from “the rabbi who walks in the woods.” And this teaching was never again to be spoken aloud. Then he looked at each of the brothers and said, “The rabbi said that one of us is the Messiah.”

The monks were startled. “What could that mean?” they all thought. “Is Brother John the Messiah? Is Father Matthew? Or Brother Thomas? Am I the Messiah? What could this mean?” They were all puzzled by the rabbi’s teaching. But no one ever mentioned it again.

As time went by, the monks began to treat one another with a very special reverence. There was a gentle, wholehearted, human quality about them now which was hard to describe but easy to notice. They began now to study the Scriptures as people who were looking for something. Visitors to the monastery found themselves moved by the life of these monks. Before long, people were coming from far and wide to be nourished by the prayer life of the monks. And once again, young men were asking to become part of the community.

In those days, the rabbi no longer walked in the woods. His hut had fallen into ruins. But somehow or other, the old monks who heard his teaching felt sustained by his prayerful presence. (adapted from Scott Peck, *The Road Less Traveled*)



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Congratulations Graduates!

Bailey Faith Atwood
Patrick Henry High School
She will attend J Sargent Reynolds in the fall
and plans to transfer to VCU.

Kaitlyn Hawk
Goochland High School
She will attend Sweet Briar College in the fall
followed by Radiology School.

Lillie Rosson
Goochland High School
She will attend Longwood University in the fall.

Aaron Cook
Graduated from Memphis University with a
Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering.

Rebecca England
Graduated from Arizona State University with a
Bachelors in English.

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!

Evelyn Wade	6/1
Tanner Bradshaw	6/2
John Barber	6/3
Jill Harrow	6/3
Joshua Brooking	6/5
Crystal Pope Pinkard	6/6
Morgan Lloyd	6/6
Bradford Parrish	6/7
Tiffany Gibson	6/8
Sandra Grooms	6/8
Robert Nixon	6/8
Amy Murray	6/10
Sharon Smith	6/11
Shirley Shelton	6/12
Kalee Jo Harrow	6/13
Sharon Sherrill	6/17
Tammy Brooking	6/18
Sarah Blair	6/20
Marie Nester	6/20
Hayley Rosson	6/20
Vickie Barrack	6/21
Dana Franklin	6/21
Jaimie Snead	6/23
Christian Justiniano	6/25
John Hodges	6/26
Robin Battle	6/27
Sean Dickerson	6/27
Doug Harpster	6/27
Martin Walton, Jr.	6/27
Wendi Cooper	6/28

Happy Anniversary!

Preston & Betsy Young	6/6
Ricky & Sandy Harper	6/7
Stan & Lorraine Majka	6/12
Grayson & Linda Proffitt	6/19
Bruce & Liz Alford	6/22
Ricky & Brenda Dodson	6/22
Leonard & Janet Jones	6/23
Buck & Becky Hicks	6/25
Tony & Amy Gordon	6/29



Lord, please bless our fathers,
these men who mean so much to us,
who are greatly responsible
for who we are and who we are becoming.
Bless them for having the courage
to do what's necessary to keep us out of trouble,
for making us do the right thing,
for helping us build our character,
even when it makes us angry;
and bless them for pushing us to do our best,
even when they just want to love us.
Bless our fathers for being our protectors,
for leading us through stormy times to safety,
for making us believe that everything will be all right
and for making it so.
Bless our fathers for quietly making a living
to provide for those they love most,
for giving us food, clothing, shelter
and the other material things that really matter,
for unselfishly investing time and money in us
that they could have spent on themselves.
Bless our fathers, Lord,
for saving some energy for fun,
for leading us on adventures
to explore the outer reaches of ourselves,
for making us laugh,
for being our playmates and our friends.
Bless them for being our secure foundation, our rock,
for holding on tight to us...until it's time to let us go.
Lord, bless these men we look up to,
our role models, our heroes,
our fathers.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

- Joanna Fuchs

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

Youth News...

“From then on Jesus began to preach, ‘Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near.’”
Matthew 4:17

The gospel of Matthew begins Jesus’ public ministry with these words. Here’s the background: Jesus has been baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist. He then spent 40 days in the desert being tempted by Satan. Now he’s ready to fulfill His purpose.

What does it mean to REPENT? It means to change one’s mind and to turn around in a way that leads to a change of life. We talk a lot about God’s grace and forgiveness. It sounds so simple, ask for forgiveness and it will be given. But there is more to it than that. A simple apology is much different from true repentance. True repentance comes when we realize we need to make a change and trust that God can help us make that change.

We have a busy summer ahead for our Youth Ministry. I am teaching a youth class during VBS week and we will close out our week at Kings Dominion for Kingsfest. I am continuing to meet with our youth on Wednesday nights through June and July. There will also be a few mission opportunities added to the calendar. Please continue to keep our youth in your prayers throughout the summer.

Important June dates:

Wednesday June 7, 6:00-8:00: Pizza, devotional and games

Wednesday June 14: Flying Squirrels game (more info to come)

June 19-22: VBS

Friday June 23: Kingsfest (meet at church at 11:00, bring picnic lunch and \$\$ for dinner)

Wednesday, June 28, 6:00-8:00: Dinner, devotional and games

WMU Happenings...

The WOM Evening Group will be going to the Metro Diner on Thursday, June 8th @ 6 pm. All ladies are invited to join us for this time of fun and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the church foyer. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or grammykincaid@yahoo.com.

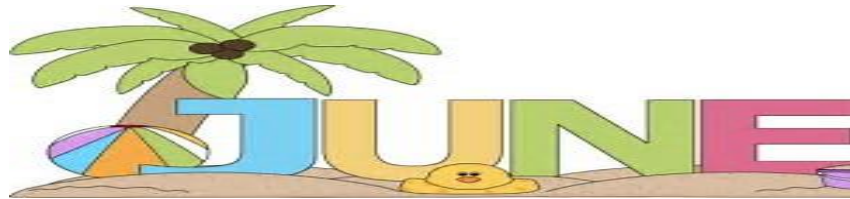
The week of prayer for the Goshen Association Mission Offering was in May. I apologize that I didn’t get the information to you sooner. Why an offering? To help fund projects not paid for by the operation budget. This year’s offering will be used as follows: 50% will go to RuraLove Building Fund; 20% goes to Leland-Madison Park Concrete Picnic Tables; and 30% will go to Capital Improvement to upgrade equipment. Offering envelopes are in the Sunday school classrooms and church foyer. Oakland’s goal is \$1,000.

Vacation Bible School...

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - This year’s theme, "Galatic Starveyors," will be held in the evening the week of June 19 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. All children from 3 years old through adults are invited to join in the fun! We will be having an adult Bible study that week as well. **You can pre-register by going to Oakland’s website www.oakland-baptist.com and click on the VBS link.** Registration forms are also in the children and youth Sunday school classes. We are so excited about teaching the kids (and adults) how to “Discover the God of the Universe!”

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – June 2017

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 st Grade
04	Kim Rosson	Betty Dunivan	Sharon Kincaid	Cheryl Driver	Janet Hawk
11	Bill Groome	Betty Stanley	Bill Groome	Helen Smith	Alisha Fields
18	Pat Groome	Ann Taylor		Sandy Harper	Becky Sutterfield
25	Lonnie Kincaid	Wanda Miller	Pat Groome	Rhonda Lloyd	Sarah Blair



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<u>4</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Meeting	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 6 pm – WOM Evening Meeting @ Metro Diner	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>12</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 11 am Seniors @ Oakland	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<u>18</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – GALACTIC STARVEYORS					
<u>25</u> 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	

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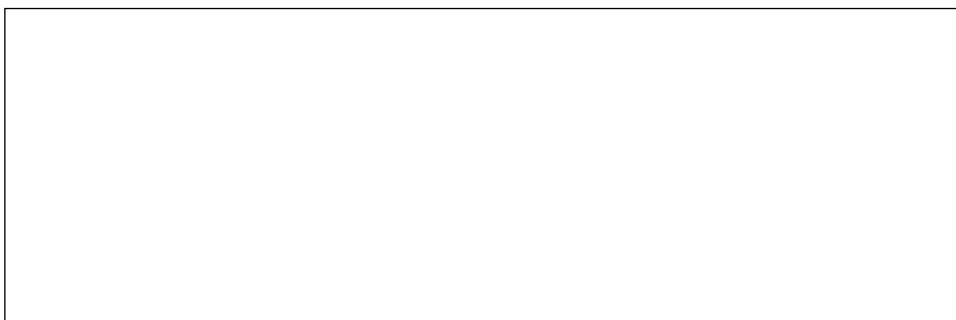
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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at
804.556.3550 & leave a message*



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
Robert Cutchin
Robert Dorey
Betty Fields
Mary Catherine & Robert Gammon
Margie Gonzalez
Velma Goodwin
Jimmy Grant
Bailey & Tanner Grant-Dickerson
Kathy Jones
Bryan McCallister
Wanda Miller
Debbie Minor
Frank Moran
Dale Nester
Gladys Nester

Louise & Robert Parrish
Callahan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Riley Saunders
Deja Senautas
Nita Snead
Walter Taylor
Karla Turman
Lee Turner
Susan Wachter
Sharon West
Betsy Young
Our Nation
Our Church
New Pastor: Nate Varnier & Family
Interim Pastors: David & Judith Bailey
Youth Leader: Shelby Jones

Expressions of Sympathy to the families of

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