



God Goes Ahead of Us
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Of all the resurrection accounts in the Bible, this one is my favorite, not just because it focuses on the women who came to the tomb, but also because of the message from the angel and then from Jesus:

Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee: there they will see me."
(Matthew 28: 10)

Years ago I attended a story-telling conference for five days during which we each took a portion of the gospel of Matthew and memorized it. On the final evening we sat around in a big circle and told the gospel from memory. It was an amazing, worshipful experience that I will never forget. When the woman who memorized chapter 28 stood up and called out "Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me," the gospel came alive for me with a new message - Jesus not only goes with us, he goes before us.

So much of life can cause us to be afraid of the unknown - aging and health concerns, financial concerns, family issues and even political uncertainty. And yet, the Bible is replete with admonitions to trust in God's abiding presence.

We recently visited friends in South Carolina we have not seen for seventeen years. In the years since 2000, we have all aged, we now have grandchildren, and we have experienced exciting events as well as significant challenges. It was wonderful to remember times together at our weddings and subsequent visits, to share ideas about life. It was also sobering to realize how old we are now and our futures are uncertain.

Jesus reminds us to consider how God has been with us thus far and calls on us to look to the future with confidence that whatever happens, God is already there and will meet us and sustain us. That is comforting.

Whatever is ahead for Oakland, we know that God has been with you in the past and will surely sustain your future. As you look to a new pastor and a new era in the life of the congregation, we know that you will embrace the future with faith that God is already there.

Happy Mother's Day



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Mother's Day

'A Mother loves right from the start.
She holds her baby close to her heart.
The bond that grows will never falter.
Her love is so strong it will never alter.
A Mother gives never ending Love.
She never feels that she has given enough.
For you she will always do her best.
Constantly working, there's no time to rest.
A Mother is there when things go wrong.
A hug and a kiss to help us along.
Always there when we need her near.
Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.
So on this day shower your Mother with Love.
Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough.
Give your Mother a day to have some peace of mind.
Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.
Happy Mothers Day'

-Carol Matthews

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!

Donnie Bowmaster	5/1
Abigail Osborne	5/1
Margo Parrish	5/1
Cameron Young	5/1
Sherry Alston	5/3
Jason Brooking	5/3
Kimberly Murray	5/3
Glenn Smith	5/6
Sarah Wade	5/6
Ann Dabney	5/7
Sharon Kincaid	5/8
Joey Berlin	5/9
Christina Clough	5/11
Bailey Grant-Dickerson	5/12
Ron Taylor	5/12
Revia Wells Kramer	5/13
Brett Atwood	5/15
Billie Altizer Reid	5/15
Preston Young	5/15
Jeff Brooks	5/16
Denise Brooking	5/17
Claire Parrish	5/18
Kamren Clarke	5/19
Warren Harrow	5/20
Martha Barlow	5/22
Brandon Fields	5/22
Mary Catherine Gammon	5/22



Happy Anniversary!

David & Missy Bowmaster	5/16
David & Janet Hawk	5/16
Vernon & Wendy Grady	5/18
James & Sally Hodges	5/19

Youth News...

The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him." As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). John 20:13-16

This is one of my favorite passages of Scripture and of the Easter story. Mary is so consumed by her grief, she fails to recognize Jesus. It is only when he speaks her name that she realizes it is Him. So often we too, are consumed; consumed by worry/anxiety, consumed by stress, consumed by culture, that we also miss Jesus standing in our midst. The good news is that Jesus is always with us, whether we recognize Him or not. Sometimes we just need to be still and listen for our name. I find comfort in these verses, especially in challenging times, and I hope you do, as well.

Here is what's coming up for the Youth in May:

Youth Committee meeting: May 10th at 6:00

Graduate Recognition: May 21st at 11:00

Kingfest Ticket Money Due: May 21st

Blessings,
Shelby



Extended session is in need of the following supplies:

- Glue sticks
- Play doh
- Multi colored construction paper
- Masking tape
- Scotch tape
- Washable markers

If you are interested in donating any of these supplies, see Becky Sutterfield or Susan Henley.

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

WMU Happenings...

Thank you for your support of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering! We received \$1,927.77. Our goal was \$2,000 and you can still give.



All ladies (ages 5 and up) are invited to the “Daughter of the King” Tea on May 7th from 3 - 5 pm. Rebecca Burgos, TCK from China, will be our guest speaker. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a finger food to share and don’t forget your tea cup. Hope to see you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - It’s time to start preparing for VBS! This year’s theme, “Galatic Starveyors” will be held in the evening the week of June 19 - 23. All children from 3 years old through adults are invited to join in the fun! Yes, we will be having an adult Bible Study that week. If you would like to volunteer to help, we need Group Leaders (six adults) that will lead the K - 5th graders from station to station. No preparation needed! You can also impress us with your creativity and help decorate! A quick planning meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4th, at 6:30 pm to go over the theme, materials and needs for VBS. Please see Kim Rosson for more details. We are so excited about teaching the kids how to “Discover the God of the Universe!”

The **National Day of Prayer** will be observed on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 12:20 at Goochland Courthouse on the Courthouse Green. In the event of rain, we will meet at Company 5 Firehouse. The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Our Task Force is a privately funded organization whose purpose is to encourage participation on the National Day of Prayer. It exists to communicate with every individual the need for personal repentance and prayer, to create appropriate materials, and to mobilize the Christian community to intercede for America’s leaders and its families.

Goochland Christian Men meet on the 2nd week of every month at a designated location. Our mission is to train Spiritual Warriors for God. Our next meeting will be held at Ragland Baptist Church on Saturday, May 20th, at 8:30 am. The topic will be “Assurance of Salvation.” Breakfast will be provided. All men are invited to join us.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – May 2017

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid’s Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 st Grade
07	Ron Taylor	Wanda Miller	Sharon Kincaid	Kim Rosson	Janet Hawk
14	Betsy Young	Ann Taylor	Bill Groo v me	Wendy Cooper	Alisha Fields
21	Bobby Fields	Peggy Bartley		Sandi Blair	Becky Sutterfield
28	Ricky Harper	Hilda Harper	Pat Groome	Denise Brooking	Sarah Blair



	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>4</u> 6:30 pm – VBS Planning Meeting	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Meeting 3 – 5 pm Daughter of the King Tea	<u>8</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6 pm – Dinner & Youth Committee Meeting 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>11</u> 7 pm – B&G Meeting	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>18</u> 11 am Seniors @ Providence Presbyterian 7 pm – WOM Evening Group	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>21</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Graduate Recognition	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir Last Wed Night Activities until Fall	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship No Men's Prayer Breakfast	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			
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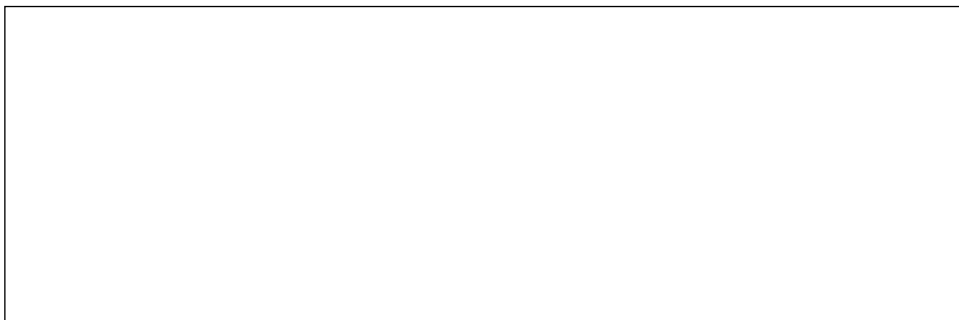
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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?
Please contact your deacon or call the church office at
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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry & Vernell Amos
Patsy Anderson
Norman Apsey
Virginia Beach-Cook
Don Beatty
Shirley Bowyer
Dee Buchanan
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook
Robert Cutchin
Robert Dorey
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
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
Dean Betterman
Babs Land

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.