

Oakland
Baptist
Church



THE ACORN

September
2017



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Dear church family,

I can't tell you all enough how much Julie, the kids and I have been blessed by your love and support! We feel so at home, so at peace and so loved in the Oakland Baptist Church family! The Lord has been doing so many great things at Oakland Baptist through you, and the community around you feels it and knows it! We are having past members come back to church, and new families visiting! You are being the light of Christ in the world!

We recently concluded our revival focused on "The Joy of Unity". Such a theme is always important, as it helps us to reflect on the need for unity in all that we do as the Body of Christ, but it's been especially important as of late, as our country and state have been going through difficult times. We must continue to spread love in all that we do...from face-to-face interactions, to phone calls, to emails, to social media communication. Our family, our friends and our neighbors need to know that we are about spreading the love of Christ.

May God continue to guide you in all that you do on your path for Him.

Blessings of peace,

Nate



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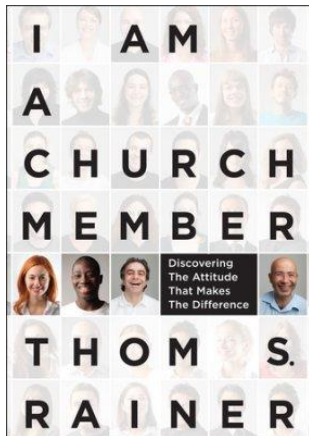


Linda Balsley - Transfer of Letter
Joyce Hawk - Transfer of Letter

Wednesday Night Programs will start on September 6th. The schedule is below:

- 6 pm - Fellowship Meal
- 7 pm - Adult Bible Study, Youth, CIAs & Mission Friends
- 8 pm - Choir Practice

Beginning Wednesday, September 6th, 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 27th, 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 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!

Kaitlyn Hawk	9/1
Deborah Murphy	9/4
Allen Perkins	9/4
Janet Hawk	9/5
Alma Walton	9/6
Ralph Pleasants	9/8
Thomas Leslie Parrish	9/8
Brian Hodges	9/9
Wes Atkinson	9/10
Grayson Proffitt	9/11
Theresa Miles	9/13
Lori Carrasco	9/14
Tony Gordon	9/15
Dabney Barber	9/15
A.J. Nester	9/15
Robert Atkinson	9/16
Keith Wiltshire	9/18
Teresa Groome	9/19
Craig Jones	9/20
Stuart Richie	9/22
Donne Bowmaster	9/23
Elijah Jones	9/25
Martin Walton	9/26
Stacey Harper	9/28
Brandi Goff	9/29
Lorraine Majka	9/29



Happy Anniversary!

John & Dabney Barber	9/6
Bobby & Betty Fields	9/5
Dana & Nancy Franklin	9/27
Josh & Christina Hansen	9/21
Mike & Susan Heffinger	9/28

When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

By Kathleen Higham

When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all
Colors bursting with the sun
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell
I walk on softness where they fell
Floating gently to the ground
Touching down without a sound.

Animal are scurrying to and fro
Instinctively the creatures know
The leaves scattered everywhere
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh
Nestled in her hollowed place
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the tress at last have shed
Sturdy branches though not dead
Beneath the earth roots hold tight
Tall and stately through the night.

When autumn leaves begin to fall
The Father orchestrates it all
Blooms in waiting seem to say
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown
Branches filled and hanging down
See the miracle of God once more
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this
A soft wind blows to me a kiss
My spirit tells my mind to hush
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go
But this is what I truly know
When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all.

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

WMU Happenings...

Thank you for your support! We collected two large boxes of school supplies. One box was delivered to Byrd Elementary in Goochland and the second box was delivered to Jouette Elementary in Louisa. The supplies will help the students and teachers throughout the year. We also collected 50 marbled colored notebooks for the Goochland Correctional Center for Women. Lesley will take them to Goshen and they will deliver them to Chaplain Powell.

Our September mission project is collecting Christmas & All Occasion cards, Forever Stamps and 5 x 7 puzzle or word search books for the Goochland Correction Center for Women.

During our Fall Missions Celebration in October, 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 on table outside copy room. Questions? Contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417.

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions emphasis is the week of September 18 - 25. The theme this year is "SAY YES" and the scripture verse is "Jesus said, 'Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people.' So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything, and followed him." Luke 5:10-11 (NIV). Let's pray about ways we can "SAY YES" to missions. Prayer guides and envelopes will be available in the Sunday school classrooms, the church foyer, and back of the pews. Our goal is \$2,000.00.

Youth News...

The school year is already underway for most of our students and I encourage you to be in prayer for our students and their teachers throughout the entire year. Below are some scriptures you can use as a guide for your children/grandchildren.

S - Self Control - 1 Peter 5:8

C - Courage - Joshua 1:9

H - Help from the Holy Spirit - John 7:38-39a

O - Opportunities to Do Good - Galatians 6:10

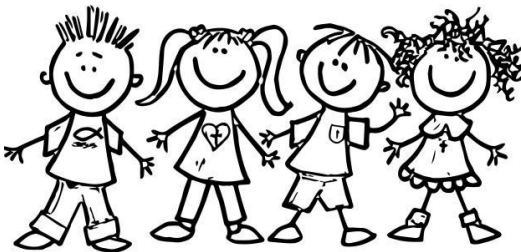
O - Overcome Evil - Romans 12:21

L - Love God and Others - Matthew 22:37-39

Youth Families, plan to join us at our house on Sunday, September 10 at 5:00 for a cookout. Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided. Please bring a side dish and a chair. You will be given lots of information on the upcoming year.

Blessings!
Shelby

Children's Consignment Sale Ministry is right around the corner and the ministry needs your help. There is a job for everyone. Below are important dates and times to remember. If you would like to help, see Sandy Harper or sign-up in book on table in hallway.



Friday, 9/29/17 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, 9/30/17 - 9 am - 10 am

Sunday, 10/1/17 - 1 pm - until

Tuesday, 10/3/17 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, 10/5/17 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday, 10/6/17 - 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, 10/7/17 - 9 am - Noon

Saturday, 10/14/17 - 9 am - Noon

Saturday, 10/21/17 - 9 am - 10 am

Consignor Drop Off

Consignor Drop Off

Prep for Sale

Consignor Shopping

Public Shopping Night

Public Shopping Night

½ Price Discount Day

½ Price Discount Day

Consignor Pick Up

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – September 2017

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to PreK
03	Sandy Harper	Ann Taylor	Sharon Kincaid	Julie Varnier	Shirley Bath
10	Ron Taylor	Peggy Bartley	Bill Groome	Denise Brooking	Wendy Cooper
17	Betsy Young	Hilda Harper	Shelby Jones	Becky Sutterfield	Sandi Blair
24	Bobby Fields	Betty Dunivan		Rhonda Lloyd	Sandy Harper



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<u>3</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30pm Deacon Meeting	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 6pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth, CIAs & Mission Friends 8 pm – Choir Practice	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>10</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>11</u> 10 am – WOM Morning Group	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 6pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth, CIAs & Mission Friends 8 pm – Choir Practice	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Fellowship Meal after the worship service	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 6pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth, CIAs & Mission Friends 8 pm – Choir Practice	<u>21</u> 10 am – Seniors @ Oakland 7 pm – WOM Evening Group	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>24</u> 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 6pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth, CIAs & Mission Friends 8 pm – Choir Practice & Consignment Rack Set-Up	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 6:30 – 8:30 pm Consignor Drop Off	<u>30</u> 9 – 10 am Consignor Drop Off

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Remembered in our hearts &

prayers:

Henry & Vernell Amos
Kay Amos
Patsy Anderson
Norman Apsey
Robin Battle
Virginia Beach-Cook
Don Beatty
Shirley Bowyer
Josh Chance - C4C
Ruth Coleman
Brian Conrad
Lucy Cook
Debbie Cutchin
Kaitlyn Daniels
Robert Dorey
Mary Catherine Gammon
Margie Gonzalez
Velma Goodwin
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Pat Groome
Hilda Harper
Andrew Hutchinson

Kathy Jones
Victor Kandrotas
Bryan McCallister
Frank Moran
Dale Nester
Gladys Nester
Louise & Robert Parrish
Callahan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Jason Pope
Kathy Pope
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Walter Taylor
Karla Turman
Cecil Watson
Glenn & Sandi Williams
Chloe Wiltshire
Betsy Young
Our Nation & Community
Our Church
Teachers & Students returning to school

Expressions of Sympathy to the
families of:
Alice Culley

**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.