

Oakland
Baptist
Church



THE ACORN

January
2018



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Dear Church family,

Welcome to a new year! As we begin this New Year together, I challenge us all, even myself, to ask ourselves a few questions...What is God putting on your heart for 2018? What is He saying to you about His direction for your life? Is He asking you to pick up new practices, put down old habits...or a little of both?

I love the whole aspect of “life seasons”, and how God uses various seasons of our lives to mold us and shape us into the servant He is calling us to be. We encounter seasons of life where we feel like we’re on a mountaintop, and we encounter seasons of life where it’s difficult to know the way, but as Christians we know that God is always there for us, and never leaves us. I will pray with you as you embark on this New Year, and this possible new season of your life, that God will give you all the necessary guidance and resources that you need to continue growing in your walk with Him.

As you continue in your walk, remember this...the first sign of growth in a new seed is the root, not the stalk. The root comes forth first to tap into the soil, acquiring nutrients and water for the seed prior to the stalk taking flight and extending upward. With each season comes new and possibly greater responsibility, so before embarking into new and exciting territory, ask God how you can use your gifts to further His Kingdom in your new ventures.

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

Blessings of peace,

Nate



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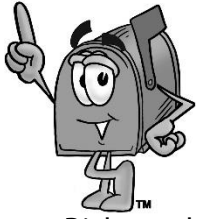
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Keep in Touch!

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Our Quarterly Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th, at 7 p.m. The agenda for this meeting is:

- Committee Reports
- Decision to have the Fall Festival
- Decision to have Trunk or Treat

Partnership Missions Dinner

Saturday, January 20th
5 pm
Mineral Baptist Church

Come here what churches in our association are doing to promote missions.

Cost \$5.00
To reserve your spot, call (540)894-8440.

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!

David Hodges	1/3
Karen Nicely	1/3
Amanda Brooking	1/3
Stewart Hicks	1/5
Adam Alford	1/5
Linda Smith	1/8
Ricky Harper	1/10
Trisha Wise	1/11
Nancy Walton	1/14
Katherine Murphy	1/15
Amy Gordon	1/16
Charles Atkins	1/17
Brenda Dodson-Nester	1/18
Jenny Booth	1/18
Robert Parrish	1/18
Liz Alford	1/19
Mabel Pleasants	1/19
Frank Erdt	1/19
Frank Smith	1/22
Jessica Osborne	1/22
Hallie Hicks	1/23
Eddie Varnier	1/23
Peter Carrasco	1/28
Josie Summitt	1/29
Patricia Gammon	1/29
Jennifer Parkerson	1/29
Mike Dillon	1/30
McKynzie Kincaid	1/30

Happy Anniversary!

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

Youth News...

I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year is a great one! 2017 was a wonderful year full of blessings and trials, transitions and traditions. We mourned with the Harper family in the loss of their home in February and celebrated as they returned home in December. We mourned with many who lost loved ones. We welcomed new members and our new pastor, Nate and his family. We continued to serve our community through things like our Consignment Sale and Santa Breakfast. We found new ways to serve, as the youth attended camp this summer, volunteered at RuraLove, packed Flood Buckets, delivered clothes to the Lighthouse Community Center in Lynchburg, raked leaves, and bought gifts for an Angel from our Angel Tree.

As we look forward in 2018, let us all continue to seek ways to serve our community and share the Gospel with those who need it most.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- January 15 - Mission Day (Goshen/RuraLove)
- February 4 - "Souper" Bowl lunch following Worship

Blessings,
Shelby

Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

WMU Happenings...

Sewing Club at Goshen: A sewing day is planned at the Goshen Ministry Center for Saturday, November 18, from 9 am - 3 pm for anyone interested in learning to make the sani-pads, pillow case dresses and shorts. Even if you don't sew, you can help! We need sewing machines, scissors to cut fabric, straight pins, pre-washed cotton fabric, and thread. Bring a bag lunch or \$10 to get lunch brought in from a local restaurant. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid or Lesley Alford.

Thank you for your support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal is \$3,000 and it's not too late to give.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – January 2018

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to PreK
07	Ron Taylor	Betty Dunivan	Sharon Kincaid	Rhonda Lloyd	Cheryl Driver
14	Betsy Young	Hilda Harper	Bill Groome	Sarah Blair	Kim Rosson
21	Tom Sutterfield	Hazel Morgan	Kathy Wade	Julie Varnier	Alisha Fields
28	Kim Rosson	Peggy Bartley	Shelby Jones	Denise Brooking	Shirley Bath



	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 7 pm – Deacon's Meeting	<u>3</u> 6 pm = WNS 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir Practice	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>8</u> 10am – WOM Morning Group	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Quarterly Business Meeting NO CIAS or Mission Friends	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 9 am – Sewing Club at Goshen
<u>14</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 6 pm = WNS 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir Practice	<u>18</u> 10am Seniors @ Elpis Christian 7 pm – WOM Evening Group	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 5 pm Partnership Missions Dinner @ Mineral Baptist
<u>21</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Cantata 5pm Christmas Eve Service	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 6 pm = WNS 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir Practice	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 8am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> 6 pm = WNS 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir Practice			

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Remembered in our hearts &

prayers:

Henry 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
Joyce Hawk
Kathy Jones
Dean & Vickii Kellison
Joan Lloyd
Bryan McCallister
Debbie Minor
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
Gabby Traw
Cecil Watson
Our Church & Nation

**Christian Sympathy to the families
of:
John Pretty
Bethany Stephens**

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