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Dear Church family,

Whew! December and January were tough months for many of us with various illnesses going around! I'm beginning to wonder if the flu shot did any good!? I hope you all are on the mend and beginning to feel whole again.

What does that mean...to feel whole? Does it mean that our bellies are full of good home-cookin'? Does it mean that we have a nice, error-free plan for our life? Does it mean that we are void of problems? As we look to scripture (and Webster's Dictionary) on this topic, we'll find that none of these are the correct answers. The definition of "whole" means entire, complete, total, and undivided.

In the story of the healing of the man at the pool of Bethesda who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years, Jesus asked him, "Do you want to get well?", according to the NIV translation. But when looking at the Greek text, the word "sound" is used for the word "well". When you look at the definition for the Greek word "hugiés", which means "sound", you will also find words such as pure, healthy, and whole....there's that word we've been talking about! So, Jesus was asking the man if he wanted to be made whole...and we see in verse eight of John 5 that the man was immediately made whole once Jesus told him to get up, pick up his mat, and walk.

Being made whole doesn't mean that we don't make mistakes or that we are void of challenges. Being made whole means that we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, and know without a doubt that we have eternal life through Him, that we are free from sin, and that we are made alive in Him. Being made whole means that we are healed in Christ and through Christ.

May God continue to guide you as you journey for Him.

Blessings of peace,

Nate

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### Twice As Sweet

On Valentine's Day, we show our love;  
We express our deep affections.  
Those who are important to us  
Get cards and sweet confections.

But Christian love is not just for  
The ones we hold most dear;  
Jesus said "love everyone;"  
He made that very clear.

For Christians, it is every day  
We should care and love and serve  
Everyone we meet in life,  
Whether they do or don't deserve.

Let's follow Jesus' good command  
To love everyone we meet.  
Valentine's Day every day  
Will make life twice as sweet.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



### 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](mailto: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!

Debra Hollenberg	2/2
Nancy McKinney	2/2
Jamie Lloyd Sprouse	2/2
Wayne Troy	2/2
Brian Hollenberg	2/3
Lonnie Kincaid	2/3
James Wright	2/3
Becky Sutterfield	2/6
Kaleb Kincaid	2/7
Diana Wagner	2/9
Nate Varnier	2/11
Sandy Harper	2/12
Robert Dorey	2/13
Sadie Edwards	2/14
Sharon Marker	2/15
Jena Bath	2/17
David Hawk	2/17
Michael Priddy	2/18
Travis Harrow	2/19
Chloe Wiltshire	2/19
Daniel O'Rourke	2/20
Nathan Alford	2/21
Laney Varnier	2/21
Tony Wade	2/22
Lillie Rosson	2/23
Staci Harpster	2/24
John Matysek	2/25
Hazel Morgan	2/27



## Happy Anniversary!

Allen & E. Grant Perkins	2/4
Mike & Linda Dillon	2/25

## CIA on the move...

Thank you for supporting our food drive for the Victory Christian food bank.

Our CIAs will participate in Children's Mission Day on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be packing "Blessing Bags" to donate to a shelter. We will stay after church, enjoy pizza and pack the bags. If you would like to help, we are collecting the following items to place in the bags:

- Travel size shampoo/conditioners
- Bar Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Socks
- Brush or comb
- Chapstick
- Washcloth
- Hand Sanitizer
- Baby Wipes

Place items in tub outside copy room. If you have questions, see Sharon Kincaid.



## "Souper" Bowl Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Get your favorite soup recipes and crockpots ready. Vote for your favorite soup by placing a monetary donation in the container in front of your favorite soup. Donations will support our youth mission trip this summer. We would also appreciate desserts and breads. Questions? See Shelby Jones.

## Notes, Mission Opportunities & Announcements

### *WMU Happenings...*

We are collecting bags of hard candy and gum (5 stick size) to package bags for the Trucker and Seafarers Ministry along the Eastern Shore. We have plenty of sandwich zipper bags to package the candy and gum. Place donations in tub outside the copy room. Deadline to donate is Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions regarding the above project, contact Sharon Kincaid at 804.439.1417 or [grammykincaid@yahoo.com](mailto:grammykincaid@yahoo.com).

### *Youth News...*

Even if you are not the parent of a teenager, I encourage you to use this to pray for our youth at Oakland. (Taken from an article on [youthspecialties.com](http://youthspecialties.com))

**IF YOU HAVE A TEENAGER, YOU ARE IN A CONSTANT STATE OF PRAYER.**

Keep them safe on the road, keep them pure on a date, keep them healthy on the field, etc. But how can we specifically pray for today's teenagers? Here are 5 specific prayers to start with.

1. **Pray that your teenager will understand the gospel.** Simply because your teen has heard the gospel, grew up in church hearing the gospel and is faithful in church attendance does not mean they understand it. I was one of those who heard it, saw it, and was faithful in church attendance but I never understood the gospel as a teenager. As parents we can't assume they know it, rather, as 2 Corinthians 5 says we must see that they know it. We see this by seeing them respond to the gospel. Has your teen responded to the gospel?
2. **Pray that your teenager will spend time with the Lord.** Pray that they will see the good in this and make time for it. That prayer, Bible reading and private worship will be important to them. For those students that do not do this, pray the Lord will move them to trying it. I often pray that we will have such an awesome encounter with Jesus that it will lead to us to want more of Him. Pray for this for your teenager.
3. **Pray that your teenager will seek purity.** Seeking purity is a lifestyle; it will include healthy and wise choices, and choosing to have relationships with those who share this same conviction. Our teenagers live in over-sexualized culture where, as I said in my last post; sex, lust, pornography is so very easy to fall into. Praying that our teenagers will choose and walk in purity should always be at the forefront of our mind.
4. **Pray that your teenager will seek Godly counsel.** One of the greatest decisions a teenager can make is to choose to speak with Godly counsel either over a sin they are committing and need help with, OR over a decision they are making. As parent our first desire, will be for them to approach us with these. But we must remove our personal selfishness from this ideal, and pray that students will have adults in their life they can trust that they can seek Godly counsel from.
5. **Pray that your teenager will have Godly friends/community.** An essential trait for a Christian teenager to make it through teen years still loving God is having friends that love God and love them. Pray that the Lord will bring Godly friends into your teenagers' life, and that He will build around them good Christian community. This is one the KEYS to teenagers keeping and holding on to their faith during their teen years. Influence is a heavy weight in the lives of teenagers, and whoever influences your teen, is who they will become.

The Youth Committee will be running the concession stand during the Spring Consignment sale on March 6, 8, & 9. We will also have a bake sale and would appreciate your donated baked goods!

Blessings,  
Shelby

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2018

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to PreK
04	Frank Smith	Wanda Miller	Sharon Kincaid	Becky Sutterfield	Wendi Cooper
11	Bill Groome	Ann Taylor	Bill Groome	Rhonda Lloyd	Sandi Blair
18	Pat Groome	Betty Dunivan	Kim Rosson	Sarah Blair	Sandy Harper
25	Lonnie Kincaid	Hilda Harper	Shelby Jones	Julie Varnier	Cheryl Driver



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<u>4</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm "Souper" Bowl	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> 7 pm – Deacon's Meeting	<u>7</u> 6 pm - Dinner 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>8</u>	<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> 6 pm – WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>15</u> 10am Seniors @ Oakland 6pm WOM Evening Group	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 12 pm – Pastor Appreciation Luncheon @ Mineral Baptist
<i>February 11 – 17: WMU Focus Week</i>						
<u>18</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm Children's Ministry Project	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 6 pm - WNS 7 pm – Adult Bible Study, Youth & CIAs 8 pm – Choir	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> 8 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>			

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*Changes to your name, address, birthday, or anniversary?  
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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Henry Amos  
Patsy Anderson  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Shirley Bowyer  
Ruth Coleman  
Lucy Cook  
Ronnie Cook  
Kaitlyn Daniels  
Robert Dorey  
Margie Gonzalez  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Pat Groome  
Joyce Hawk  
Kathy Jones  
Dean & Vicki Kellison  
Sharon Kincaid  
Joan Lloyd  
Matthew Maynor

Bryan McCallister  
Debbie Minor  
Frank Moran  
Dale Nester  
Gladys Nester  
Marie Nester  
Louise Parrish  
Callahan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Jason Pope  
Wayne Profitt  
Riley Saunders  
Betty Smith  
Nita Snead  
Betty Stanley  
Walter Taylor  
Gabby Traw  
Cecil Watson  
Our Nation  
Our Church

Expressions of Sympathy to the families of  
Julie Lloyd  
Robert "Bob" Parrish

**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](mailto:communication@oakland-baptist.com)) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.