



# THE ACORN

## December 2019

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Dear Oakland Church Family,

I look forward to and thoroughly enjoy the Christmas season each year. It brings back memories of past celebrations and experiences as a child, and wondrous times in our own family with our children. Christmas also conjures up memories of wonderful and interesting celebrations in multiple cultures and languages through our years on the mission field. The traditions may change from family to family, and from country to country, but the meaning and message are unchanged by time and context. "When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law" (Galatians 4:4). "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given" (Isaiah 9:6).

We have a wonderful opportunity throughout the month of December to invite family, neighbors, friends, and co-workers to the various Christmas activities at church . . . opportunities for them to hear the true message of Christmas. I encourage you to be proactive and intentional to invite them to the Hanging of the Green, Breakfast with Santa, the cantata, and the Christmas Eve candlelight service. Details about each can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

In the midst of all the Christmas hype and commercialization that seem to surround us most wherever we go, my prayer for us as a church family is that we would slow down and find quiet moments to anticipate, to prepare ourselves, and to welcome Advent . . . the *coming* of the Christ child. Brazilian evangelist Luis Palau tells of a wealthy European family that decided to have their newborn baby christened in their enormous country manor house. Dozens of guests were invited to the elaborate affair, and they all arrived dressed in their finest clothes. After depositing their elegant wraps on a bed in an upstairs room, the guests were entertained royally.

Soon the time came for the main purpose of their gathering. But where was the baby? No one seemed to know. The child's governess ran upstairs and returned with a desperate look on her face. Everyone searched frantically for the baby. Then someone recalled having seen him asleep on one of the beds. The baby was on a bed all right—buried beneath a pile of coats, jackets, and furs. The object of that day's celebration had been forgotten, neglected, and nearly smothered.

The baby whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas is easily hidden beneath the piles of traditions and cultural observances of the season. We need to enter every Advent season asking, "Where's the baby? Where is Jesus in my celebration of Christmas this year? Where is Jesus in my life? Where is Jesus in the lives of those whom I hold most dear?"

May we each one, this Christmas season 2019, prepare ourselves and truly remember and celebrate Advent . . . the Christ child's coming . . . God's wondrous gift of His Son.

Pastor Dennis

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Congratulations to the following people who were the recipients of the Gift Give-Aways from our tent at the October 26, 2019 Goochland County Fall Festival.

Lorrie Barnes of Bumpass, the religious gift basket  
Penny and Edward Payne of Goochland, the Subway Sandwich gift card  
Elizabeth and Aaron Parks of Goochland, the Dominoes Pizza gift card  
Brittany Smith of Goochland, the Dunkin Donuts gift card



### Join Us as We Celebrate Christmas!

Hanging of the Greens	Sunday, 12/1	11:00am
Santa Breakfast	Saturday, 12/7	8-10:00am
Christmas Cantata	Sunday, 12/22	11:00am
Christmas Eve Service	Wednesday, 12/24	5:00pm

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## 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 or log into Church Trac and update your information.

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## Happy Birthday!

Virginia McDonald	12/1
Lesley Alford	12/2
Billy Walton	12/6
Jimmy Lloyd	12/7
Brandi Hutchinson	12/8
Peggy Bartley	12/10
Brad Goff	12/14
Leona Oglesby	12/15
Wayne Proffitt	12/15
Dennis Gammon	12/17
Judy Gordon	12/17
Joey Hamrick	12/17
Linda Dillon	12/18
Betty Rains	12/18
Jill Snead	12/18
Theresa Hicks	12/20
Linda Shettle	12/20
Wanda Miller	12/21
Craig Kane	12/22
Mark Brooking	12/23
Wendy Grady	12/25
Richard Klaty	12/26
Bruce Alford	12/28
Timmy Jarrell	12/28
Donnie Ware	12/30

## Happy Anniversary

Les & Pam Bradshaw	12/5
Vance & Beth Willis	12/7
Len & Paula Archer	12/11
Bill & Jenni DeRusha	12/21
Craig & Shelby Jones	12/22
Linda & Curtis Shettle	12/25
Robert & Sharon Atkinson	12/28
Thomas & Billie Reid	12/31

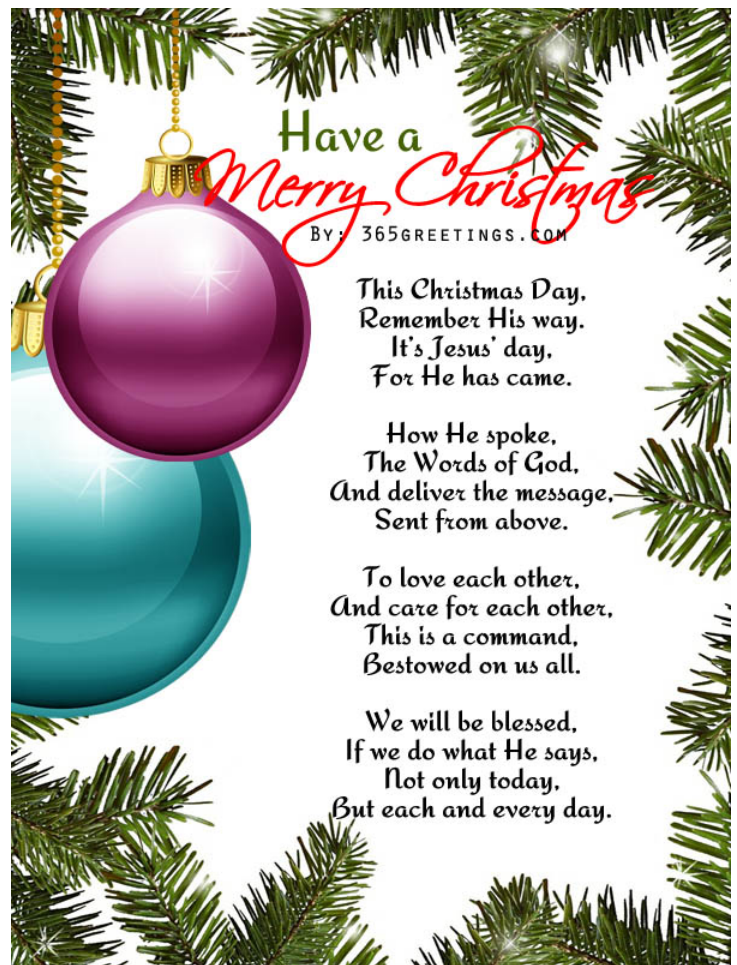
## Youth News...

First, I want to thank you for the very generous Clergy Appreciation gift given at the end of October. I appreciate the love you all continue to show me and my family.

We were able to fill 6 flood buckets for Virginia Baptist Disaster Relief last month. The buckets were packed on November 20 and delivered.

The youth Christmas party will be on Friday, December 27. This year we will enjoy a meal at church, watch a movie, and play some fun games. It all starts at 6:00. We are asking for \$5 to help offset the food and snack expenses.

Blessings,  
Shelby



## Mission Opportunities, Notes & Announcements

Emphasis for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is December 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> and our goal is \$2,000. Prayer guides and offering envelopes will be in the vestibule. Please prayerfully give to support our International Missionaries.



The Lottie Moon Post Office is open. Save some postage this year and contribute \$.25 a card to Lottie Moon. Place Christmas cards for those who regularly attend church in the appropriate basket. Deadline is Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Would you like to purchase a poinsettia to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas in honor of or memory of a family member or friend? The cost is \$12.00 per plant. Deadline to order is Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. The poinsettia can be taken home on December 22<sup>nd</sup> or after the Christmas Eve Service. Any poinsettias left will be taken to the nursing home for the people to enjoy. Questions? See Ann Taylor.

Grow in Grace Fellowship Meal will be held on Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm at the Pickel Barrell. Afterwards, we will go on the Tacky Light Tour. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule.



Join us for our Santa Breakfast on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8 am - 10 am. A pancake breakfast will be served with sausage, orange juice and coffee. Pastor Dennis will share the Christmas story with the children, they will do crafts and visit with Santa. Pictures will be taken and sent via email to those who want a copy. We hope to see you there for this fun time of fellowship. If you know of anyone who needs assistance during the holidays, our children's clothes closet will be open. See Denise Brooking, Sandy Harper or Kim Rosson.

### *Goochland Cares - Clothes Closet Ministry*

Team # 1 (Becky's Team) will serve on the 2nd Sunday of each month

Team #2 (Ann's Team) will serve on the 4th Sunday of each month.

If you would like to join one of our two teams, please contact Ron Taylor at [taylorre@comcast.net](mailto:taylorre@comcast.net)

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – December 2019

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
01	Lonnie Kincaid	Hazel Morgan	No Kids Korner	Becky Sutterfield	Sandy Harper
08	Ricky Harper	Wanda Miller	Sharon Kincaid	Becky Sutterfield	Wendi Cooper
15	Tom Sutterfield	Debra Tate	Bill Groom	Becky Sutterfield	Kim Rosson
22	Tony Wade	Kathy Groome	No Kids Korner	Becky Sutterfield	Cheryl Driver
29	Ron Taylor	Hilda Harper	Kim Rosson	Becky Sutterfield	Virginia Beach- Cook/Linda Sheetle

<u>1</u> 9:45am – Sunday School 11am – Worship 12:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 5:30 pm Grow in Grace Fellowship @ Pickel Barrel & Tacky Light Tour	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> 8am – 10am Santa Breakfast
<u>8</u> 9:45am – Sunday School 11am – Worship 1:30 pm – Gochland Cares Team #1	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 7 pm – Choir Practice	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> 10 am – 12 pm Crochet Class
<u>15</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 10 am – Seniors Meeting 7 pm – Choir Practice	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 9am – 2 pm Mission Stitchers @ Goshen Ministry Center
<u>22</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 1:30 pm – Gochland Cares Team #2	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 5 pm – Christmas Eve Service	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 8 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>				



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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Len & Paula Archer  
Linda Balsley  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Mike Beyer  
Dick Butler  
Sarah Clarke  
Roberzon Colchin  
Frank Collins  
Joice Collins  
Lucy Cook  
Kaitlyn Daniels  
Betty Dunivan  
Margie Gonzalez  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Frances Groome  
Buck Hicks  
Dean & Vicki Kellison  
Sharon Kincaid  
Amber Lee  
Bryan McCallister  
Joe Miller  
Dale Nester  
Marie Nester  
Louise Parrish  
Sandy Pattison

Riley Saunders  
Phillip Schaeffer  
Betty Smith  
Nita Snead  
Betty & Loren Stanley  
Susan Wachter  
Allen Wade  
Evelyn Wade  
Alma Walton  
Cecil Watson  
Ann Wells  
Shawn Williams  
Nancy Willingham  
Interim Pastor Dennis Barton  
Our Nation, Our Church & Community

## Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:

Our Nursing Home Members; see "Keep in Touch" section.

### Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Joey Berlin, Stateside  
Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside  
Gabe Edwards, Deployed  
Sgt. Allen Gordon, Stateside

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.