

Oakland



BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE ACORN

## July 2019

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The Lord is blessing us with a good summer. Though the summer rhythm is a bit different from the rest of the year, we have much going on in the life of our church. We have had encouraging worship services, as we have opened the Word together, and praised our Lord in song and prayer. The church had the privilege of hosting the senior luncheon on Thursday, June 20. We had an excellent attendance and a sweet spirit of Christian fellowship among the participants from several different churches in our area.

As I pen these words, we are concluding Vacation Bible School - make that **ROAR!** Vacation Bible School. The children were responsive to this year's theme and actively participated in the various activities. I am grateful to the Lord for the significant contribution of so many of our congregation. Your investment in these precious children will make a lasting impact in their lives and families.

We will soon be celebrating the founding of our country on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Having spent time in many different countries around the world, I have a special appreciation for the freedoms we enjoy in our nation - freedoms for which many have fought hard and sacrificed much.

Religious freedom was the specific motivation for many of the original settlers to make the arduous trip on small, cramped ships across the Atlantic Ocean . . . and then to meet the extreme challenges of making a home in what would become the United States of America.

Baptists played a vital role in the securing of religious freedom in this land. In 1787, the US Constitution was ratified, and the next year, a discussion arose among Baptists in Virginia as to whether the Constitution made provision for religious liberty.

Acting on the advice of James Madison (It is interesting that Madison was not a Baptist, but his brother, General William Madison, was.), a document addressing religious liberty from the Baptists of Virginia was presented to President George Washington in August 1789. The document was written by John Leland, a Baptist minister and leader in Massachusetts and Virginia. He argued that religious rights were not specifically secured by the Constitution.

Washington responded, "While I recollect with satisfaction the religious society of which you are members, have been throughout America uniformly and almost unanimously the fast friends of civil liberty, the persevering promoters of our glorious Revolution. I cannot hesitate to believe that you will be faithful supporters of a free, yet efficient general government."

The next month, Madison proposed, in the House of Representatives, the first amendment of the US Constitution: "**Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof**; or abridging the freedom of speech; or the press; or the rights of people peacefully to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." (cont'd on pg. 2)



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This July 4<sup>th</sup>, let's thank God for the religious freedom we enjoy in America. May we not take it for granted. And above all, let's thank Him for the spiritual freedom we have in Christ. For we know that whatever our country, whatever the laws of the land, we have this glorious and sure promise of our precious Lord, "if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36).

I am grateful for each one of you.

Pastor Dennis



### WMU Project - Christmas in August

We are collecting all types of school supplies to be given to Byrd and Jouett Elementary. Place donations on table outside of copy room. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

### 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!*

Bobby Field	7/01
Michelle Alford	7/04
Debbie Groome	7/04
Todd Hicks	7/04
Sandra Pleasants	7/05
Sharon Atkinson	7/06
Patsy Dymacek	7/09
Ray Henley	7/11
Jeffrey Childress	7/14
Betty Courtney	7/15
Ann Taylor	7/15
Cary Kincaid	7/22
Joe Miller	7/23
Mary Bradshaw	7/25
Ronnie Cook	7/25
Virginia Beach-Cook	7/26
Velma Goodwin	7/26
James Hodges	7/27
Angie Justiniano	7/27
Thomas Reid	7/27
Betty Field	7/28
Brian Atkins	7/29
Sandi Williams	7/29
Cheryl Driver	7/31



## *Happy Anniversary!*

Robert & Sandra Grooms	7/06
Adam & Michelle Alford	7/07
Gabe & Becky Edwards	7/15
Ronnie & Virginia Cook	7/27
Timmy & Christina Clough	7/31

## *Youth News...*

Summer has arrived and is going by quickly! We had a great time at ROAR VBS! The youth served as workers this year and did an excellent job!

MC2 camp is coming up the week of July 22-26. Please be in prayer for those who are going:

Craig Jones  
Eli Jones  
Shelby Jones  
Shane Lambert  
Braeden Smith  
Jeremy White

Our next youth gathering will be dinner followed by Bogey's on Wednesday July 10. Please be at church at 5:45 and bring money for dinner.

We want to invite everyone to join us for Faith Night at the Diamond on August 1. More info to come!

Blessings,  
Shelby

## WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – July 2019

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
07	Ron Taylor	Wanda Miller	Sharon Kincaid	Denise Brooking	Need Worker
14	Frank Smith	Betty Dunivan	Bill Groome	Becky Sutterfield	Need Worker
21	Pat Groome	Hazel Morgan	Kathy Wade	Sarah Blair	Sandy Harper
28	Bill Groome	Hilda Harper	Shelby Jones	Denise Brooking	Wendi Cooper



	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> <i>Happy Independence Day!</i>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 Deacon's Meeting	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 7pm Quarterly Business Meeting	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> 10 am – 12 pm Crochet Class
<u>14</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1:30 pm Goochland Cares Team #1	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 10 am – Seniors Meeting	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u> 9am – 2 pm Missionary Stitchers @ Goshen Ministry Center
<u>21</u> 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 pm WOM Meeting	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> 8 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 1:30 pm Goochland Cares Team #2	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>			

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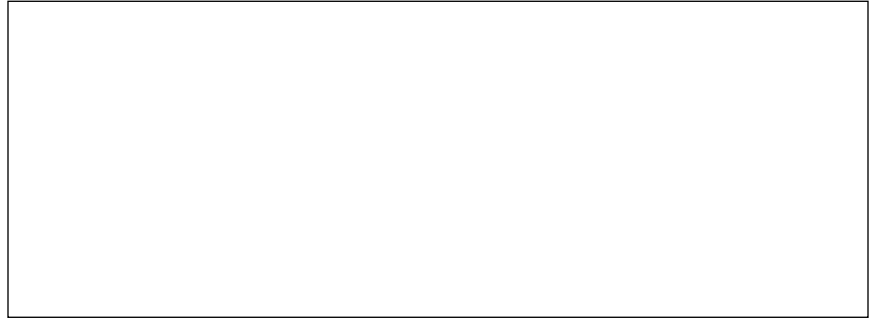
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## Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Patsy Anderson  
Len & Paula Archer  
Virginia Beach-Cook  
Shirley Bowyer  
Roberzon Colchin  
Lucy Cook  
Ronnie Cook  
Kaitlyn Daniels  
Chuck Diggs  
Bobby Fields  
Luke Getchell  
Margie Gonzalez  
Velma Goodwin  
Bailey Grant-Dickerson  
Jerry Green  
George Groome  
Buck Hicks  
Eric Hughes  
Dean & Vicki Kellison  
Sharon Kincaid  
Bryan McCallister  
Joe Miller  
Frank Moran

Dale Nester  
Marie Nester  
Louise Parrish  
Sandy Pattison  
Callahan Phillips  
Nolan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Jason Pope  
Kathy Pope  
Wayne Proffitt  
Riley Saunders  
Phillip Schaeffer  
Bertha Shearer  
Betty Smith  
Brenda Smith  
Nita Snead  
Preston Snead  
Betty & Loren Stanley  
Susan Wachter  
Allen Wade  
Evelyn Wade  
Alma Walton  
Cecil Watson  
Shawn Williams  
Interim Pastor Dennis Barton  
Our Nation, Our Church & Community

Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:  
Phil Baysden  
Jackie Martin  
Ralph Pleasants

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, 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.