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Dear Church Family,

As you know by now, we unfortunately had to cancel our annual homecoming and revival this year. However, the lighthouse ministry of Oakland Baptist Church is as real and vital and needed as ever. Over a period of 6 Sundays, we are focusing on evangelism in our worship, and we are making plans for some very practical witnessing training this fall. May we each one find one lost person for whom we can pray daily and ask the Lord to guide us as we seek to bear witness to that person of the life-saving, life-changing power of the Gospel . . . the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Here is a modern parable of the church and its evangelistic task, which I hope will speak to each of us:

On a dangerous seacoast, where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a simple lifesaving station. The building was no more than a hut, and there was only one boat. But a few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, they went out day or night, tirelessly rescuing the lost. Many lives were saved by the unselfish, devoted work of this wonderful little station. Some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the work. New boats were purchased and more crewmembers were trained. And the little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the members of the lifesaving station thought the building was too crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the 1st refuge of those saved from the sea. So they replaced the emergency cots with beds, and put better furniture in an enlarged building. The lifesaving station became a popular, pleasant gathering place for its members. They redecorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely, because it had become a sort of club for them. In time, less and less of the members were interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work.

One day a large ship sank off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet, half-drowned people. They were dirty, and many were sick or injured. The beautiful new club was suddenly in a mess due to this invasion of rescued people. So the property committee took action. They had a shower house built outside the club, where victims of shipwrecks could be cleaned up before being allowed to come into the club.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. The majority of the members wanted to curtail or even stop the club's lifesaving activities. Those activities were viewed as unpleasant, inconvenient, and a hindrance to the normal social life and routine of the club. The other members insisted that they should maintain lifesaving as their primary purpose, and pointed out that they were still called a "lifesaving station." They were voted down and told that if they wanted to continue to save the lives of persons shipwrecked in those waters, they were free to begin their own lifesaving station down a bit further on the coast, which they did.

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As the years went by, the new station experienced some of the same changes that had occurred in the original station. It too evolved into a club, and there followed the founding of yet another lifesaving station. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit the seacoast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs all along that shoreline. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters surrounding the stations, but it is reported that unfortunately many of the people drown because so few go out to rescue them.

Oakland Baptist Church is called to be a lighthouse in the turbulent waters that surround us. People are perishing. Jesus declared, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

May we seek . . . may we desire to be a faith community which brings honor to the name of Christ and that, by His grace, we would be led and used of Him to rescue the perishing.

Pastor Dennis

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 or log into Church Trac and update your information.

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Mission Opportunities, Notes & Announcements

WMU Happenings...

Even though school will look different this year, WMU will collect school supplies. We will split them between Goochland and Louisa County Schools. Place your donations on the table outside the copy room. Thank you for your support.

I hope you have had the opportunity to check out IMB's 175th Interactive Timeline. It contains an abundance of information featuring missionary vignettes and short videos of IMB's work over the years. Again, it's not too late to join us in 175 days of prayer - May 11 - November 29. Go to IMB.org, click on Prayer at the top of the page and then click on "Join Us In Prayer". Each day will feature one request and can be sent to you as a push notification from the IMB Prayer app, accessed at imb.org/pray or the Pray Daily Newsletter, or seen through IMB social media (Facebook, Twitter or Instagram). Help us celebrate 175 years for sharing the love of Jesus and following God's command as stated in Matthew 28:19-20, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Youth News...

As our students prepare to return to school, this will undoubtedly be a year full of challenges and change. School will not look the same as it always has - virtual learning will be the norm and students and parents will have much more responsibility for learning (and teaching) from home. Please be in prayer for our students, parents, teachers, and school leaders as they all navigate this new territory.

The youth committee will meet at my house on Saturday, August 1 at 6:00 pm to begin plans for the fall. Please be in prayer for the committee as we devise a plan (and a backup plan) for teaching and leading the youth through these unique days.

Blessings,
Shelby

Revival & Homecoming

After much prayer and discussion, the Revival Committee has decided because of Covid-19, it would be in the church's best interest not to have our annual Homecoming/Revival this year.

Offering

If you are unable to attend church, you may mail your offering to Oakland Baptist Church, P O Box 99, Gum Spring, VA 23165 and Frank Smith will pick it up for processing.

Deacon Nomination

Beginning Sunday, August 2nd and the following Sunday, August 9th, the deacons will be passing out the ballot forms for the nomination of deacons for the next 3 year term. As always, only one ballot per member please.

Please be praying and giving thought to who you would like to see serve. In considering your nomination, the qualifications for a Deacon are those set forth in Acts 6:1-6 and 1 Timothy 3:8-13. They must be willing to accept, without any reservation, the church covenant and the biblical teaching of stewardship, witnessing, tithing and sacrificial giving. Members must be 21 years of age and an active member, faithful in attendance of Sunday school, Sunday morning worship and other activities of Oakland Baptist Church for at least one (1) year.

Happy Birthday!

Tammy Ware	8/2
Grant Perkins	8/7
Pedro Carrasco	8/8
Bubba Rosson	8/9
Shelby Jones	8/10
Betty Dunivan	8/12
Ar Dean Hamblem	8/13
Kerstin Bradshaw	8/14
Doris Atkins	8/16
Ron Mickens	8/18
Alisha Fields	8/21
Betty Jane Smith	8/21
Gerald Pleasants	8/24
Hilda Harper	8/25
Ricky Smith	8/25
Katie Nixon	8/26
Bailey Atwood	8/28
Melissa Smith	8/28
Kim Frank	8/29
Joyce Hamblem	8/29

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Becky Sutterfield	8/3
Brandon & Alisha Fields	8/10
Cary & Kelly Kincaid	8/14
Warren & Jill Harrow	8/16
Doug & Staci Harpster	8/21
Dennis & Janey Barton	8/23
Frank & Jenny Smith	8/26

The Summertime

Thank you Lord for the golden sun
That warms the earth from sky of blue
The rays that brightens the summer's day
Speaks of the love that flows from you

The summertime of heat filled days
We thank you for the cooling breeze
And the shade that cools us down
Under the shadow of leaf topped trees

We seek the shelter of your wings
Your breath upon us like a cooling wind
To ease the spirit and comfort the soul
And the rest you give to us who sinned

We thank you for the sparkling sea
To dive beneath its cooling waves
And Lord we thank you for the blood
Of your Saviour Son the One who saves

The summer days we thank you for
The joys of spending sun filled hours
Along the coast or countryside
Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers

For in the heart redeemed by you
Your Saviour Son brings a better clime
Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace
And for our souls it is always summertime.

By Colin Moffett

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Donnie Amick
Len & Paula Archer
Joe & Pat Beach
Virginia Beach-Cook
Mike Beyer
Stacy Beyer
Michael Biener
Ron Clarke
Frank Collins
Joyce Collins
Kaitlyn Daniels
Cheryl Gallaher
Dennis Gammon
Margie Gonzalez
April Grant
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Debbie Hess
Stewart Hicks
Warren Hicks
Sonny Hughes
Vicki Kellison
Sharon Kincaid
Bryan McCallister
Debbie Murphy
Dale Nester

Marie Nester
Louise Parrish
Sandy Pattison
Callahan Phillips
Nolan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Cindy Pritchardette
Ronnie Proffitt
Wayne Proffitt
Matthew Richardson
Margaret Rosson
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Bill Smith
Nita Snead
Betty & Loren Stanley
Mary Lou Stanley
Leah Stiles
Denny VanDyke
Alma Walton
Billy Walton
Anne Wells
Shawn Williams
Sandy Williams
Pastor Dennis Barton
Our Nation, Our Church & Community

Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:

Jason Pope

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

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Gabe Edwards, Stateside

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.