



THE ACORN

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Dear Oakland Church Family,

This is the first article for The Acorn in which I am addressing you (officially) as your pastor. It has been an interesting journey since our first worship service together on April 28th of last year. We came into the interim pastor role prepared to fully give of ourselves in serving the Lord as He, by His grace, allowed us to serve you as your interim pastor for however long that might be. That said, we did not envision a long-term tenure, but rather the great opportunity to preach, teach, and love on you until the Lord brought His chosen servant as pastor.

Over these past months, there was a growing sense of the Lord knitting our hearts together, and His leading me to serve as pastor of Oakland. It is not the first time the Lord has surprised us in this way. Serving the Lord is, indeed, a wondrous adventure. I am grateful for this opportunity and I cherish your prayers for Janey and myself, as we seek to faithfully minister alongside you in this worthy task of being salt and light in the community where the Lord has placed us as a church.

As you read this article, we are already arriving at the close of the first month of 2020. As we look toward the month of February, one word that often comes to mind is *Love*, due to Valentines Day on February 14. (If I had said 2 words, someone would have certainly suggested *Super Bowl!*) We see expressions of love all around us. We can see it in our spouse, our child, our parent . . . in a Christian brother or sister. But we know that all human expressions of love, no matter how dear, pale before the love of God for each one of us. **The Word** speaks to every area and aspect of life, and none more than *love* . . . probably most profoundly and beautifully in John 3:16. It is such a powerful verse of Scripture, that it requires superlatives to express and explain its amazing message.

- † It expresses the greatest cause of love - *For*.
- † It presents the greatest source of love - *God*.
- † It declares the greatest degree of love - *so*.
- † It involves the greatest expression of love - *loved*.
- † It denotes the greatest object of God's love - *the world*.
- † It gives the greatest movement of love - *that*.
- † It tells of the greatest act of love - *He gave*.
- † It reveals the greatest gift of love - *His only begotten Son*.
- † It declares the greatest fruit of love - *that*.
- † It presents the greatest recipients of love - *whoever*.
- † It includes the greatest response to love - *believes*.
- † It denotes the greatest relationship of love - *in Him*.
- † It declares the greatest deliverance of love - *should not perish*.
- † It gives the greatest alternative in love - *but have*.
- † It expresses the greatest extent of love - *everlasting*.
- † It proclaims the greatest result of love - *life*.

What a message . . . what an expression of *love*. "For God so *loved* the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." As followers of Christ, may we be known by our *love* for one another and for a lost world. (John 13:35; 1 John 2:5; 4:7; 4:16; 5:2)

Pastor Dennis

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God's Valentine Gift

God's Valentine gift of love to us
Was not a bunch of flowers;
It wasn't candy, or a book
To while away the hours.

His gift was to become a man,
So He could freely give
His sacrificial love for us,
So you and I could live.

He gave us sweet salvation, and
Instruction, good and true--
To love our friends and enemies
And love our Savior, too.

So as we give our Valentines,
Let's thank our Lord and King;
The reason we have love to give
Is that He gave everything.

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 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!

Nancy McKinney	2/02
Lonnie Kincaid	2/03
Becky Sutterfield	2/06
Sandy Harper	2/12
David Hawk	2/17
Chloe Wiltshire	2/19
Tony Wade	2/22
Lillie Rosson	2/23
Hazel Morgan	2/27

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

Youth News...

"Souper" Bowl Sunday is February 2! Bring your favorite soup/chili or dessert to share as we enjoy a fun time of fellowship. Vote for your favorite by monetary donation and help us keep the cost of our youth events down.

The youth will have a one-day Spring Retreat on Saturday May 2 at Westview on the James. More details will be available soon. Cost is \$25 and payment is due by February 9.

Summer Camp is coming! MC2 will be July 20-24 at Eagle Eyrie. The deposit of \$100 is due by March 15. More details and permission forms will be available soon.

Thank you for your continued love and support of our youth!

Blessings,
Shelby

Mission Opportunities, Notes & Announcements

Our Women on Missions Group meets every 3rd Sunday immediately after church. We bring a bag lunch or share a meal. Join us as we learn how we can pray for our missionaries who serve internationally and locally, how we can be the hands and feet of Jesus, and more!

Our Ladies' Tea is scheduled for Sunday, April 19th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Marti Williams will be our guest speaker and share about the ministry she and her husband lead called "Into the Neighborhood" (www.IntotheNeighborhood.com). This ministry is about loving God and loving your neighbor. It's about living missionally, incarnationally, on mission. It's about Christian Community Development. It's how we do it. How others do it. And how you can do it. We are dedicated to mobilizing and equipping people to live out God's mission for their lives to reclaim, restore and rebuild the landscape of their community. The ministry includes Miss Marti's House, a ministry to Southern Barton Heights in the Northside of Richmond; Hope Works!, a ministry to the Richmond City Justice Center; and Mardi Bras RVA, a ministry to women in need. We hope you will join us! More information to follow.

Children's Consignment Sale Ministry - The dates have been set for the Spring Sale and the site is now open to log in your items. New consignors are welcome to join. We accept gently used clothing for infants to children size 20, baby equipment, bedding, toys, movies, games, outdoor play equipment, strollers, bouncers, accessories and much more! Go to our website www.Oakland-Baptist.com and click on the Consignment Ministry Link to get more information on how to consign. Volunteers needed before, during, and after the sale. Mark your calendars!

- March 13 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Consignor Drop-off
- March 14 - 9:00 to 10:00 am - Consignor Drop-off
- March 17 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Consignors Shop
- March 19 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Public Sale
- March 20 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm - Public Sale
- March 21 & 28 - 9:00 am - Noon - ½ Price Public Sale (all items marked discount will sell at ½ price)

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – February 2020

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 st Grade
02	Lonnie Kincaid	Kathy Groome	Sharon Kincaid	Becky Sutterfield	Virginia Beach Cook & Linda Shettle
09	Ricky Harper	Betty Dunivan	Bill Groome	Becky Sutterfield	Sandy Harper
16	Tom Sutterfield	Hazel Morgan	Kathy Wade	Becky Sutterfield	Wendi Cooper
23	Tony Wade	Wanda Miller	Shelby Jones	Becky Sutterfield	Cheryl Driver



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<u>2</u> 9:45am – Sunday School 11am – Worship 12:30 pm – Souper Bowl & Deacon's Meeting	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>6</u> 7 pm – Choir Practice	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 10 am – 12 pm Ladies' Crochet Class
<u>9</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 1:30 pm – Goochland Cares Team #1	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>13</u> 7 pm – Choir Practice	<u>14</u> <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 12:30 pm – WOM Meeting	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>20</u> 10 am – Seniors Meeting @ Oakland 7pm – Choir Practice	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 8 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 1:30 pm – Goochland Cares Team #2	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>27</u> 7pm – Choir Practice	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Donnie Amick
Len & Paula Archer
Linda Balsley
Virginia Beach-Cook
Mike Beyer
Dick Butler
Roberzon Colchin
Frank Collins
Joice Collins
Lucy Cook
Ronnie Cook
Kaitlyn Daniels
Margie Gonzalez
April Grant
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Buck Hicks
Dean & Vicki Kellison
Sharon Kincaid
Bryan McCallister
Dale Nester
Marie Nester

Louise Parrish
Sandy Pattison
Callahan Phillips
Nolan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Jason Pope
Wayne Proffitt
Matthew Richardson
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Betty & Loren Stanley
Susan Wachter
Alma Walton
Cecil Watson
Anne Wells
Shawn Williams
Nancy Willingham
Pastor Dennis Barton
Our Nation, Our Church & Community

Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:
Don Bolinski
Monty Rose

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

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

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