



THE ACORN

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Dear Oakland Church Family,

The Lord greatly blessed us as a church during the Christmas season. It was enriching to come together as a community on multiple occasions to remember and testify to the reason for the season . . . Christ has come!

As a new year opens before us, I have given thought to a theme, a key word for 2020. The theme in 2018 was "Unity." For 2019, it was "Communication." Both of these were helpful in guiding our energies and providing a clear focus as we relate to one another and carry out the various ministries of the church.

As I reflected and prayed about this, I was drawn to "The Word" as the theme for 2020. Initially, it may sound a bit strange, "The word for 2020 is The Word" (actually 2 words)! Here is how the Lord has led me in this process. There has been a growing conviction of the Lord directing me to preach on this theme in the initial sermons for 2020. And, significantly, I have observed a keen desire on the part of a good many in the church to go deeper in the Word - as evidenced in the response to the Wednesday evening Bible studies and the Sunday morning series on Psalm 23.

The Word is so important. Christ is the Word become flesh. We are called to be people of the Word. We grow spiritually as we go deeper in the Word. The Word ignites and drives us as followers of Christ and as a church. The Word guides us, challenges us, inspires us, exhorts us, and informs our individual and corporate decisions. The Word shapes healthy relationships with fellow believers. And the Word prepares our hearts for unbelievers. I firmly believe we will only have something of value and substance to offer to a lost and rudderless world, in the measure that we know and faithfully live the Truth . . . God's Word . . . in our lives.

In seeking input and reactions from the deacons to this theme for 2020, they offered some interesting, thoughtful comments. "As we move into a new year we reflect that all we really need is The Word. All questions are answered in The Word before we ask. All prayers are answered . . . I think these two words [The Word] can take us wherever we want to go." Another commented, "The Word is our foundation and we should start building from that."

Picking up on the idea that we only have something to offer to the lost in our community to the extent that we ourselves are in the Word and empowered by the Word, one deacon wrote, "The past themes [unity and communication] have brought us to this point. This year, 2020, is the perfect time to let His light shine forth through us."

I leave you with 2 verses. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105) . . . for the path before us in 2020 and a lifetime. And then Christ tells us, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24). May we truly be people of the Word, counted among the faithful, hearing and doing the Word, and thus building our life on the Rock which is Christ, the only sure, unshakable foundation.

Pastor Dennis

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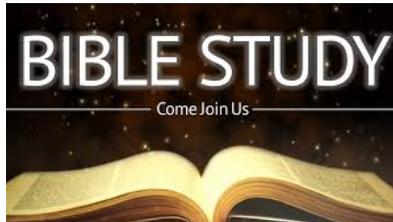
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Beginning January 8, 2020 at 6 pm. We hope you will join us for a time of fellowship and meal around the table. Adult meals cost \$4 and children 3 - 12 years cost \$2. Let Sandy Harper know if you plan to attend.

Starting Wednesday, January 15th at 7 pm immediately following our fellowship meal, we will have Bible study for adults as well as youth and CIAs. We hope you will join us as we study God's Word.



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!

Amanda Brooking	1/3
David Hodges	1/3
Karen Nicely	1/3
Adam Alford	1/5
Stewart Hicks	1/5
Linda Smith	1/8
Ricky Harper	1/10
Trish Wise	1/11
Nancy Walton	1/15
Amy Gordon	1/16
Jennifer Booth	1/18
Brenda Dodson	1/18
Liz Alford	1/19
Frank Erdt	1/19
Mabel Pleasants	1/19
Jessica Osborne	1/22
Frank Smith	1/22
Hallie Hicks	1/23
Edie Varnier	1/23
Peter Carrasco	1/28
Patricia Gammon	1/29
Jennifer Parkerson	1/29
Josie Summitt	1/29
Mike Dillon	1/30
McKynzie Kincaid	1/30

Happy Anniversary

Dan & Carol Summitt	1/1
Stewart & Halie Hicks	1/23
Tony & Kathy Wade	1/27

Youth News...

Happy New Year!

This is an exciting time of year as we get the opportunity to begin a new year. We may not know what 2020 will bring, we can ask God to take control and ask Him to use all of us in a mighty way to build His Kingdom and spread His Word in our community. On January 15, the youth will begin a new study called "Control" and we will look at what it means to allow God to be in control of our lives.

Our annual "Souper Bowl" fundraiser is coming up on February 2! Get ready to warm up your crockpots and prepare your favorite soup recipes. Who will win the prize and bragging rights this year?

I would like to thank each of you for your continued love and support of our youth ministry. These boys are lucky to have a church family that is so generous and loving. Continue to pray for them throughout the year, specifically that God will move in their hearts and draw them to Him. I would also like to thank you all for the generous Christmas gift and love you show my family. We appreciate you all very much!

Blessings,
Shelby

Notes of Thanks...

Thank you so much, church family, for the kind Christmas bonus, as well as the many thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts. We have been overwhelmed by your generous spirit and encouraging words. It is, indeed, a privilege and a joy to serve alongside you at Oakland Baptist Church. We are excited as we look toward this new year dawning on us and the blessed opportunity that is ours to be the church of our precious Lord in this community where He has placed each one of us.

Pastor Dennis & Janey

Mission Opportunities, Notes & Announcements

Thank you for your support of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of December 22, we have collected \$1,476.25 toward our \$2,000 goal. It's not too late to give.

The pastor search committee has a candidate for our Pastor position. We have asked our Interim Pastor, Dennis Barton to be considered for this position. We will bring this to the church for a vote at our regular scheduled business meeting on January 8 at 7:00 PM. If you have any questions, please see a member of the pastor search committee. Kim Rosson, Craig Jones, Ann Taylor, Sandy Harper or Bill Groome.

Our quarterly business meeting will be Wednesday, January 8th at 7 pm. Currently on the agenda is the committee reports and voting/approval of the pastor search committee's recommendation of our Interim Pastor, Dennis Barton becoming our full time Pastor. Please plan to attend this meeting. If anyone has anything to add to the agenda, please see Ron Taylor in advance so it can be added.

Partnership Missions Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 5 pm at Mineral Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Come hear about recent mission trips, celebrate 25th year of ministry of RuraLove, learn about upcoming mission trip opportunities and meet our new Director of Missions. Reservations required. Call 540-894-8440 by January 6th at 1 pm. Meal cost is \$6.00 per person.

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

A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – January 2020

Date	Deacon	Greeter	Kid's Korner	Extended Session – Babies to 2 years	Extended Session – 3 years to 1 st Grade
05	Frank Smith	Hazel Morgan	Sharon Kincaid	Denise Brooking	Sandy Harper
12	Kim Rosson	Wanda Miller	Bill Groome	Denise Brooking	Wendi Cooper
19	Bill Groome	Hilda Harper	Kathy Wade	Denise Brooking	Kim Rosson
26	Ann Taylor	Betty Dunivan	Shelby Jones	Denise Brooking	Cheryl Driver



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<u>5</u> 9:45am – Sunday School 11am – Worship 12:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Quarterly Business Meeting, Youth & CIAs	<u>9</u> 7 pm – Choir Practice	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 10 am – 12 pm Crochet Class 5 pm – Partnership Missions Dinner
<u>12</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 1:30 pm – Goochland Cares Team #1	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>16</u> 10 am – Seniors Meeting 7 pm – Choir Practice	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 12:30 pm – WOM Meeting	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>23</u> 7pm – Choir Practice	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> 8 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 1:30 pm – Goochland Cares Team #2	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>30</u> 7pm – Choir Practice	<u>31</u>	

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Donnie Amick
Len & Paula Archer
Linda Balsley
Virginia Beach-Cook
Mike Beyer
Dick Butler
Sarah Clarke
Roberzon Colchin
Frank Collins
Joice Collins
Lucy Cook
Ronnie Cook
Kaitlyn Daniels
Becky Edwards
Margie Gonzalez
April Grant
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 Pattiso
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
Ann Wells
Shawn Williams
Nancy Willingham
Interim Pastor Dennis Barton
Our Nation, Our Church & Community

Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:
Jimmy Hamrick
Allen Wade

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.