



# THE ACORN

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Dear Church Family,

The year 2020 will not soon be forgotten. Much as I remember where I was and what I was doing when I learned of the assassination of President Kennedy, and 38 years later, the attack on the World Trade Center . . . we will remember this year of the pandemic and significant social unrest. We can be overwhelmed by the steady and relentless stream of images and information. With David, we might be tempted to ask, *"When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)*. We don't have to read much further to find the answer. In verse 4 David affirms, *"The Lord is in His holy temple; the Lord is on His heavenly throne. He observes everyone on earth; His eyes examine them."* In times like these it is good to be reminded that God is still on His throne; He is still in control. He is watching. He is more than a mere spectator.

I am reminded of another verse which provides great encouragement for us, found in Isaiah 33:6, *"He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation, wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure."* Our sure foundation is in God, who does not change, who remains the same yesterday, today and forever. There are indeed significant problems in the world today, and we can live confidently, knowing God possesses solutions to each one of them. May we, as His people, continue to be salt and light . . . and faithful, dedicated, impassioned people of prayer for our nation and our community.

Beginning July 12, Lord willing, I will start a 5-sermon series of messages on evangelism . . . of God's people taking the gospel to a lost world. I have prayed much over these messages I am still preparing. I am asking the Lord to encourage and challenge us to be His instruments of blessing as we faithfully proclaim the Good News to a world who so desperately needs the Good News of Jesus Christ!

I recently came across this interesting story. A pastor in Nottingham, England, was called to the home of a dying woman. He found her rejoicing in the Lord. As they began to talk about her faith, he asked how she became a Christian. She pulled a torn, yellowed piece of newsprint out of a drawer. She handed it to him and he saw it was a sermon by the English preacher Charles Haden Spurgeon, printed in an American newspaper. The woman explained that it had been used many years previously to wrap a package sent to her from Australia!

Just imagine . . . a sermon preached in England; finding its way to the United States and printed in an American newspaper; and then the clipping somehow making it all the way to Australia; and then back to England . . . to win one soul to Christ! I am drawn to the text in Isaiah 55:10-11, in which we are reminded that God's Word which goes out *"shall not return to [God] empty, but it shall accomplish that which [He] purposes, and shall succeed in the thing for which [He] sent it."*

Many times we seek to witness to someone and we do not see immediate results. The Lord would remind us that our role is to faithfully share Jesus . . . and to trust the results into His loving hands. He is the one *"who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us."* (Ephesians 3:20). Blessings as the Lord continues the good work He has begun in each one of us. (Philippians 1:6)

Pastor Dennis



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If my people, which are called by  
my name, shall humble themselves,  
and pray, and seek my face,  
and turn from their wicked ways;  
then will I hear from heaven,  
and will forgive their sin, and  
will heal their land.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Be wise now therefore, O ye kings:  
be instructed, ye judges of  
the earth.

Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling ...  
Blessed are all they that  
put their trust in him.

PSALM 2:10-12

Blessed is  
the nation  
whose God is  
the LORD. . .

PSALM 33:12

## 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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## Mission Opportunities, Notes & Announcements

### *WMU Happenings...*

The Week of Prayer for our Goshen Mission Offering is July 19<sup>th</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup>. The change in dates was made due to COVID-19 and churches not meeting during the month of May. The 2020 Offering Goal is \$14,000 and will support Goshen ministries not covered in the operating budget. In 2020, 25% of receipts will go toward RuraLove Ministry (ministering to hundreds of families in crisis each year); 50% of receipts will go towards the Panama Partnership; and 25% of the receipts will go toward the Camp of Dreams for the Roma Children in Romania in June 2021. Prayer guides, information pamphlets, and envelopes are available. Our goal is \$500. Drop your offering in the box in the vestibule. Questions? See Sharon Kincaid.

I hope you have had the opportunity to check out IMB's 175<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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."*

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### *Youth News...*

The month of July will be much different for us this year. Normally, I'm asking you to pray for our youth and adults who are attending MC2 camp at Eagle Eyrie. Unfortunately, there will be no camp for us this year. But you can still pray for the youth and the youth committee as we are beginning to plan a couple of outings to keep the youth engaged over the summer.

One event that has been planned is a Drive-In Concert at the Goochland Drive-In on Monday, July 20. The concert includes performances of Michael W. Smith, Stephen Curtis Chapman, and Mac Powell. One ticket (up to 6 people per vehicle) has been purchased, so let me know as soon as possible if you are interested so additional tickets may be purchased. Also, if anyone has a vehicle that holds 6 people and are willing to let us use it for the night, please let me know. We cannot use the church bus for this event.

Blessings,  
Shelby

Congratulations to the Class of 2020:

Ray Henley  
Goochland High School

Brett Atwood  
Patrick Henry High School

Cassidy Hutchinson  
Homeschool Graduate and she will attend Regent University in the Fall.

## *Happy Birthday!*

Bobby Fields	7/1
Michelle Alford	7/4
Debbie Groome	7/4
Todd Hicks	7/4
Sandra Pleasants	7/5
Sharon Atkinson	7/6
Patsy Dymacek	7/9
Ray Henley	7/11
Jeff Childress	7/14
Betty Courtney	7/15
Ann Taylor	7/15
Elsie Mickens	7/19
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 Fields	7/28
Brian Atkins	7/29
Sandy Williams	7/29
Janey Barton	7/31
Cheryl Driver	7/31

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Robert & Sandra Grooms	7/6
Adam & Michelle Alford	7/7
Gabe & Becky Edwards	7/15
Charles & Doris Atkinson	7/21
Ronnie & Virginia Cook	7/27
Timmy & Christina Clough	7/31

### **Please note the following:**

There will be no quarterly business meeting in July. The quarterly financial report will be available for review on Sunday, July 5th. Upon review if you have any questions, see Frank Smith or Kim Rosson.

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.

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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  
Dale Nester  
Marie Nester

Louise Parrish  
Sandy Pattison  
Callahan Phillips  
Nolan Phillips  
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants  
Jason Pope  
Cindy Pritchardette  
Ronnie Proffitt  
Wayne Proffitt  
Matthew Richardson  
Margaret Rosson  
Riley Saunders  
Betty Smith  
Bill Smith  
Nita Snead  
Betty & Loren Stanley  
John 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:  
**Lucy Cook**

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](mailto:communication@oakland-baptist.com)) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.