



THE ACORN

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Dear Church Family,

We had a wonderful ingathering (offerings and food) on May 10. The timing was perfect to also honor the ladies of our church since it was Mother's Day. It was, indeed, a very special day in the life of Oakland Baptist Church. The offerings to support the church, missions, and local food pantries were significant. I am grateful to all of our church family for your generous spirit. Many lives and important ministries will be impacted because of your faithful, ongoing giving.

As you are aware by now, we are planning and preparing for the reopening of the church on June 7th. Please see elsewhere in this issue of The Acorn important specific details. We will start uniquely with Sunday morning worship. Sunday School and Wednesday evening activities will follow at later dates. Please join with me in bathing this process in prayer. We want to be wise and responsible in this process, and in moving forward.

Father's Day is coming up this month on June 21. You may already be familiar with the homage Michael Reagan offered at his father's funeral. I find his words appropriate as we think of the impact of a godly father on his children.

Michael Reagan received many gifts from his father, President Ronald Reagan. At the 40th President's sunset funeral, He described the greatest gift a child can receive:
"I was so proud to have the Reagan name and to be Ronald Reagan's son. What a great honor. He gave me a lot of gifts as a child—gave me a horse, gave me a car, gave me a lot of things. But there's a gift he gave me that I think is wonderful for every father to give every son.

"Last Saturday, when he opened his eyes for the last time...that's when I realized the gift that he gave to me: that he was going to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He had—back in 1988 on a flight from Washington, D.C. to Point Mugu—told me about his love of God, his love of Christ as his Savior. I didn't know then what it all meant. But I certainly, certainly know now. I can't think of a better gift for a father to give a son. And I hope to honor my father by giving my son, Cameron, and my daughter, Ashley, that very same gift he gave to me.

"Knowing where he is this very moment, this very day, that he is in heaven, I can only promise my father this: Dad, when I go, I will go to heaven, too. And you and I and my sister, Maureen, who went before us, we will dance with the heavenly host of angels before the presence of God. We will do it melanoma-and Alzheimer's-free. Thank you for letting me share my father, Ronald Wilson Reagan."

May we each one be, by Christ's grace and wisdom, the kind of fathers and mothers who spiritually impact our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Blessings in Him, Pastor Dennis



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*Father's Day
Sunday, June 21st*

My Hero

My hero is the quiet type,
No marching bands, no media hype,
But through my eyes, it's plain to see,
A hero, God has sent to me.
With gentle strength and quiet pride,
All self-concern is set aside,
To reach out to his fellow man,
And be there with a helping hand.
Heroes are a rarity,
A blessing to humanity.
With all they give and all they do,
I'll bet the thing you never knew,
My hero has always been you.
And he prayed to the Father with those big hands.
Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands to me.

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

Church Reopening Information June 7th

One of our guiding principles for the reopening of the church is that the speed with which we reopen is less important than it is to reopen in such a way that we provide as best we can for the safety of all. To that end, we want to be mindful of one another's health needs, concerns, and issues in preparation for a non-touch experience.

Here are some things to expect as we return for worship on June 07:

- The church will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized each week before we gather for worship.
- Outside doors will be opened and closed for you by a deacon wearing gloves/masks. The foyer will have a limited amount of furniture in order to facilitate social distancing. Hand sanitizer dispensers will be strategically placed around the building. Automatic (hand sensor) paper towel dispensers are being installed in restrooms. Restroom use will be restricted to one person at a time.
- Deacons will be available in the foyer to answer questions, and to distribute any necessary materials, such as the church newsletter or communion elements on Lord's Supper Sundays. Again, they will wear masks and gloves. In fact, we will all need to wear a mask while inside the church. There will be masks available in the foyer if you forget yours.
- As previously announced, there will be no Sunday School for the immediate future. Extended Session for preschoolers during worship will not be provided for now.
- A receptacle will be placed next to the entrance to the sanctuary in which you can place your offering as you enter or exit the sanctuary. The doors to the sanctuary will be propped open at all times. In order to aid in social distancing, some of the pews will be roped off. You are encouraged to sit by families and to allow at least 6 feet between families on the same pew. We will not use a church bulletin as such. Announcements will be verbally announced, and the announcements will appear on the two large screens.
- All items in the pew racks have been removed. Words to the hymns and other music will appear, per usual, on the video screens. There will be no choir for the time being. There will be a Fellowship Greeting during the service, but it will be a wave and verbal greeting, while remaining in our pew (no handshaking or hugging before, during, or after the service).
- Children will not gather at the front of the church for Kids Korner. We are exploring the possibility of a brief video appropriate for children on at least some Sundays. We will have the communal prayer time, but we will again remain at our place, and not use the prayer benches. After the benediction, we will dismiss by rows in order to avoid crowding in the aisles and in the foyer. In the same spirit, we would ask you not to linger in the foyer, but to exit into the parking lot and visit there, maintaining social distancing.
- For those persons who are unable to return to the church at this time, due to health concerns related to the coronavirus, we will provide a DVD/CD to you early in the week following the Sunday service, until you are able to return.
- VBS 2020 has been canceled and the theme and material will be carried over to 2021. The Wednesday evening program will hopefully resume the Wednesday following Labor Day (September 09).

- We are asking you to please refrain from attending worship at the church on any Sunday in which you have had any of the following symptoms during the week: fever over 100, persistent cough or sore throat, shortness of breath, contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19 (in past 14 days).
- I suspect we have a wide range of opinions about how and when we open up the church, running the spectrum from some desiring that we return immediately to life at church exactly as it was pre-pandemic, to those persons who fear opening back up the church right now whatever the precautions we may take. That is understandable. Let's honor the Lord by communicating grace to one another . . . being understanding of one another, and continuing to lift up one another and the church to our precious Lord.
- In 1 Corinthians 14:40, we are exhorted, "all things should be done decently and in order." This verse is found in the context of worship, but the principle of doing everything "in order" before the Lord, is valid in general for us as believers, and as a church, and specifically as concerns the reopening of the church.
- May the Lord bless and guide us to wisely reopen the church building. And may our heart's desire be to continue, as a church, to be a brightly shining lighthouse in an increasingly dark world.

Youth News...

"Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn't ended; certainly God's compassion isn't through! They are renewed every morning. Great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

The youth have continued to meet virtually every Sunday and Wednesday since the end of March. This has been a great time to connect and learn to apply scripture in our daily lives. It's been a meaningful time as we sort through our feelings and learn to see God at work during this unique time in history.

I just received word that MC2 camp has been cancelled this summer. The youth committee will be looking at ways we may be able to participate virtually in July. More information will be available in a couple of weeks. I am planning on a get together when the restriction will allow for such. The boys have already put in their requests.

We also look forward to recognizing our graduates in the near future. In order to prepare for that, please send me the following information.

- Graduate Name
- School graduating from
- Future plans

I pray each of you are doing well! I miss you all very much!

Blessings,
Shelby

WMU Happenings...

Thank you for your support of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We surpassed our goal of \$1,500 and I am grateful for your generous giving.

I have missed our regularly scheduled gatherings on the 3rd Sunday of the month and am looking forward to being able to meet again soon.

The IMB is celebrating its 175th Anniversary...it all began in 1845. I encourage those who have web access to go to IMB.org and view the 175 Interactive Timeline featuring missionary vignettes and short videos of IMB's work over 175 unbroken years and experience the history of IMB. Also, 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). Rejoice over what God has done and continues to do as we intercede for missionaries and for the nations. This time will be celebrated through November 29 the beginning of the Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Let 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."*

Happy Birthday!

Evelyn Wade	6/1
John Barber	6/3
Jill Harrow	6/3
Joshua Brooking	6/5
Crystal Pinkard	6/6
Morgan Lloyd	6/6
Brad Parrish	6/7
Sandra Grooms	6/8
Amy Murray	6/10
Sharon Smith	6/11
Shirley Shelton	6/12
Kalee Harlow	6/13
Sharon Sherrill	6/17
Tammy Brooking	6/18
Sarah Blair	6/20
Marie Nester	6/20
Hayley Rosson	6/20
Braeden Smith	6/20
John Hodges	6/26
Sean Dickerson	6/27
Martin Walton	6/27
Wendi Cooper	6/28

Happy Anniversary!

Ricky & Sandy Harper	6/7
Stan & Lorraine Majek	6/12
Derek & Courtney Blair	6/18
Bruce & Liz Alford	6/22
Leonard & Janet Jones	6/23
Tony & Amy Gordon	6/29

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BAPTIST CHURCH



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
Lucy Cook
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:

Tim Brown
Judy Nichols
Jim Smith

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

Remember our Servicemen & Their Families:

Tennis Bradshaw, Stateside
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.