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Dear Church Family,

I recently ran across the following story, which seems appropriate as we look toward Mother's Day on May 10th. It's the story of a mother and son who lived in Chicago. The father had died when the boy was young, and the mother and son had developed a very close relationship. This was before television, and they enjoyed spending their evenings listening to music on the radio and reading to one another.

In his early 20's, the son met a young woman at their church, fell in love with her, and they decided to get married. This was during World War II, and housing in large cities was very difficult to get. The mother, knowing they wanted to be married, said, "We have a two-story house. I can make an apartment for myself in the second story. You and your bride can live in the first story. The only thing I ask is that we find a way to continue to spend some time together, because I'm going to miss the reading and the music." Her son said, "Mother, you can be sure of that. It's too important to me."

The couple married. For a while, life continued with the son stopping by a couple of times a week to spend some time. He was busy, and eventually days and even weeks went by with only a call from downstairs or a brief glimpse of one another.

On her birthday, the young man brought his mother a gift, and said, "Happy Birthday, Mom." She opened the package and there was a lovely dress. "Oh, Son, thank you. I appreciate so much what you've done."

Something seemed off to him, so the son said, "Mother, you don't like it." She responded, "Oh, yes, I do. It's my color. Thank you." He knew her well, so he told her, "Mom, I have the sales slip. I can take it back." She said, "No, it is a lovely dress."

"Mom, you can't fool me. We know each other too well. What's wrong?" The woman turned and opened her closet. She said, "Son, look, I have enough dresses to last me the rest of my life. The dress is a very thoughtful gift, but what I really want is you."

I believe the Lord would speak to us at least a couple of truths from this story. The first is that the command to honor our father and mother is still valid today. (Exodus 20:12) And that includes simply being together, sharing life, being there for one another.

And I believe the Lord would say to us that, in the busyness of our lives, He welcomes the gifts we offer to Him . . . our offerings, our service, our ministry . . . but most of all, what He wants is us! Let's spend time everyday with the Lord.

I miss seeing and being with you. The Lord has been gracious in providing ways to remain connected with one another during these unusual times, and I am grateful for that. As I think of you, my heart turns to this familiar Scriptural blessing, "The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace" (Numbers 6:24-26).

In Him,
Pastor Dennis



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Sunday, May 10th

Happy Birthday!

Sherry Alston	5/3
Jason Brooking	5/3
Kimberly Murray	5/5
Sarah Wade	5/6
Sharon Kincaid	5/8
Joey Berlin	5/9
Christina Clough	5/11
Revia Wells	5/13
Ron Taylor	5/13
Brett Atwood	5/15
Billie Reid	5/15
Denise Brooking	5/17
Julie Varnier	5/17
Claire Parrish	5/18
Martha Barlow	5/22
Brandon Fields	5/22
Mary Catherine Gammon	5/22

Happy Anniversary!

David & Janet Hawk	5/16
James & Sally Hodges	5/19

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

Offering and Food Ingathering

Sunday, May 10th

9:30am - 10:30am

We are having a special "drive-through" ingathering day for Sunday, May 10, from 9:30am to 10:30am at the church. This will leave time for you to be home to watch/listen to the DVD/CD at 11am if you want. If it rains, the alternate date will be the next Sunday, May 17.

The idea is, anytime between 9:30 and 10:30, you can bring your offering for that week, and your Annie Armstrong (home missions) offering, and food items. The deacons and I will be in the parking lot in front of the main entrance of the church to wave, greet you, and receive your offerings. You can drive through the entrance the furthest from the church building, and make the loop through the parking lot, exiting by the other entrance. We will have a couple of stations set up where you can stop your vehicle. There will be boxes in which you can drop your regular and Annie Armstrong offerings. So far, \$953 has been given to the Annie Armstrong offering, and our goal is \$1500.

For your food items, we would ask that you put them in bags, and place them in your trunk, the back of your SUV, or your truck bed. When you stop at one of the drop-off stations, please simply pop your trunk lid or SUV rear door, and we will unload your food items for you. That will maintain social distancing, and save you from needing to even get out of your vehicle.

The donated food will be divided between Goochland Cares and the Perkins Baptist pantry. There are a lot of people who are out of work, and the demand on food pantries has grown. This is a great way for our church to contribute to needs in our community. If you are unable to drive to the church on that day, you can leave food items out at your home for the deacons to pick up when they distribute the DVDs and CDs that week (Friday, May 8th).

Here are the recommended food items for the pantries:

Canned Items

Canned meat: Pork, Chicken, Beef, Tuna
Beans
Vegetables
Fruits and Fruit Cocktail
Soup
Peanut Butter (smooth)
Canned Tomatoes

Dry Goods & Cooking Staples

Spaghetti & Pasta
Beans
Rice
Flour
Baking Mix
Cereal
Toilet Paper

This ingathering day will provide the opportunity not only to contribute in this way to the church and our community, but also to simply see and greet one another, while at the same time staying safe.

Youth News...

*My plans aren't your plans,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my plans than your plans.*

Isaiah 55:8-9

*I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. 12 When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. 13 When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me. 14 I will be present for you, declares the Lord, and I will end your captivity.
Jeremiah 29:11-14a*

When school closed on March 13, no one expected that our plans for the rest of the school year would change dramatically. When the announcement that schools would be closed the rest of the year, parents, teachers, and students were left with tons of questions and no easy answers. And now we are educating our kids from home with virtual or digital learning. This is a completely new experience for everyone and our students, parents, and teachers could use your prayers.

As a church family, as individual families, and individually we are missing out on so many things we had planned. For my family, we are mourning missed field trips, spring concerts, and baseball tournaments. I am missing my school students. And for our youth, we will not be able to have our Spring Retreat at Westview. We all had plans, but God has something else in mind for us and we have to trust Him.

For now, I am meeting virtually with our youth via "Zoom" on Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoon for 30-40 minutes. This has been a great way for us to stay connected and discuss how we see God working in the midst of this uncertainty.

Although Graduation season will look very different this year, we still want to recognize and honor those who will be graduating from High School or College this year. If you have a graduate in your family, please send me the following information via email (mom21elijah@gmail.com):

Graduate Name
School graduating from/degree earned
Future plans

We will hold a graduate recognition in the near future, when we are able to worship together again.

I pray each of you is well and I look forward to seeing you all and worshipping together again soon!

Blessings,
Shelby

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Donnie Amick
Len & Paula Archer
Joe & Pat Beach
Ron Clarke
Virginia Beach-Cook
Mike Beyer
Frank Collins
Joyce Collins
Lucy Cook
Ronnie Cook
Kaitlyn Daniels
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
Louis Parrish
Sandy Pattison

Callahan Phillips
Nolan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Jason Pope
Cindy Pritchardette
Wayne Proffitt
Matthew Richardson
Margaret Rosson
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Betty & Loren Stanley
John Stanley
Mary Lou Stanley
Leah Stiles
Denny VanDyke
Alma Walton
Billy Walton
Cecil Watson
Anne Wells
Shawn Williams
Sandy Williams
Pastor Dennis Barton
Our Nation, Our Church & Community
Coronavirus Situation

Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:

Rita Johnson
Dean Kellison
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.