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Dear Church Family,

It is hard to believe that the end-of-the-year holidays are but a few weeks away. As our thoughts will be turning soon to the Thanksgiving celebration, I am reminded of the hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings." There are so many blessings for which we are thankful. There are some very basic things, such as **food and health**. Saying grace at mealtime has all but disappeared for many people. A farmer, dressed in overalls, was shopping in the city, and stopped at a restaurant to have lunch. When his food was served, he humbly bowed his head and offered a silent prayer of thanks. Four young men sat at a table nearby. Trying to embarrass the farmer, one of them called out, "Hey, farmer, does everyone do that out in the country?" The farmer quietly replied, "No son, the pigs don't . . . they just start right in!" I suspect that the disciples never erased the memory or the spiritual lesson they learned as they witnessed Jesus saying grace before feeding the five thousand.

One Thanksgiving dinner, a mother spoke to her guests about her blessings, mentioning first of all her four healthy children. Later, when pandemonium reigned in the house, a friend noticed the mother with her eyes closed. The mother explained, "I'm just praying for patience to endure my blessings!" **Family** relationships can, in all seriousness, be challenging at times, but what a rich blessing for which to give thanks to the Lord.

Most of all, we are grateful for abundant **spiritual blessings**, especially the grace of God in sending His Son, **Jesus Christ**, to die in our place on the cross, to be buried, and to rise from the grave on the third day! "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10).

And we offer thanks to God for **His Word**, which instructs us in knowing Him and living a life that brings Him glory. I leave you with a sampling of Scriptures which call us to the practice of a life and a heart of thanksgiving:

- ❖ Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving. (Psalm 50:14a)
- ❖ It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High. (Psalm 92:1)
- ❖ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! (Psalm 100:4)
- ❖ Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures
forever! (Psalm 107:1)
- ❖ Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ
Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Thanks be to God, Pastor Dennis

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[Register NOW for Our Annual Meeting!](#)

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend the first-ever online-only BGAV Annual Meeting! The event, "Deep Roots, Green Shoots," will begin at 6:45 p.m. Monday, November 9, with a special presentation of music videos sent in by many of our churches just before the worship celebration airs at 7:00 p.m. Highlights of the Monday evening service include a keynote address by N.T. Wright, an original song written and performed for us by Kate Campbell, and John Upton's annual report of how BGAV continues in our mission to renew all things through the power of Christ. The session will conclude by 9:00 p.m. and be followed by another 15 minutes of music videos from our churches. (cont. on pg. 3)

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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BGVA Meeting Information cont'd

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New this year, our Mission Development team is offering a fun-and-fitness-oriented way to engage with our mission offering: a [Mission Run 5K!](#) You can participate as a walker, runner, or a sponsor. Note that this event begins now and continues until the week of the annual meeting, so you'll want to get started! Click here for more information about how to participate.

Our ever-popular [breakout sessions](#) are returning in a different way this year: all online, but all created in response to the needs you made us aware of as we've asked for your input. [See the list of breakout topics and leaders](#) and preregister for the sessions of your choice (this page will be updated soon with more specific information when it's available).

All sessions (the worship celebration and all breakouts) will be available for later viewing in case you aren't able to attend them as they initially occur. Your registrations will ensure that you receive the necessary links and information about how to view them.

While we will certainly miss seeing you in person at this year's annual meeting, we are excited about the opportunities we have to engage with you online while we all do our best to stay safe during this era of the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate our deep roots and our green shoots-recognizing our rich heritage while looking forward to a bright future together!

[Get more information](#) and [register online now!](#)

WMU Happenings...

Operation Christmas Child boxes along with a list of suggested items to pack in them, are available for pick up. Do not include the following items: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items, such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans. Please return by Sunday, November 15th. If you have any questions, see Sharon Kincaid.

Church Council will meet Sunday, November 15 at 12:30pm, to establish the 2021 church calendar. Council members are asked to bring a sack lunch. The Church Council is made up of the pastor, deacon chairman, and the chairpersons of standing committees. Please come with dates for any events or activities related to your committee. If you are unable to attend, please designate someone from your committee to be present to represent you.

Happy Birthday!

Leonard Jones	11/2
Shirley Bath	11/3
Sally Hodges	11/3
Cassidy Hutchinson	11/5
Beth Parrish Melvin	11/5
Christy Wiltshire	11/6
Sandi Blair	11/7
Sam Pleasants	11/8
Loren Stanley	11/10
Amy Jarrell	11/11
Deborah Mills	11/11
Les Bradshaw	11/13
Pam Bradshaw	11/13
Grayson Crowder	11/14
Bill Groome	11/18
J. C. Gallaher	11/19
Luke Parrish	11/21
Brenda Carrasco	11/23
Amanda Cooper	11/23
Shane Lambert	11/23
Christina Hanson	11/24
Derek Blair	11/26
Carolyn Grant	11/27
Vance Willis	11/27
Shearin England	11/29
Stan Majka	11/30

Happy Anniversary!

Lonnie & Sharon Kincaid	11/5
Eddie & Mary Bradshaw	11/10
Ron & Ann Taylor	11/17
Bill & Pat Groome	11/18
Grayson & Carolyn Grant	11/15
Mike & Theresa Hicks	11/26

The Reason to Give Thanks

In everything give thanks

It's what the Bible says to do
I thought, "Well that sounds easy,"
'Til I wondered what I'd do.
If all the lights were darkened,
All our energy was lost,
There were no more heaters running
And I was stuck out in the frost.
I imagined myself freezing
Even left out in the rain,

And thought, "What if there was no more shelter
To hide me from this pain?"
And then how hard it would be
To find some food somewhere,
My empty tummy crying out
It would be more than I could bear.
But even in this gloomy
And pitiful imagination
I realized I had not left out
My friends from this equation.
So then, of course, I pictured
All of this again
With loneliness, no family,
Not even just one friend.
I asked myself how I'd give thanks
If all these things were true,
And hope became an empty thing
Until I thought of You.
Of what Your Word has promised,
What Your Bible says is true.
You said: "I'll never leave or forsake you.
And though the mountains be removed
And the earth falls into the sea
I am still with you.
My love is everlasting. I am your shield and great reward.
I have chosen you and kept you.
I have given you a sword.
I pour water on the thirsty.
I bind up the brokenhearted.
Though you turned your face against Me,
I have loved you from the start.
I have given you the garment of salvation for your
clothes.
Every tear you've ever cried,
And all your pain My soul knows well.
And I have made a way to keep you.
No one plucks you from my hand.
I cannot lie.
I can't deceive you, for I am not a man."
It is with these words the Lord had spoken
That I finally understood.
All I'll ever need in this life is only in His hand.
It's true, most of us don't comprehend real need
We are truly blessed.
But when's the last time we asked ourselves,
"If all is gone, what is left?"
So even if this life brings pain
And all possessions tank
In everything or nothing,
He's the reason to give thanks.

—Submitted by Corrie Walker

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS - November 2020

Date	Deacon
01	Tony Wade
08	Ron Taylor
15	Sandy Harper
22	Kim Rosson
29	Bill Groome



<u>1</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Deacons Meeting	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study & Youth	<u>5</u> 7 pm – Three Circles Training	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
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<u>22</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 12:30 pm – WOM Meeting	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Happy Thanksgiving!	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>
<u>29</u> 8:00 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Hanging of the Greens	<u>30</u>					

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Remembered in our hearts
& prayers:

Updated Prayer Request:

Michael Biener
Pam Childress
Patti Cox
Gabe Edwards
Betty Fields
Elaine Gammon
Robbie Green
Ronald Griffith
Judy Gunter
Rod Holder
Bekki Johnson
Jane Morgan Jones
Lonnie Kincaid
Franklin Keith Miller
Marie Nester
Louise Parrish
Sandi Pattison
Jane & Wayne Rapp
Riley Saunders
Jerri Sherrill
James Williams
Jim Winburn
Bill Zimmerman

Continue to pray for the following:

Cheryl Gallaher
Warren Hicks
Sharon Kincaid
Wayne Proffitt
Margaret Rosson
Betty Jane Smith
Leah Stiles
Alma Walton
Billy Walton
Preston & Betsy Young
Our Pastor & Church
Our Country

Remembered in Our Thoughts
& Prayers the Family of:

Geneva Gordon
Zachary Green
Jim Potter
Anthony Reamer

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.