



THE ACORN

September 2020

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Dear Church Family,

The Lord continues to pour out His rich blessings on us. There is a good spirit in the worship services and we are welcoming new folks back to worship nearly every Sunday. For those unable to return at this time, you remain very much in our thoughts and prayers. You are not forgotten! We look forward to the day when we can all worship together once again. Until then, let's remain faithful to love the Lord, reach out to others as we are able, and lift one another up in prayer.

You will see elsewhere in The Acorn, that we will soon be gathering for Sunday School (September 13), and for Wednesday evening dinner and Bible Study (September 9). We are taking extensive precautions to sanitize ahead of time each week, and are making thoughtful provision for social distancing. This will mean shifting the location for most Sunday classes. It will be good to once again have these opportunities for additional fellowship, prayer, and biblical instruction.

I started a new sermon series in the 10 Commandments on August 23. It is important for us to be reminded and to understand the foundational biblical texts in our walk with the Lord. It is so easy to become distracted by secondary things, and lose track of the main thing . . . knowing, loving, and serving the Lord.

The story is told of a thoroughbred hunting dog, the finest in the land, who early one morning set out following the tracks of a **moose**. Zealously, he pursued his big game. Soon, a deer crossed the trail, and the dog transferred his interest and zeal to the **deer's** trail. After awhile, a fox crossed the deer's trail, and the dog shifted to pursuing the **fox**.

Not long did he follow the tracks left by the fox before he reached a spot where a rabbit had crossed the fox's trail, and the dog took off after the **rabbit**. He followed the rabbit tracks until a place where a rat had crossed the rabbit's trail. You guessed it, the dog then pursued the **rat**. He followed the rat's trail until he came to a hole, which was the abode of this tiny rodent. Here the dog stopped on his final point.

So this dog, capable of the big game hunt, began his day hunting moose, and ended it watching a rat hole. King Saul sought to kill the young man David at all costs in the wilderness of Engedi. David had the opportunity himself to kill Saul, but spared his life. David chided the king, "After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue [with a whole nation to lead and to protect]? After a dead dog! After a flea!" (1 Samuel 24:14).

Let's not become distracted by the secondary things of this world and our daily lives. Let's stay focused on the Lord, living faithfully unto Him, and seeking to honor Him in our worship, in our words, in our relationships, and in our priorities.

I look forward to "coming to the mountain" with you this Sunday as we continue our journey through the 10 Commandments, God's rules for living in harmony and peace with Him and with others.

Pastor Dennis

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We will be starting back Wednesday Night Supper and Bible Study on Wednesday, September 9th. Supper at 6pm and Bible Study at 7pm.



Sunday School Classes will start back Sunday, September 13th at 9:45am. Some of the classes have been relocated in order to have proper social distancing. There will be deacons in the foyer to direct you to your class location. Mask are required to enter the classroom but once seated with social distancing they may be removed.

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

WMU Happenings...

Thank you for supporting Christmas in August with school supplies. We will split the supplies between Byrd Elementary in Goochland and Jouett Elementary in Louisa.

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions' theme this year is "Meeting Real Needs in Real Time." The offering will look different in the coming year, reflecting the changing world in which we live as we face the challenges of a global pandemic. This annual state missions offering is a joint venture of Women's Missionary Union (WMUV) and the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV).

As always, this critical offering seeks to meet real needs of real people by funding ministries in a variety of specific areas. For the rest of 2020 and looking toward 2021, the allocations for this offering are being redirected in a that will allow us to focus on human needs arising from the COVID-19 crisis.

The state mission offering will be distributed as follows:

- 70% of funds to WMUV-directed projects
- 30% of funds to BGAV-directed projects
- All projects have a direct correlation to COVID-19 relief efforts

Please pray for the Alma Hunt Offering and consider giving to it. Our goal is \$1,000.00 and we will collect it the entire month of September. Offering envelopes and information will be distributed by the Deacons. You may also make donations online (select "Alma Hunt State Missions" for the fund) or mail a check to your church with "Alma Hunt Offering" in the memo.

The Ministry Stitchers will start back on Saturday, September 19th, at 9 am. They will meet at the Goshen Ministry Center and, if you have them, bring sewing machines, scissors, material, etc. You don't have to know how to sew as there will be plenty for everyone to do. Also, bring a bag lunch or \$10.00 to purchase lunch.

The deacon nomination and vetting is completed. We are currently waiting to hear from the three (3) nominees to see if they accept the nomination. The names will be announced Sunday, September 6th and voting by the church fellowship will be September 13th immediately following the worship service.

Happy Birthday!

Kaitlyn Hawk	9/1
Debbie Murphy	9/4
Allen Perkins	9/4
Janet Hawk	9/5
Alma Walton	9/6
Brian Hodges	9/9
Wesley Atkinson	9/10
Grayson Proffitt	9/11
Theresa Mills	9/13
Lori Carrasco	9/14
Dabney Barber	9/15
Tony Gordon	9/15
A J Nester	9/15
Anne Wells	9/15
Robert Atkinson	9/16
Keith Wiltshire	9/18
Teresa Groome	9/19
Craig Jones	9/20
Stuart Ritchie	9/22
Donald Bowmaster	9/23
Eli Jones	9/25
Martin Walton	9/26
Stacey Harper	9/28
Brandi Goff	9/29
Lorraine Majka	9/29

Happy Anniversary!

Bobby & Betty Fields	9/5
John & Dabney Barber	9/6
Josh & Christina Hansen	9/21
Dana & Nancy Franklin	9/27
Mike & Susan Heffinger	9/28



I Take Your Hand Sweet Jesus

When my world falls down around me
And the ground is sinking sand
When peace can't be found on this earth
I reach out for your hand.

When your hand wraps 'round my own
A strength pours from your soul
It brings to me a quiet calm,
Til once again I'm Whole

A peace beyond all reason
A rest there in your touch
Something in your quiet words
My heart yearns for so much..

If I but rest my worries
Upon your shoulder there
Strength that pours forth from your soul
Will wash away each care.

Like a cool sweet taste of water
For a tired thirsty man
My heart finds peace, my soul is calm
When I reach out for your hand.

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS – September 2020

Date	Deacon
06	Ron Taylor
13	Frank Smith
20	Kim Rosson
27	Bill Groome



		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>6</u> 11 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Deacons Meeting	<u>7</u> LABOR DAY	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 12:30 pm – Deacon’s & WOM Meeting	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 9 am – Ministry Stitchers @ Goshen Association
<u>20</u> 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship 1:30 pm – Goochland Cares Team #2	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>
<u>27</u> 8 am – Men’s Prayer Breakfast 9:45 am – Sunday School 11 am – Worship	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 6 pm – Fellowship Meal 7 pm – Bible Study, Youth & CIAs			

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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

Len & Paula Archer
Joe & Pat Beach
Virginia Beach-Cook
Michael Biener
James Boswell
Ron Clarke
Frank Collins
Joyce Collins
Kaitlyn Daniels
Cheryl Gallaher
Dennis Gammon
Elaine Gammon
Margie Gonzalez
April Grant
Bailey Grant-Dickerson
Debbie Hess
Stewart Hicks
Warren Hicks
Sonny Hughes
Vicki Kellison
Sharon Kincaid
Bryan McCallister
Nancy McKinney
Dale Nester

Marie Nester
Louise Parrish
Sandy Pattison
Callahan Phillips
Nolan Phillips
Mabel & Gerald Pleasants
Cindy Pritchardette
Ronnie Proffitt
Wayne Proffitt
Matthew Richardson
Margaret Rosson
Riley Saunders
Betty Smith
Nita Snead
Betty & Loren Stanley
Mary Lou Stanley
Leah Stiles
Denny VanDyke
Alma Walton
Billy Walton
Anne Wells
Shawn Williams
Pastor Dennis Barton
Our Nation, Our Church & Community

Remembered in Our Thoughts & Prayers the Family of:

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) or by contacting Sharon Kincaid by the 15th of each month.