



THE ACORN

January 2022

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
the new creation has come: The
old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17

Dear Church Family,

What a wonderful Christmas season we have experienced once again this year. I am so very thankful for the gracious opportunities the Lord has given us to reach out to our community and beyond, through the Breakfast with Santa, the Angel Tree ministry to 2 families, the donation of food items to those in need, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to support taking the gospel to the nations.

And this has also been a time to turn our hearts and keep our focus clearly on the reason for the season, the Lord Jesus Christ . . . through the Hanging of the Greens, the Congregational Cantata, and the Christmas Eve service. We have been truly blessed by our precious Lord!

As we look toward this new year 2022, which is opening before us, our theme, our key word for the year will be FAITH. May we, as a body of believers, believe and trust the Lord to do great and amazing things through us individually and as a church. Lord willing, we will spend the first few weeks of 2022 focusing in the Sunday morning sermons on the faithful witnesses found in Hebrews 11. My desire is for us to discover what the Lord would teach us and how He would inspire us concerning faith through these biblical characters who believed and lived out the truth of the very definition of faith found in Hebrews 11:1-2, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

In researching faith, I found the following wonderful quotes:

- Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man's power ends. (George Muller)
- Faith like Job's cannot be shaken because it is the result of having been shaken. (Abraham Heschel)
- Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death. (Christian Reader)
- Faith does not wish, hope, or desire--faith receives. (Christian Reader)
- A person who has faith is prepared for life and to do something with it. (Christian Reader)
- Faith is the "yes" of the heart, a conviction on which one stakes one's life. (Martin Luther)
- Faith in God is not just believing he exists, but doing what he says because you believe he will keep his promises. (Christian Reader)
- Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe. (Augustine)
- We live by faith in a prayer-hearing, soul-converting, soul-sanctifying, soul-restoring, soul-comforting God. (Francis Asbury)

Praying a faith-filled year for each one of us and for Oakland Baptist Church.

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Mission Opportunities, Notes & Announcements

- **Hope for Appalachia Virginia – Hope Box Item Collection**
A Hope Box is their gift to the students at each school they visit. It provides essential items as well as a few fun things for the kids. Boxes are for children ages 4 through 18. It also helps them share the Good News. Currently, boxes are being taken to eastern Kentucky, deep in the Appalachian Mountains. With our help collecting items monthly, they can reach more children.
Website: <https://hfavateam.com>
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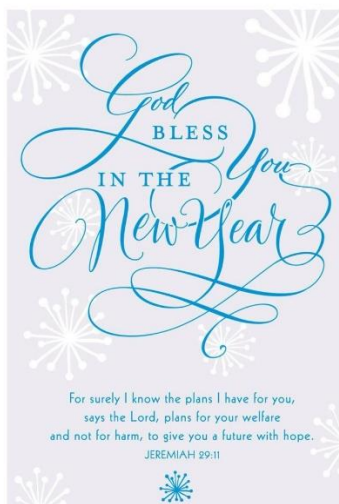
January: Sterlite 6 Quart Plastic Shoeboxes

- Our **Goochland Cares Ministry team** will serve this month on the 5th Sunday to help sort and purge items at the local clothes closet in Goochland.



THANK YOU TO OUR CLOTHES
CLOSET MINISTRY TEAM SERVING
**GOOCHLAND
CARES**
Free Clinic and Family Services

- **Mission Stitchers through Goshen Baptist Association** – All are invited on Saturday, January 15, 9am – 2pm. Bring a lunch or about \$10 for lunch. Bring your machine and tools or fabric scissors to cut out the patterns. For more information on this ministry, contact Terry Graham, 504.661.6268 or email mrsjrg@aol.com
- **Wednesday Night Activities Begin January 5!** Join us for Wednesday Night Supper starting at 6pm and Group Bible Study at 7pm. A great time of fellowship and a deep dive into God's word.



REFERENCE INFORMATION

For information to be included in the bulletin, newsletter, website or Goshen News, please submit the information as you want it to appear by the deadlines listed below to:

communication@oakland-baptist.com

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

If you have updates to your personal information including address or phone change, please notify any member of the Deacon Fellowship or log into Church Trac (link on church website) and update your information.

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Celebrate

Happy Birthday!

Karen Nicely	1/3
Amanda Brooking	1/3
David Hodges	1/3
Adam Alford	1/5
Stewart Hicks	1/5
Ricky Harper	1/10
Trisha Wise	1/11
Nancy Walton	1/14
Katherine Murphy	1/15
Amy Gordon	1/16
Charles Atkins	1/17
Brenda Dodson	1/18
Jennifer Summitt Booth	1/18
Liz Alford	1/19
Mabel Pleasants	1/19
Frank Erdt	1/19
Jessica Osborne	1/22
Frank Smith	1/22
Hallie Hicks	1/23
Peter Carrasco	1/28
Jennifer Parkerson	1/29
Josie Summitt	1/29
Patricia Gammon	1/29
McKynzie Kincaid	1/30
Mike Dillon	1/30

Happy Anniversary!

Dan & Carol Summitt	1/1
Stewart & Hallie Hicks	1/23
Tony & Kathy Wade	1/27

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

**WE RECOMMEND
THE USE OF FACE
MASKS FOR ALL
VACCINATED AND
NON-VACCINATED
PERSONS.**



Weekly Assignments

Deacon	Date
Frank Smith	1/2
Ron Taylor	1/9
Sandy Harper	1/16
Kim Rosson	1/23
Bill Groome	1/30

Keep in Touch!



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JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 31 <u>New Year's Eve</u>	1
2 <u>Sunday School</u> 9:45 am – 10:45 am <u>Sunday Worship Service</u> 11:00 am <u>The Lord's Supper</u> 11:00 am	3	4	5 <u>Wednesday Night Supper</u> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <u>Group Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	6	7	8
9 <u>Sunday School</u> 9:45 am – 10:45 am <u>Sunday Worship Service</u> 11:00 am <u>Deacon's meeting</u> 12:30 pm	10	11	12 <u>Wednesday Night Supper</u> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <u>Quarterly Business Meeting</u> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	13	14	15 <u>Mission Stitchers</u> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
16 <u>Sunday School</u> 9:45 am – 10:45 am <u>Sunday Worship Service</u> 11:00 am <u>WOM Meeting</u> 12:30 pm	17	18	19 <u>Wednesday Night Supper</u> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <u>Group Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	20	21	22
23 <u>Sunday School</u> 9:45 am – 10:45 am <u>Sunday Worship Service</u> 11:00 am	24	25	26 <u>Wednesday Night Supper</u> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <u>Group Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	27	28	29
30 <u>Baptist Men's Sunday</u> <u>Men's Prayer Breakfast</u> 8:00 am – 9:00 am <u>Sunday School</u> 9:45 am – 10:45 am <u>Sunday Worship Service</u> 11:00 am <u>Goochland Cares Team</u> 1:30 pm	31	Feb 1	2 <u>Wednesday Night Supper</u> 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm <u>Group Bible Study</u> 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm	3	4	5

I Samuel 4:24

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

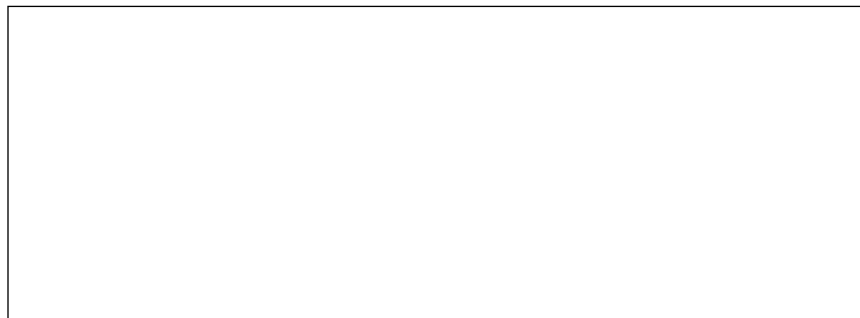
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Remembered in our hearts & prayers:

James Alford
Bryan Allen
Len Archer
Curtis Bailey
Mary Ann Ballou
Abby Byer
Mike Carden
Pam Childress
Ron Clarke
Ronnie Cook
Drew DeLong
Kevin Driver's father
Shearin England
Betty & Bobby Fields
Cary Lynn Fields
Kim Frank
Cheryl Gallaher
Mary Catherine Gammon
Margie Gonzales
April Grant
Bailey & Tanner Grant-Dickerson
Dennis Green & family
Robbie Green
Bill Greer
George Groome
Judy Gunter
Stewart Hicks
May Higgs
Rod Holder
Jeannie Hyatt
Jeremiah Kirby
Roger McClurg
Ken Ilyar
Hazel Morgan

Updated Prayer Request Cont'd:

Warner Morris
Virginia Nail
Arieanna Nester
John Nunn
Lesley Ott
Janet Page
Sandi Pattison
Gerald Pleasants
Kathy Pope
Kristie & Sadie Pope
Harrison Sandifer
Riley Saunders
Judy Trouch
Tony Wade
Donnie Waldrop
Alma Walton
Robbie Walton
Anne Wells
Larry & Cathy Wells
James Williams
Bill Zimmerman

Continue to pray for the following:

Jane Morgan Jones
Sharon & Lonnie Kincaid
Wayne Proffitt
Jeri Sherrill
Betty Jane Smith
Leah Stiles
Billy Walton
Sandy & Glenn Williams
Preston & Betsy Young
Our Pastor & Church
Our Country

Remembered in our Thoughts & Prayers the Families of:

Peggy Mayo
Brenda Powers
David Williams

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 and website submissions. Please email any additions or changes to communication@oakland-baptist.com by the 15th of each month.