



OAKLAND

BAPTIST CHURCH

The presence of Christ at the crossroads of life

November 1, 2020

Dear Oakland Family,

Our Finance Committee has been hard at work preparing the 2021 budget. A copy of the proposed budget is attached to this letter. Discussion related to next year's budget will take place on **Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00PM** via Zoom. **The Zoom code for this discussion is 713 378 3329.** On **Sunday, November 8**, an electronic vote will be held using a secure link sent by email from the church office. This vote will be conducted similarly to other votes we have conducted during the pandemic period. If you are not able to vote electronically, absentee ballots will be available in the church office on **Thursday, November 5, and Friday, November 6, from 8:00AM-3:00PM** each day.

Allow me to remind you there are many ways for you to contribute a tithe or gift:

- **Bank Draft:** Fill out a planning card (enclosed) and attach a voided check. Choose to have your account drafted on the 1st or 15th of each month. (If you plan on having your bank account drafted next year, please make sure to complete a planning card with your information listed. We must have an annual record of this information. Drafting your bank account is one of the most inexpensive ways to give (no fees), is efficient in regard to book keeping, and provides consistent income for the entire year which helps us in planning programs, ministries, and missions.) Planning cards can also be requested from the church office.
- **Online Bill Pay through your Bank:** Set up a recurring check payment to the church for the weekly or monthly amount of your gift.
- **Text Giving:** Text "OBC" to 803-599-3738. You will receive an immediate reply. Click the link in the reply to set up text giving.
- **Breeze Church App:** Use the Breeze Church app or visit <https://oakland.breezechms.com/give/online>
- **Offering Plate/Offering Box:** As we return to in-person worship on November 15, there will not be an offering time during worship; however, you can drop your offering in one of the secure boxes located at each door of the sanctuary.
- **Online Giving:** Click on the "Give" tab at oaklandchurch.com and follow the instructions. You can choose to contribute via checking or savings account or via a credit card (church incurs fees).
- **US Mail:** Mail a check to the church address—1067 Oakland Ave, Rock Hill, SC 29732.

In addition to the proposed 2021 budget, it is also the time of year when we elect servant leaders for each of our committees and name a Trustee. The Nominating Committee has worked diligently over the past months to ensure that each of our committees are functioning properly within the guidelines of the committee portion of our Bylaws. Following the same process as the 2021 Budget, we will electronically vote on the Nominating Committee report on **Sunday, November 8**. A copy of the report is included with this letter.

Finally, we are looking forward to resuming in-person worship on **November 15**. As a reminder, we have set multiple guidelines to ensure a safe and healthy return; including facemasks, social distancing, and reservations for worship attendance at either the 8:30AM service or 11:15AM service (please note the time change). You can find all the Guidelines and information for returning to in-person worship by visiting: <https://www.oaklandchurch.com/returning-to-in-person-worship/> or by calling the church office. Thank you for the ways you continue to be the presence of Christ in these unique days.

With gratitude and appreciation,

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey C. Hayes