September 2026

THE INTERSECTION

being the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life







Faithful Thoughts...

As the leaves begin to turn and our Fall routines take shape, September brings a vital season in the life of our church. It is Missions Month. (Note we've moved Missions Month from October to September.) And while mission work happens throughout the year, this month offers a dedicated time to pause and renew our shared commitment to bearing witness to the love of Jesus both locally and across the globe.

As a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church, our approach to missions is rooted in presence, partnership, and cultivating beloved community. Rather than viewing missions as a short-term project or something we simply do for others, we believe God calls us into long-term, mutually transformative relationships.

We do not go into the world with all the answers; we go to stand alongside neighbors, listening to their needs and working together to bring hope and healing. Scripture reminds us in Micah 6:8 what the Lord requires of us: "To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." This biblical mandate anchors our work. Across the globe and in our own backyard, CBF field personnel and partner organizations serve faithfully within three core contexts: addressing global poverty, welcoming those navigating global migration, and strengthening the global church. Whether it is offering radical hospitality to newcomers, supporting sustainable community development, or building networks of care, this work demonstrates the Gospel in action. When we support their work, we're not just giving financial gifts, we're extending our hands and hearts to people we may never meet, but whom God loves deeply.

Throughout September, you will hear stories during worship of how our collective support makes a direct impact. We will highlight specific field personnel and meet our new Encourager Church partner Scarlette Jasper, serving in areas of persistent poverty in South Central and Southeastern Kentucky.

Our Missions Month goal for the CBF Offering for Global Missions is $20,000. I encourage you to make a sacrificial gift. You can do so by using the envelopes in the pews of our sanctuary, in one of the boxes located at each exit, through our website (oaklandchurch.com/give), the Breeze church app, or by texting "Give" to (803) 599-3738. Please note "Missions Month" in whatever method you use.

~Jeff Hayes

We are a church that values *Relationships*

Committee Night

September 16, 6PM

Join us for Committee Night on September 16 at 6PM. We'll kick things off with announcements and prayer in the gym before heading to our various meeting locations.

Committee Night provides a shared space for collaboration, communication, and faithful preparation as we seek to make room for God's work in our community. Please take note that dinner will not be served.

2nd Sunday Men's Breakfast

October 11, 8AM

NEW OPPORTUNITY

Men you are invited to a time of fellowship, relationship building, and spiritual growth on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This group will meet in the gym for a delicious breakfast followed by a devotion. The cost is $5 per person.

This great opportunity is being coordinated by the Monday night men's group and all are invited. If you have any questions please contact Jimmy Williams (stonesteele21@gmail.com)

CLICK HERE to sign up.



Getting to Know OBC; an invitation to membership

October 25, following worship

If you have been worshipping with Oakland and have been considering taking the next step and officially joining our church family, we'd love to invite you to a special luncheon designed just for you. During our time together we will share information about the mission and ministry of OBC and answer questions. On November 8 we will have a special joining time at the conclusion of worship where folks are invited to formally become part of Oakland.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

Lunch Bunch

October 1, 11:30PM

Join Lunch Bunch on October 1 for a delicious lunch and great fellowship. Location will be announced at a later date. If you've never participated before and would like more information, contact Janice Hicks (jmhicks@comporium.net) or Sandy Hunter (sandyhunter150@gmail.com).

Merry Makers

September 22, 12:30PM

The Merry Makers will be meeting at Ebenezer Park on September 22 at 12:30 for a picnic and time of fellowship. The meat will be provided. You are asked to bring your a your favorite picnic food to share.

CLICK HERE to sign up.



First Wednesdays at Oakland

Dinner begins at 5:30PM
Program begins at 6:15PM

First Wednesdays at Oakland —A New Kind of Gathering

No two First Wednesdays are exactly alike. Some months we'll worship. Some months we'll learn. Some months we'll serve. Whatever the program, you'll always find a welcoming place to connect and grow. *With this new format we will only gather for a meal and program on the first Wednesday of each month.

5:30PM-6:15PM

September: Deadline to sign up for dinner as passed but you can still join us for the program!
October: BBQ, green beans, mac and cheese, salad bar, bananna pudding, and cholcolate chip cookies.
November: Ham, yams, corn, green beans, salad bar, and a variety of pies.

*Chicken nuggets are always available for children.



Dinner Cost:

- $10 per person (6th grade & above)
- $7 per person (5th grade & below)
- $35 family maximum

Please sign up by 9AM on the Monday prior to each First Wednesday at Oakland . In addition to what you are paying, the church offsets the cost of this meal. Please only sign up if you are planning to attend.

6:15PM-7:15PM

September: A conversation featuring CBF Field Personnel, Scarlette Jasper and CBF Director of Mission Engagement, Ellen Sechrest.
October: Hands on Mission Stations

- Preparing breakfast bags for Bethel
- Making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for a community partner who delivers food
- Assembling goodie bags for the staff of Sullivan Middle School and Oakland Day School
- Writing notes of encouragement to leaders of community mission organizations

November: A conversation about the name "Baptist" with Rev. Dr. Tim Moore and representatives from Myers Park Covenant Church.

We can't wait to spend First Wednesdays at Oakland with you!

We are a church that values
Spiritual Growth in Christ

Pastor's Class
October 18, 3:30PM

The next Pastor's Class for those interested in making a faith decision for Christ or for those interested in learning more about what it means to follow Jesus and experience baptism, will be held in the Conference Room on Sunday, October 18 at 3:30PM. The class is geared toward individuals between 6 and 18 years of age who have expressed interest in making a faith decision or who have recently made a faith decision and have not been baptized. If you are interested or have questions, please call the church office at 803-328-3864 by noon on October 14.

OBC Kids
September 13, 20, 27, 4:45PM-5:30PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for music, worship, learning, and fun! Young Musicians takes place from 4PM-4:45PM in the Choir Room.

OBC Youth
September 13, 20, 27, 6PM-7:30PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal followed by a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. Youth Choir takes place from 5PM-6PM in the Choir Room.

Youth Fall Retreat
October 16-18

Get ready for a fun weekend at our Youth Fall Retreat! We will be heading back to Look Up Lodge on October 16-18 for a time of fellowship, community building, and faith formation. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend! Cost: $150 and scholarships are available.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

Opportunities to help with Children and Youth

CLICK HERE to sign up to provide a meal on Sunday night for our youth

CLICK HERE to sign up to help with OBC Kids.

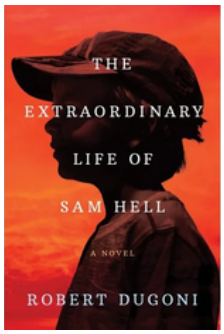
For more information about either of these opportunities, contact Patrick (pgriffin@oaklandchurch.com)

Faith and Fiction Book Club

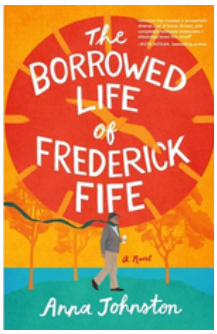
Join Leigh Reynolds on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Rey Azteca (2124 Celanese Road) for food, fellowship, and a conversation about the the themes of our faith that are woven into that month's selcted book.

October: *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni
November: *So Far Gone* by Jess Walter
December: *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston

CLICK HERE to sign up







Youth Sunday
September 27

We are looking forward to our youth leading us in worship on September 27. From the music to the liturgies to the testimonies, it will be a wonderful worship experience!

We are a church that values *Missions*

Family Promise

September 27 - October 4

Join us in welcoming families who need our support. Through Family Promise, we're offering more than shelter and meals, we're providing hope and dignity to neighbors working toward a brighter future. Every role matters. Every volunteer makes a difference. Sign up today!

If you are interested in helping with the wonderful ministry but have other questions, contact Leigh Reynolds (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com)

CLICK HERE to sign up to help.

Serving Dinner at Bethel

October 12

Whether you provide part of the meal or help serve, this is a fun and easy way to remind some of our neighbors that they are loved.

If you volunteer to provide food all you have to do is drop it off at Bethel (1232 Curtis St) on October 12 at 5:30PM, or at the church earlier in the day if your item isn't hot. For those who volunteer to serve, we will meet at Bethel at 5:30PM, prepare our serving line and then begin feeding a room full of hungry and grateful men.

CLICK HERE to sign up to help.



Be part of Oakland's NAMIwalks team!

October 17, 9AM

Make plans to join us at Winthrop Lake on October 17th as we support the mental health and overall well-being of all people.

CLICK HERE to learn more about NAMI
CLICK HERE to make a donation to Oakland's team
CLICK HERE to join our team and sign up to walk

Love Our Neighbor Community Event

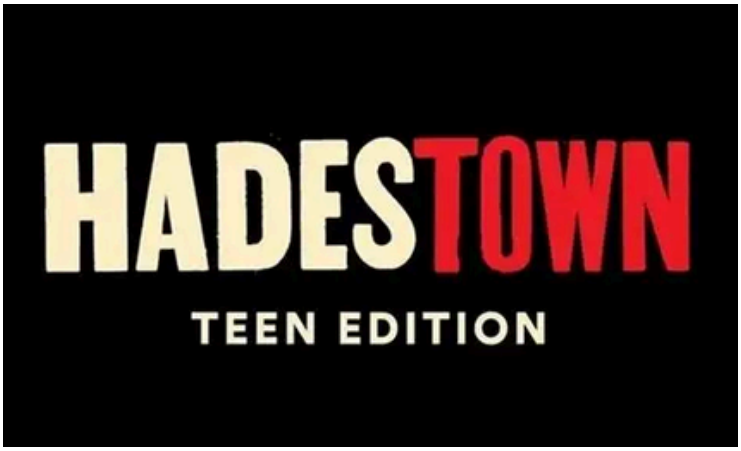
sponsored by Bethel Shelters

Be a part of this great week that raises funds for Bethel Shelter by simply by eating at the restaurants listed below:
Saturday, September 12: Ledo Pizza, 11AM-10PM
Monday, September 14: Sub Station II, 10AM-9PM
Tuesday, September 15: El Cancun, 11AM-10PM & Ay Papi, 11:30AM-10PM
Wednesday, September 16: Elk Tavern, 11:30AM-9PM & Rock Hill Coffee Roasters, 7AM-5PM
Thursday, September 17: Tega Cay Deli, 7AM-3PM, Rock Hill Bagels, 7AM-3PM, & Pier 51, 4PM-9PM
Friday, September 18: Roasting Company, 11AM-10PM
Saturday, September 19: Curbside BBQ sale, 11AM-1PM
Elam's Rollin' Smoke and Carruth's Pig Pen supply this delicious food.
CLICK HERE for more information about ordering BBQ - by the plate or pound.

News from the Pews



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Weikle** who received the College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award from Winthrop University where she teaches Human Nutrition.



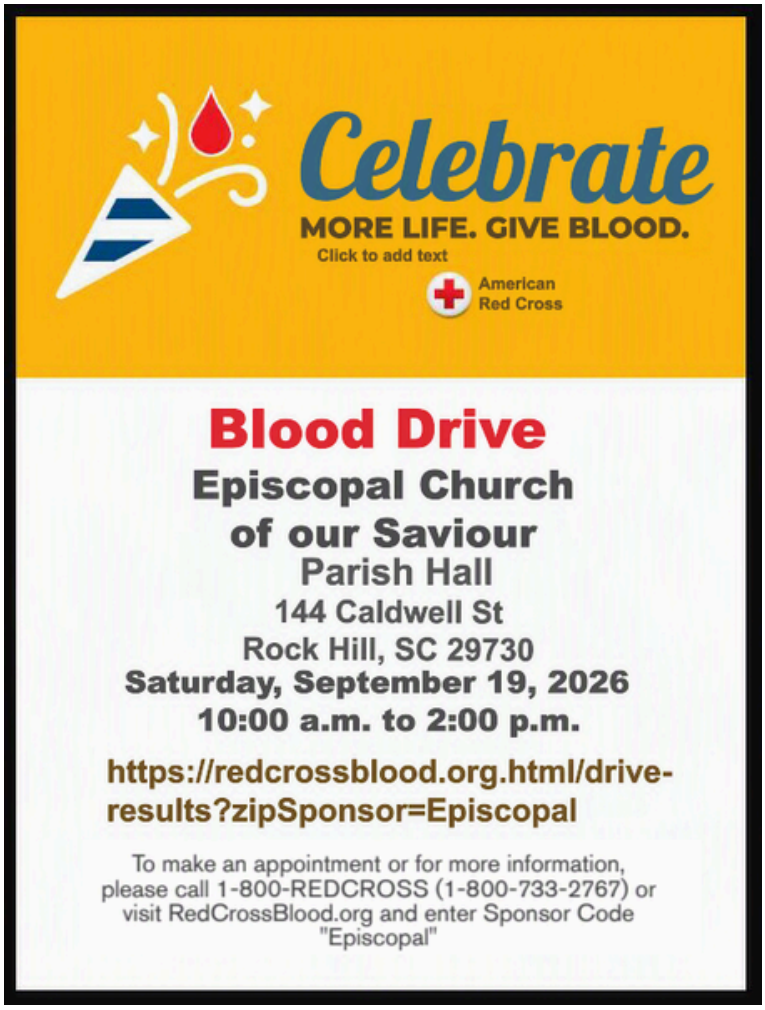
Hadestown

September 4-6, 11-13

Rock Hill's Showtime Theatre Company is presenting Hadestown, a musical that recounts the timeless story of Orpheus and Eurydice as they journey through a world divided between light and darkness, hope and despair. Set to a thrilling folk, jazz, and blues-inspired score, Hadestown weaves together Greek mythology and modern themes in a powerful tale of love, sacrifice, and the courage to keep believing—even when the odds seem impossible.

Noah Phillips is part of the incredible cast and **Allison Odom** is lighting it up behind the scenes as the music director.

To purchase tickets, **CLICK HERE** or visit showtimetheatrecompany.com.



We'd love to celebrate with you!

Whether it's a graduation, new job, anniversary, community involvement, or any milestone worth sharing, we want to hear about it.

Help us keep our church family connected by submitting your updates for "News from the Pews."

Please send your news to Leigh Reynolds at lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com by the 15th of each month. Let's rejoice together in all the wonderful things happening through all of you in our community!

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Rock Hill Branch

Presents

Meet the Candidates

A Candidate Forum, in partnership with Engaging the Community and other community partners.

Govenor

US Senate

US House

All candidates from all parties have been invited to this nonpartisan forum.

Get your questions answered before you head to the polls.

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITY

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

NAACP

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SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

10:00am - 1:00pm

Oakland Baptist Church Gymnasium
1067 Oakland AVE., Rock Hill, SC 29730

Moderated Q&A | Meet & Greet





FOR MORE INFO **CONTACT MACK BAILEY OR ROY COLLINS JR.**

BISHOP SHERMAN O. PORTERFIELD SR.
PRESIDENT

September at a Glance

September 1: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
September 2: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM; First Wednesdays at Oakland, 5:30PM
September 3: Lunch Bunch at The Wagon Wheel, 11:30AM
September 6: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM
September 8: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
September 9: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
September 12: Merry Makers trip to Flat Rock Play House; Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
September 13: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Youth Choir, 5PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir, 6:15PM
September 15: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
September 16: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM; Committee Night, 6PM
September 19: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
September 20: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Youth Choir, 5PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir, 6:15PM
September 22: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM; Merry Makers Picnic at Ebenezer Park, 12:30PM
September 23: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
September 26: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
September 27: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM - Youth Sunday; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Youth Choir, 5PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir, 6:15PM
September 29: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM



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BJC Baptist Joint Committee For Religious Liberty

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
The presence of Christ at the crossroads of life.

We give *because* God gave first!

AugustNeeds:	$91,760.00
Gifts fromAugust:	$72,890.26
YTD Requirements:	$642,320.00
YTD Gifts Received:	$603,815.52
YTD Budget Variance:	$(38,504.48)
YTD Expenditures:	$619,983.78

Thank you for helping us be the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life through your financial contributions. **CLICK HERE** to give online. You will be directed to a secure link which allows you to use your debit or credit card to make online contributions.

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8AM - 3PM, Monday - Friday
Should you need to speak to a minister after hours, please call to leave a message for the on-call minister. Also, all of our ministers are available via their personal cell phone.

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If you are traveling, take us with you! Join us on YouTube for worship.
oakland.breezechms.com
Breeze is our Church Management Software which provides access to our directory. If you need to be connected to this app contact the Church Office.



We look forward to #growingatOBC with you. If you need help finding the right Sunday School class, Bible Study, or mission opportunity to connect with or want to participate in any of the other activities and need more information, contact the Church Office. We would love to help you get more involved.

Sunday Mornings at OBC

8:50AM-9:15AM: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall
9:15AM-10:15AM: Sunday School
10:30AM-11:30AM: Worship

Scan for our church calendar

All of the sign ups can be accessed on our website:
oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up
or by calling the Church Office: 803-328-3864.

If you have information to be included in next month's newsletter, please email Leigh Reynolds by the 15th.