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January - April

INTENTIONALLY *living*

{adv.} *performed with awareness;
done deliberately, consciously, or on purpose*

Your guide to the ministries of
Oakland Baptist Church



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Stay Connected!

- Check out the Weekly Update for current events.
- If you do not currently receive electronic communication from us, text OBC to 345345 or contact Missy (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com) so you can begin getting our Weekly Update and Weekly Prayer Guide.
- Please keep your contact information up to date. If you move, get a new number or new email address, let us know.
- If you are traveling, take us with you! Join us online for our 11AM worship service at youtube.com/obcrockhill.
- Connect with us on Social Media. “Like” our page and our posts! The more you “like” our content, the more other people will see it!
Facebook: obcrockhill Twitter: OBCRockHill
Instagram: obcrockhill Youth Instagram: youthofobc
- Beginning January 1, check our newly designed website. Check back often as more features will continue to be added.

The Church Office will be closed for the following holidays:

New Years Day

Martin Luther King Day

Easter Monday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day and Friday

Christmas Day and the following two days

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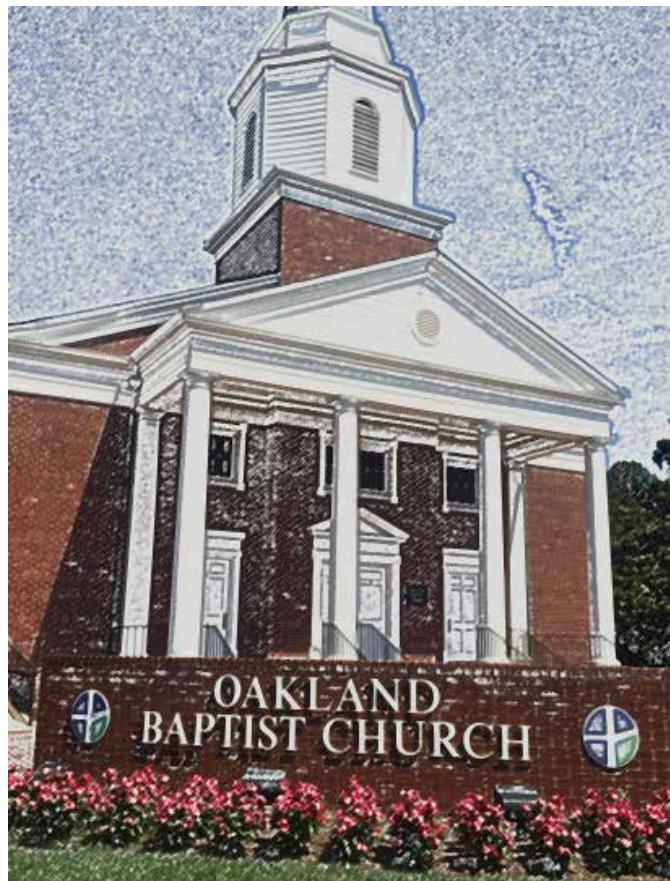
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This year our staff has created a Ministry Plan to guide our work. Our theme is “Living Intentionally.” This theme developed out of conversations about why we do certain things as a church. Our *intention* is to weave this theme into much of what we will be doing in the main areas of church life. This plan will carry us through August 2019. Visit the Ministry Plan tab on the website for updates on our progress.

Worship

- Provide a resource for families to discuss why each element of worship is important.
- Create a more user-friendly worship guide to emphasize the important elements of worship; including our use of the liturgical seasons.
- Offer a stronger focus on certain days in the liturgical year (i.e. Reformation, Epiphany, Pentecost), explaining why these days are spiritually significant.
- Offer themes and topical sermons throughout the year to help people intentionally live out their faith.
- Find intentional ways to be more creative in the early worship service.
- Utilize a larger variety of age groups in worship.
- Be intentional about celebrating God’s work through our people and ministries, linking these celebrations to opportunities for further service.

Discipleship

- Increase the number of opportunities for Pastor’s Class and Baptism from once a quarter to bi-monthly.
- Offer teaching sessions on our beliefs as Christ-followers and what it means to have a vibrant, growing faith.
- Once a month, in different settings, use testimonies to share how people are growing in their faith.
- Build on our women’s ministries through the formation of Women of Oakland Baptist Church (WOBC).
- Increase the opportunities for men’s discipleship (retreats, Bible study, etc).
- Host a Parent/Child retreat for increased spiritual growth as families. Use this a catalyst for creating a greater emphasis on Family Ministry.
- Establish a blueprint for faith development beginning with children and moving through adults. What are the essentials we want people to know? What is the course for getting them there?
- By next August, propose the plan for a church-wide discipleship effort beginning Fall 2019.

Fellowship

- Plan a church-wide fellowship activity once a quarter.
- Use tools that will help people engage with one another, paying special attention to connecting worshipers from both services with each other.
- Promote more intergenerational opportunities.
- Participate with community churches in a Thanksgiving worship service.
- Host a Summer Beach Blast event at the end of Vacation Bible School. Use this event to connect with our neighbors—particularly those attending VBS.

Outreach/Missions

- Enrich each guest's experience of Oakland by improving the ways we connect and follow-up. Offer more information, hospitality, and concise instructions on getting involved with OBC.
- Establish "Coffee with the Pastor" opportunities once a month to connect with visitors.
- Renovate the "Welcome Area" entering the gym doors to make it more attractive, especially to guests.
- Create a plan for "Telling Our Story"—what makes OBC unique?
- Continue to make our facilities more available for community use. This will also include establishing a new Facility Use Policy.
- One Sunday each month we will emphasize a local ministry partner, as well as information on how to join their ministry. We will also implement quarterly hands-on mission projects.
- Offer opportunities to discuss the state of the North American church and the global church, as well as our intention for reversing the current trends. It is important we understand where the larger church is and how she relates to OBC. Include in this conversation the changing needs of our community and implement ways to meet those needs.
- Embrace our Day School by finding better ways to connect with parents.

Administration

- Make communication a priority!
- Per our Constitution, reinstate the annual church business meeting. The meeting for the upcoming year will take place on January 13 at 5:00PM.
- Hold quarterly church business updates (these are not business meetings), with transparency being a key operative. These will take place between 5:30-6:00PM on Wednesdays minus first quarter: October 3, April 3, July 10.
- Move toward a primarily digital communication system.
- Increase our social media presence.
- Redesign the website to be more user-friendly for visitors and maintain its content on a weekly basis. The website will now be maintained in-house.
- Update the church app/directory with current pictures and member information.
- Explore the possibility of a Minister for Education and Missions.

You, the members of OBC, are our best outreach tool! Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers. Tell our story! Share with others what you love about OBC, what makes us unique and the many ways we seek to be the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life.

Pastor's Class

Every other month Pastor Jeff offers a 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. The class is geared toward individuals between 6 and 18 years who have expressed interest in making a faith decision or who have recently made a faith decision and have not been baptized.

Pastor's Class will take place at 6PM on the following dates:

January 24, March 28, May 23

Baptism Sundays are scheduled on the following dates:

February 17, April 21, June 16

Coffee with the Pastor

Each month Pastor Jeff sets aside time during the Sunday school hour to meet and greet visitors in order to answer questions and introduce folks to Oakland. On the fourth Sunday of every month, visitors are welcome to coffee, juice and conversation about how to be a part of Oakland, mission options, and opportunities for their family.

If you know of people who may be interested in learning more about OBC, please invite them to join Jeff in the Fellowship Hall for one of the following Coffee with the Pastor sessions:

January 27,
February 24, March 24,
April 28, May 2, June 23



At Oakland, worship is central to all that we do as it prepares us to live and serve as disciples of Jesus Christ. We offer two distinct worship experiences each Sunday morning, as well as special services throughout the year.

Creative Worship

At 8:45AM in the Family Life Center, we gather in this less formal space for a more creative worship experience. Guitars accompany congregational singing. Often worship will include various multimedia elements, creative ways to pray and participation from children. People of all ages attend this service, and there is childcare, although many families choose to keep their preschool children with them in worship.

Traditional Worship

At 11:00AM we gather for traditional worship in our beautiful sanctuary surrounded by sacred symbols of the faith. Children bring in the cross and light the candles. Worship includes hymns and songs accompanied by organ and piano, a choral anthem sung by one of Oakland's choirs and often handbells or other special music.

ONE Worship

Periodically the whole congregation joins together for ONE Worship. This worship experience varies in style and often includes elements like Deacon Ordination, Christmas in July and special celebrations.

Special Services

State of the Church: January 13, 10:30AM

Join us for ONE Worship as Pastor Jeff delivers his annual State of the Church message. Following worship we will enjoy a covered dish lunch.

Ash Wednesday: March 6, 6:00PM

Join us in the sanctuary for a time of worship which will include the imposition of ashes.



Maundy Thursday: April 18, 6:00PM

We will gather in the Sanctuary for worship and communion as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

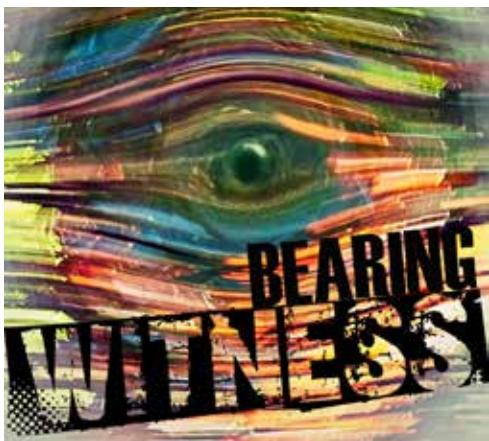
Easter Sunday: April 21

Two distinct worship opportunities will be offered. More details on page 9.

Upcoming Opportunities for Worship & Study

January 20 - February 27

We may not be able to solve all the world's problems, but we are called to bear witness to the injustice and heartache we see around us. During this series we will explore how we can speak the truth of Christ to very difficult subjects. The Wednesday following each Sunday will be a discussion on each topic (more details on page 18).



March 6 - April 14

Using the Old Testament and Epistle lessons, we will be challenged to use this Lenten season as an opportunity for renewal, commitment, and God's call - "return to me with all your heart." ~Joel 2:12



Holy Week Worship Opportunities



JOIN US FOR EASTER
Worship
April 21, 2019

8:30AM worship in the garden
Casual outdoor worship

10:30AM ONE worship in the sanctuary
Traditional worship with special music

Music Ministry at OBC promotes music as a vehicle of worship and praise, as well as a tool for spiritual growth and development for Children, Youth and Adults. Our teachers and directors are highly trained to provide all participants with an excellent musical experience as well as spiritual guidance.

Music for Preschoolers

KINDERMUSIK: Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:35PM

Our Time (18 months - 2 years)

Kim Shaw, director, and Beth Haile, assistant

Imagine That! (3 and 4 year olds)

Julie Johnson, director, and Alice Davis, assistant

Young Child I (5 year olds)

Heather Turner, director, and Julie Wacaster, assistant



Music for Elementary

Singing Choirs: Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:35PM



The Singers (1st - 2nd grade)

Allison Odom, director, and Faye Lucas, assistant

Young Musicians (3rd, 4th and 5th grade)

Becky Sanderson, director, and Kay Neal, assistant. Peggy Williams, accompanist

Beginning Handbell Choir: Wednesdays, 4:45PM - 5:30PM

(4th - 5th grade)

Suzanne Ringer, director

Music for 6th - 12th grade Youth

Jubal Ringers: Sundays, 4:15PM - 5:00PM

Suzanne Ringer, director

Youth Choir: Sundays, 5:00PM - 5:45PM

Suzanne Ringer, director. John Posey, accompanist

Music for Adults

Chancel Choir: Sundays, 6:00PM - 7:15PM

Suzanne Ringer, director. John Posey, accompanist

Oakland Ringers: Sundays, 7:15PM - 8:15PM

Suzanne Ringer, director

Early Service Musicians, under the direction of James Smart, practice on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. If you would like to sing or play with this group, contact Suzanne or James.

Upcoming music events!

Adult Festival by the Sea

Charleston, SC

January 25 - 27, 2019

Youth Festival by the Sea

Myrtle Beach, SC

March 1st – 3rd, 2019



All are invited to join our program as we work together to glorify God through music. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Ringer, Associate Minister of Music at sringer@oaklandchurch.com or call (803) 328-3864.



Oakland's mission statement invites us to be the presence of Christ at the crossroad of life. Jesus calls us to minister to people's needs, whatever they might be, in Rock Hill and around the globe. We encourage everyone to become personally involved in living out our faith. Below are ministries in which Oakland is actively involved and places where volunteers are always needed!

Oakland Baptist Church Ministry Center

Located at 1021 Charlotte Ave, the Ministry Center provides clothing, household items, toiletries and help with utilities for those who are in crisis situations. For more information about serving at the Ministry Center contact Caroline Krueger ckrueger@comporium.net



English as a Second Language

ESL classes are offered at Oakland on Wednesday evenings from 5:30PM-7:15PM. Participants enjoy dinner together and then participate in English classes led by volunteers. For more information about serving with ESL contact Patti Robinette at probinette1861@gmail.com.

Carolina Immigrant Alliance

Blake Hart and volunteers work several times a week to join together Rock Hill's immigrant community and partner groups to help immigrants here. We provide immigration legal aid, public policy advocacy, community and individual education and, relationship building. There are lots of volunteer opportunities, which include translating documents, answering the phone (particularly if you speak Spanish) and being available as needs arise to provide transportation. For more information about serving with Carolina Immigrant Alliance contact Blake Hart at 803-386-9442.

Family Promise

For a week each quarter Oakland opens its doors and rooms to Family Promise. During the week, 2-4 families who are experiencing homelessness spend the night OBC. There are a multitude of volunteer opportunities, from set-up and clean-up to bringing a meal or spending the night. For more information about serving with Family Promise contact Karen Neal (karenneal@bellsouth.net). We will host Family Promise December 30-January 5, March 24-31, and June 16-23.

Pathways Community Center

Pathways is a new organization that whose mission is to create in one location, a single point of entry that serves as a “pathway” to a continuum of care that will provide stability, supportive services and shelter, to renew broken lives. Check out their website to learn more (pathwaysyc.org)

Rolling in Rock Hill

On April 13, we will join others from our community for the bi-annual *Rolling in Rock Hill*. More details to come, but mark your calendars for this great event which brings people from the community together for a day of painting. We will join with hundreds others to paint the homes of those who are either physically or financially unable to do it themselves.

Adult Mission Trip

If you are interested in helping with hurricane recovery, we are taking a group to Conway, February 4-8. If you are interested in accompanying us on this trip, contact Jeff Hayes or call the church office. There will be another trip in June.

Mission Months

During October and February we place an even stronger emphasis on Missions, particularly in worship. During these two months we seek to raise funds to support our CBF field personnel.

CBF Field Personnel with whom Oakland Partners:

Janée Angel lives and serves in Antwerp, Belgium, working particularly among the Arabic speaking community. To learn more about Janée's ministry and ways you can pray for her, visit seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com.



Butch and Nell Green serve in and around Houston, Texas, ministering to the Muslim community and engaging congregations in outreach with their Muslim neighbors, as well as combating human trafficking. To keep up with the Greens' ministry and ways you can pray for them visit cbfinternationals.org.

We also partner with other area mission agencies such as:

Habitat for Humanity, Project HOPE, Children's Attention Home and Connie Maxwell Home for Children.

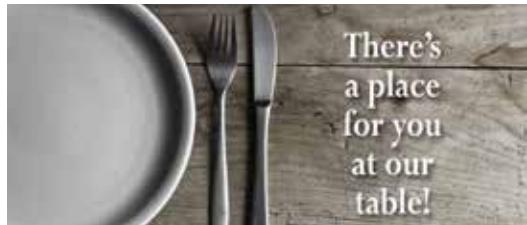
Wednesdays at Oakland are a great opportunity to refuel for the second half of the week. Come share a meal that you didn't have to cook with friends! After dinner there are children's music classes, Bible Study for adults and mission opportunities for children and youth .

Dinner: begins at 5PM

To ensure we have enough food, please sign up for dinner each week by Monday at Noon. You can sign up by calling or emailing the church office (803-328-3864/ obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com), completing a card found in the back of each pew or by using the link in the Weekly Update.

Pricing for dinner:

Adults: \$6.50 (6th grade and above)
Children: \$3.50 (5th grade and under)
\$25 max per family



Menu for January & February:

January 9: Meatball Subs, Chips, Salad Bar
January 16: Chili Beans, Corn Bread, Salad Bar
January 23: Chicken Parmesan over Pasta, Salad Bar
January 30: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Salad Bar
February 6: Mexican Lasagna, Chips & Salsa, Salad Bar
February 13: Baked Ziti, Salad Bar
February 20: Baked Chicken, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Salad Bar
February 27: Chicken Bog, Salad Bar

English as a Second Language

Volunteers are always welcome to help with ESL. More information is listed on page 10, in the Missions Section.

Pastor's Bible Study

Join other adults in the Chapel from 6PM - 6:45PM for a time of prayer and study. Upcoming Bible Study topics are listed on page 8 and 18.

Children and Youth Activities

Wednesday evenings also include music for children and mission related programs for children and youth. Detailed information can be found on pages 10, 22 and 24.

As a church we intentionally include opportunities for people of varying ages to gather for fellowship and recreation. Many relationships have begun around tables during church family meals or while cheering on children during a basketball game.

Children & Youth Basketball Games: January & February

We have 8 children and youth basketball teams. These teams have games on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Schedules can be found at yorkcountycba.blogspot.com. Our children and youth will love having extra fans to cheer them on at their games! We are also offering a five week basketball clinic for 4 and 5 year olds.

Covered Dish Luncheon: January 13

Following our ONE Worship service at 10:30AM we will enjoy a covered dish lunch. Meat will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



OBC at Winthrop Basketball Game: February 23, 2PM

Join our church family at Winthrop Coliseum for an afternoon of fellowship as we cheer on the Winthrop Eagles. Tickets are \$4 per person and will be available through the church in February.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: March 5, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Come enjoy a yummy pancake supper prepared and served by our youth. There is no cost, but donations are greatly appreciated. All donations will be used to offset the cost of our summer mission trips.

Mother - Son Dance: March 2

Back by popular demand is the Mother-Son Dance. This will be a fun-filled evening with singing, dancing, yummy snacks, fun crafts and games. Tickets will be available as the event gets closer. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity and our yearly participation in the Community Build.



At OBC we offer a variety of opportunities for adults to gather for study, fellowship, missions and prayer. Through all of these opportunities the ultimate goal is that we all continue to grow in our relationship with Christ.

Women of OBC

Monday Morning Bible Study: Mondays, 9:00AM-10:30AM in the Parlor

This group of women meet in the Parlor on Mondays (September - May) from 9AM - 10:30AM. The topics studied vary and are chosen by the group. And occasionally they enjoy breakfast at a local restaurant together. This is a great opportunity to start your week off with Bible Study and Fellowship! Bible Study is led by Leigh Reynolds.



Sue Ness Mission Group: Second Mondays, 3:00PM in the Parlor

Join this group of women the second Monday of each month to learn more about faith in action. Their study varies, but is based on missions, using the quarterly CBF publication. For more information contact Jeanette Gregory.

Westminster Towers Bible Study: First Tuesdays, 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Shirley Bailey and Jeanette Gregory lead a Bible Study for residents of Westminster Towers the first Tuesday of every month. For more information about getting involved with this group contact Shirley or Jeanette.

Bible Study and Missions Group: First Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in Room 207

This group of women meets on the first Tuesday of each month to study scripture and the Mission Update. For more information contact Libby Gilbert or Judy Heustess.

WBC Opportunities
Faith, Fellowship & Fun for Women

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:15PM - 7:30PM in Room 207
Shirley Bailey and Patti Robinette lead a weekly Bible study. If you are interested in taking a break from your to-do list to study and fellowship, contact Shirley or Patti for more information.

Moms' Fellowship: Wednesdays, 10:30AM - Noon in the Parlor

Moms, grandmothers, guardians or caretakers are invited to join in conversation regarding parenting and raising young people in Godly, Christ-centered ways. This group will meet weekly beginning September 12. If you need childcare, please contact Kim Shaw. For more information, contact Krista Hayes.



WOBC Gathering: January 24, 6:30PM

Join other ladies in the Fellowship Hall an evening of fellowship and outreach. We will enjoy coffee, hot cocoa and cookies while assembling care packages for our homebound and deployed servicemen.

2019 Women's Retreat: October 18-20. SAVE THE DATE!!!

All adult women of OBC are invited to spend the weekend together in Hendersonville, NC, at Kanuga Conference Center. The weekend will include fellowship, rest, renewal, Bible study and worship, while surrounded by the beautiful NC mountains. The cost is \$175 and includes lodging and all meals. Save the date. More information about signing up will be available in the Spring.



Men's Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, 7:30AM at Chandler Place

All men are invited to join other men from OBC at Chandler Place for breakfast, study and prayer each Tuesday morning.



Pastor's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 6:45PM

You are invited to join other adults in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings for a time of Bible Study and prayer.

January 9: Committee Night (No Bible Study)

January 16: Congregational discussion about proposed changes to the Constitution

January 23-February 27: Conversations that Matter

These conversations will include the following topics: Racial Justice, Education, Human Trafficking, Gun Violence, Climate Change & Homelessness

March 6: Ash Wednesday Service

March 13: April 10: Lenten Study

Merry Makers

This group is primarily composed of older and retired adults who meet monthly for a yummy pot luck lunch and program. Programs range from guest speakers who focus on safety or health related issues to musical entertainers. The Merry Makers also periodically go on "field trips." Anyone is welcome to join the Merry Markers, regardless of age.



Grief Support: First Mondays (beginning in February), 1PM

Beginning in February, on the first Monday of each month, those who have experienced loss are invited to join Suzanne Ringer for grief support. This will be an opportunity for folks to learn, share and remember those we've lost and loved.

Sunday School

Young Adult Class: Fellowship Hall 130

This class provides a place for those who are college-age or just beyond that to study scripture and discuss its application to their lives. This is a place for Winthrop and York Tech students, and young adults just beginning careers to gather regularly, as well as our OBC students who attend college in another city to come to when they are home. Teacher: Ben Lucas

Wacaster Class: Room above the Gym

An active class of 30's and 40's with children ranging from newborn to late teen who gather to share life, love, support, learning, and serving together. We follow the Formations Study Guide and focus on the study of God's word and application of it to our lives. Teacher: Brian Wacaster

Friends and Faith: Room 126

This class primarily made up of couples with children. The average age is mid-30's through 40's. Lessons are discussion-based with the teacher being the facilitator. Our class enjoys socials and get-togethers. Come join us! Teacher: Rotating

Mobley Class: Fellowship Hall 131

This class is aimed at the 45-60 age range. We use the Smyth & Helwys curriculum to study the Bible and apply those lessons to our individual lives and the corporate life of our church. We enjoy developing relationships and supporting each other through the challenges and joys of this stage of life. Individuals and couples are always welcome to join us! Teacher: Judy Mobley

Snyder Class: Fellowship Hall 127

This class generally consists of single and married adults between the ages of late 50's to mid 70's, many of whom are grandparents, empty nesters, widows/widowers, etc. The setting is a circular style, not classroom or lecture seating, designed to encourage comfortable but important conversation about topics and scripture to help us navigate the task of "living in this world, but not being of this world." We use Formations material as our basis of topics and scripture. Nothing, however, keeps us from reaching out to one another during class in Christian love when a classmate is experiencing any of life's struggles. Teacher: Frank Snyder

J. Johnson Class: Fellowship Hall 120

This class is made up of middle aged adults, singles and couples from the mid-50's to mid-60's (some of us do spend time talking about grandkids, but it is not a requirement!). We offer a casual, relaxed conversational and opened-ended class atmosphere in which everyone's opinion is welcomed and all are valued. We use Formations literature as a basis for teaching and discussions. We care about each other and our community and welcome new folks, young or old, to join us as we seek a closer walk with our Lord. Teacher: Jimmy Johnson

Robinette & Williams Class: Fellowship Hall 123

We are late career and early retirement couples and singles who bring mature and varied experiences in Christian growth to weekly open discussions of how our faith does and/or should impact our daily lives, our families, OBC, and the broader community. Our class discussions are facilitated by two rotating teachers with uniquely different teaching styles and anchored by respect, support, and a true sense of “church family” for all members of the class.

Teacher: Gary Williams & John Robinette

Caring Class: Parlor

The Caring Class is especially for women, ages 30 and up, who want the opportunity to share with women of all ages, experiences and nationalities. We care for our class members and others, so we are named for what we do. We use Smyth & Helwys curriculum. Come sit and share at our table. Teacher: Joyce Wright

B. Johnson & Vipperman Class: Room 141

We are an intergenerational class of Princesses and Paupers, wise men and fools, all students of Christ, sharing the news -- arm-in-arm, hand-in-hand, on the journey together to the promised land. Teacher: Barry Johnson & David Vipperman

The Friendship Class: Room 207

This made up of mature ladies who study the scriptures and use the Connections literature to lead us. We minister to and pray for one another through care groups. We make monthly contributions to local ministries as well as foreign causes and use our additional funds for needs that arise in our church and Community. Teacher: Eddie Ramsey

Grady Lane Class: Fellowship Hall 128

The members of the senior men's Sunday school class (ages 65 and up, but anyone is welcome) come from various backgrounds and talents, but are melded into a body of believers and are eager for dialogue. The literature used is from Lifeway. The class feels strongly that the purpose of Sunday school is to study the Holy Scriptures and strive to find application in everyday living. Teacher: Richard Sealy

Faithful Followers Class: Room 206

We are a class for active men/women senior adults age 60 and above. Currently our lessons come from the Formations Adult Bible Study series, with a teaching style that encourages members to actively participate. Our class is made up of a caring group of individuals, many of whom minister not only to each other, but also to the Rock Hill community through a number of opportunities for service offered by OBC. If you are looking for a Sunday school family, we have a place for you! Teacher: Mack Jones



OAKLAND DAY SCHOOL
rooted in love

Oakland Day School

We aspire to help every Oakland Day School student personally know the lavish love of God while developing spiritual, social, and cognitive growth. This is achieved by creating a community dedicated to exceptional preschool education and service to God through visible caring for all neighbors.

As a preschool, we have the enormous privilege of meeting children at the beginning, supporting their foundation for learning and loving. By creating environments that foster God's love and grace, we provide safe places for our students to learn and grow. At the same time, we maintain a level of excellence that mirrors His work through innovative, compelling curriculum to encourage our students' best.

But our students are not the only ones we are called to serve. We also believe in fully cooperative partnerships with our parents and caregivers. We know that raising children is a mission that can feel daunting at times, and we are here to help share that load. Part of our purpose is to provide practical resources to support caregivers at home, while also offering opportunities for them to engage with other families throughout the year. We believe authentic relationships help combat the misconception that we are alone in our parenting struggles, while also providing judge-free community for growth.

In addition to empowering those within our walls, our call to action also includes those neighbors who are not directly connected to our school. We believe hearts and homes can flourish when God's love is grasped in word as well as deed, so we have made philanthropy and community service a significant component of our curriculum, as well as our school-wide programming.

Oakland Day School is a nonprofit preschool serving 1-4 year olds Monday- Friday from 8 AM to 2 PM. For more information visit oaklanddayschool.com.



Children's ministry at OBC provides a wide array of opportunities for children to learn what it means to be a follower of Jesus. From Sunday School and Pastor's Class to Mission Movers and VBS there are a lots of ways children can be involved in the life of OBC!

Sunday School: 9:45AM-10:45AM

We have Sunday School classes for children of all ages. This year our classes will be using the Deep Blue Curriculum to study about God's Family. Children's Classes meet in the following rooms: Infants: Room 103, One & Two Year Olds: Room 105, Three & Four Year Olds: Room 101, Five Year Olds & First Graders: Room 205, Second & Third Graders: Room 204, Fourth & Fifth Graders: Room B3.



Choir and Handbells

We offer an extensive music program for children, which includes participation in worship and a Christmas Pageant. Details can be found on page 8.

Mission Friends & Mission Movers: 6:35PM-7:10PM

On Wednesdays we have classes for children in 3K-5th Grade which focus on local, national and global missions. Through special speakers and a variety of mission projects, children will become familiar with mission work and learn to become the hands and feet of Christ.



Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend VBS this year. It's going to be a "Roar"ing good time! VBS will be June 24-28, from 9AM-12PM each day. There will be groups for children who have completed 4K -5th grade. Younger groups are available for children of volunteers.



Other Summer Opportunities:

Music & Arts Camp at OBC: July 22-25, 9AM - Noon

1st - 5th graders are invited to experience worship arts through singing, ringing, art, movement and more.

Camp McCall (boys) & Camp La Vida (girls): July 8 - 12

What could be more fun than going to camp with your friends from church? Mark your calendar for the week of July 8. Registration for Camp McCall goes through the church as the cost is covered by the Kendall Endowment. To register for Camp La Vida, visit their website.

The Youth Ministry of Oakland Baptist Church seeks to help every 6th - 12th grade student make steps toward deeper faith in Christ through Sunday School, Youth Group, Wednesday night activities, mission opportunities, fellowship, retreats and youth conferences. Weekly youth activities (except music) begin in the basement.

Sundays at OBC

Sunday School: 9:45AM - 10:45AM

Middle School (Room 4) and High School (Room 2) Youth meet on Sunday mornings for Bible Study. This year we will be using the Smyth & Helwys curriculum called Intersection. Over the Fall months we will study First Peter, Jonah and Micah. Through conversations, games and a variety of activities we will learn more about these books of the Bible as we apply their wisdom to our lives.

Handbells: 4:15PM - 5:00PM

All youth are invited to participate in Youth Handbells, regardless of musical ability. This group periodically plays in the Traditional Worship service. Led by Suzanne Ringer.

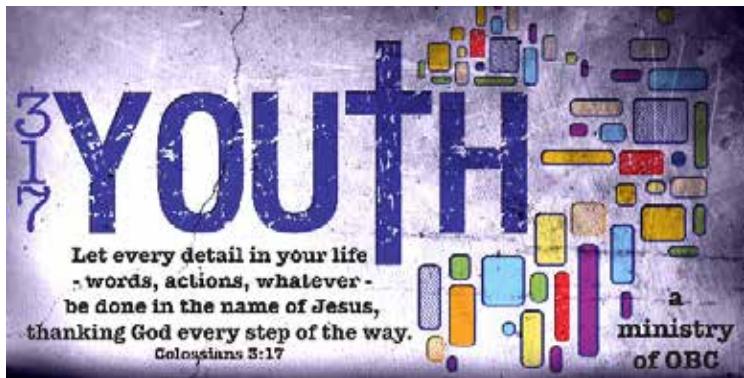
Choir: 5:00PM - 5:45PM

Youth Choir is a great place to join with friends and make a joyful noise and a beautiful sound. This group periodically sings in both the Creative and Traditional Worship services and participates in Festival by the Sea each Spring. Led by Suzanne Ringer.

Youth Group: 5:45PM - 7:00PM

Each Sunday, all youth will gather in the Youth Room for an introduction to our lesson for the evening. We will then break up into small groups where we will dig deeper into the lesson. Small group time will also include time to check-in with one another and pray together. At 6:30 we move to the gym for dinner and basketball. Dinner is provided each week by parents of youth and other church members. If you are willing to provide a meal for our youth, please contact Leigh.





This year as we *Live Intentionally*, we will seek to embody the words of Colossians 3:17, letting every detail in our lives: words, actions and everything else, be done in the name of Jesus, thanking God every step of the way.

Wednesdays at OBC

Wednesday Nights: Mission Possible, 6:00PM-7:10PM

We meet in the Youth Room on Wednesday evenings at 6PM during the school year before embarking on our mission project. Some weeks we will serve at Project Hope, the Ministry Center, the c Attention Home and other local agencies. Other weeks we will stay at the church for mission-related activities.

Trips & Retreats

High School Retreat: January 4 - 6

Our High School Youth will spend the weekend in Boone, NC. During the weekend we will participate in Bible Study, go tubing and enjoy a good time of fellowship.

Festival By the Sea: March 1 - 3

Members of the Youth Choir will spend the weekend in Myrtle Beach with youth choirs from many other churches around the region. This is a weekend of great fellowship and beautiful music.

Summer Mission Opportunities

Hurricane Recovery, June 16-21

We will spend a week in Conway, SC working alongside adults from OBC to help folks rebuild their homes.

CROSS Mission Trip, July 28 - August 2

We will spend the week in Charlotte, NC serving our neighbors through a variety of mission projects. By the end of the week we will have worked with people experiencing homelessness, hunger, health problems, literacy issues and more!

Deacon Ministry

According to New Testament understanding, the purpose of the Deacon is to care for all church members and other persons in the community; to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and to lead the Church in concert with the ministers in a spirit of fellowship, worship, witnessing, education, peacemaking, and service.

Class of 2019

Mack Bailey, Liz Bridges, Alice Davis, Jimmy Johnson, Caroline Krueger, Jerry Lucas, Larry Sanderson, Erica Smith, Frank Snyder, James Turner

Class of 2020

Jason Freeman, Chris Griffin, Carlton Heustess, Chris Howle, Mack Jones, Faye Lucas, Judy Mobley, Heath Sessions, Gary Williams, Susan York

Class of 2021

Carl Compton, Kevin Davis, Lori Hoffman, Scott Hudson, Ben Lucas, Stan Marion, Marty Mobley, Robby Neal, Phillip Reynolds, David Williams

Chair: Carl Compton, **Vice Chair:** Susan York

OBC Church Covenant

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we, the people of Oakland Baptist Church, do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

- We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering as the Body of Believers to celebrate God's glory and remember God's grace.
- We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.
- We will love and encourage each other in the Body of Believers and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.
- We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.
- We will, with God's help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.
- We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of humankind.4

OBC Committees

- **Altar Guild** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer
- **Baptismal** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Bereavement** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Campus Ministry** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Children's Ministry** – Staff Liaison: Kim Shaw
- **Constitution and By-laws** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Cremation Garden** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringers
- **Day School** – Staff Liaison: Megan Paat
- **Educational Financial Aid** - Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Facilities** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes and Marty Mobley
- **Finance** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Flowers/Decoration** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Grounds** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **History and Records** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Lord's Supper** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Merry Makers** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer
- **Ministry Center** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer
- **Missions** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Multi-Media** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Nominating** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Personnel** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Preschool Ministry** – Staff Liaison: Kim Shaw
- **Property Development** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Recreation** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Social** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds and Allison Timmons
- **Sound Booth** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Teller** – Staff Liaison: Martina Russell
- **Transportation** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Worship Greeters** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer



Calendar of Events

December 30-January 5: Family Promise

January 2: No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities

January 4-6: High School Retreat

January 9: No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities; Committee Night

January 13: State of the Church Sunday, One service and potluck lunch

January 13: Annual Business Meeting 5PM

January 16: Wednesday night regular activities resume

January 24: Pastor's Class 6PM

January 25-27: Festival by the Sea (Adults)

January 27: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

February: Missions Month

February 3: Souper Bowl Sunday

February 4-8: Adult Mission Trip

February 17: Baptism Sunday

February 24: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

March 3: Children's Sunday and Day School Appreciation

March 1-3: Festival by the Sea (Youth)

March 5: Shrove Tuesday Supper

March 6: Ash Wednesday Service 6PM

March 12: Lenten Lunch

March 19: Lenten Lunch

March 24: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

March 24-31: Family Promise

March 26: Lenten Lunch

March 28: Pastor's Class 6PM

April: CBF SC General Assembly

April 2: Lenten Lunch

April 9: Lenten Lunch

April 14: Palm Sunday

April 17: No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service 6PM

April 19: Community Good Friday Service

April 21: Easter Worship in the Garden (8:30 AM); ONE Worship (10:30AM); Baptism

April 28: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

May 5: Youth Sunday

May 8: Last Wednesday meal and Recognition service

May 15: Church-wide Fellowship

May 19: Deacon Election



May 23: Pastor's Class 6PM
May 26: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM
June 2: Baccalaureate Service
June 9: Pentecost
June 10-12: Staff Planning Retreat
June 16: Baptism Sunday
June 16-23: Family Promise
June 17-21: CBF National General Assembly
June 23: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM
June 24-28: Vacation Bible School
June 29: Big Summer VBS Blast
July 7: Homecoming Worship, ONE Worship
September 19: WOBC Dinner
October 18-20: Women's Retreat

If you are having a meeting please let Missy know so we can ensure that doors are unlocked, heat/air is on and the room you need is available. You may contact her by calling 803-328-3864 or emailing obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com.

If you have an announcement for the weekly Update, please send it to the church office by Monday at Noon.

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Wednesday Night Activities will not take place on the following evenings:

- January 2 (New Year's)
- January 9 (Committee Night)
- April 17 (Spring Break)

Faces of Beloved Community CBF Photo Exhibit



Throughout the month of February OBC will be host to the portable photography exhibit highlighting the people and places of CBF Global Missions. This nationally touring exhibit, titled "Faces of Beloved Community," shows the beauty, richness and diversity of CBF's work and the people around the world who we are blessed to walk alongside.



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