October 2026

THE INTERSECTION

being the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life

Faithful Thoughts..

If you've recently walked around the outer edges of our campus, you might have noticed some new, temporary additions to the landscape: colored flags, wooden stakes, and surveyors charting the ground beneath their feet. They are taking measurements to evaluate our property for the potential new parking lot and dedicated playground space. Our vision is progressing and, within a year, could become a reality.

For several days, I watched the surveyors outside my office window. On the surface their work looks purely practical. It is a mix of civil engineering and zoning checks. But when I consider Scripture, I quickly discover that measuring land has deep spiritual roots. Throughout the Old Testament, measuring lines were intimately tied to God's promises. For example, in Zechariah a man measures the land around Jerusalem as a symbol of God's promise to rebuild the city after the exile. In Ezekiel, an angel uses a measuring rod to map out the dimensions of the temple complex. And in Job, God describes God's own work of setting boundaries between the ocean and sand.

The flags on our trees and stakes in our grass are a vivid reminder that God has placed our church on a specific piece of land for a specific purpose. God expects us to care for this property, invest in it, and expand it for the good of our community. Surveying is the quiet, necessary work that happens before the expansion becomes visible.

In the weeks ahead, as our Property Development Committee considers the renderings that result from this survey work, I invite you to join me in prayer. Pray not just for logistics, permits, planning, and expenses, but pray for the people who will one day park in those spaces and the children who will laugh on that playground. May every square foot of this property continue to be a place where God's love and grace are known.

As always, it is a privilege to serve as your pastor!
~Jeff Hayes

Ben Miskelly, Property Development Committee Chairperson, shared an update with our congregation on Sunday, September 27th. CLICK HERE to view that announcement.

If it's been a while since you watched the video that presents the possibilities for our parking lot and property, CLICK HERE to remind yourself of the wonderful opportunities that lie ahead.

We are a church that values *Relationships*

Join the Christmas Choir!

One of the highlights of the Advent season at Oakland is the opportunity to share the gift of music in worship. This year, the Chancel Choir will present Antonio Vivaldi's beloved Gloria during worship on Sunday, December 13, and we'd love for you to be part of it.

Whether you're a current choir member, have sung with us in the past, or simply enjoy singing and have been looking for a place to join in, Christmas is a wonderful time to participate. There is room for both experienced singers and those who would like to return for this special season.

An informal sing-through of the complete Gloria will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 4PM. This is a great opportunity to hear the music, meet the choir, and see what the project is all about. A complete Christmas rehearsal schedule will be available soon, with additional rehearsals scheduled as we approach the December presentation.

If you'd like to sing with us or simply want to learn more we'd be delighted to welcome you. Contact Tim Hill (thill@oaklandchurch.com) for more information.

Lunch Bunch

October 1, 11:30PM

Join Lunch Bunch on October 1 for a delicious lunch and great fellowship at Rizzo Brothers (formerly Luigi and Sons - 2387 Cherry Road). If you've never participated before and would like more information, contact Janice Hicks (jmhicks@comporium.net) or Sandy Hunter (sandyhunter150@gmail.com).

2nd Sunday Men's Breakfast

October 11, 8AM

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. This great opportunity is being coordinated by the Monday night men's group and all are invited. If youhave any questions please contact Jimmy Williams (stonesteele21@gmail.com).
The cost is $5 per person.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

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.

Merry Makers

October 27, 12:30PM

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a covered-dish meal on October 27, at 12:30. The meat and drinks will be provided, and you are asked to bring your favorite casserole, side dish, or dessert.

Following lunch, Richard and Theresa Quandt will present a first-person interview, with Richard portraying Colonel Shelby and Theresa as a present-day interviewer. Colonel Shelby will explain what motivated the men to fight, how the battle plan came together, and why the battle was so critical to America's independence. The Quandts are retired Minnesota natives who have lived in Rock Hill for 4½ years. Both have a strong interest in history. Richard volunteers at Kings Mountain, where he developed a fascination with the OverMountain Men of 1780, and Theresa is a former educator who enjoys research and writing.
Please sign up by October 23.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

Get Your OBC Merch

The OBC Store is officially open! Grab a T-shirt, sweatshirt, polo, and more, all featuring our OBC logo. Wear it to the game, the gym, or the grocery store, and let everyone know where you call home!

CLICK HERE to shop the "OBC Store" at Rock Hill Screen Printing.

The store closes October 14th at midnight, so don't wait!

It's easy:

1. Pick the items you love
2. Place your order online
3. Pick it up right here at OBC

Everything will be printed after the store closes on the 14th, and we'll let you know as soon as your order arrives.

Shop now and show your OBC pride!

Churchwide Fellowship at Camp Canaan

Sunday, November 1: 3PM-6PM

Meet us at the Basketball Pavilion anytime between 3PM and 5PM. You can relax in a chair and enjoy great fellowship, explore the beauty of Camp Canaan, or participate in a friendly game of corn hole.

At 5PM we will gather for a delicious dinner catered by The Kounter's beloved chef, Rob Masone. The cost of the meal is $10 per person.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

Once you arrive at Camp Canaan, follow the signs to parking area which is close to the Basketball Pavillion.

OBC at ChristmasVille

December 5-6

Join us for Christmas Charades at ChristmasVille!
This year, our church family is hosting Christmas Charades at Rock Hill's ChristmasVille, and we'd love for you to be part of the fun! No acting required. Volunteers simply cheer on the participants and help everyone enjoy the game. We'll provide all the supplies and instructions you need.

Get Festive with an OBC Christmas Shirt!
Add a little extra cheer to your season with a long-sleeve OBC Christmas shirt. If you are volunteering at our ChristmasVille station, you can purchase a shirt at a special discounted price of $12. Can't make it to ChristmasVille, but still want a shirt? No problem! You can order yours for $18. Please place your order by November 9.

CLICK HERE to sign up for a shift at ChristmasVille

CLICK HERE to purchase an OBC Christmas shirt

You are invited to our annual Veterans Day Luncheon presented by the Military Care Team. Join us on November 11 at 12:30PM for a delicious lunch which will include Lee's chicken tenders, homemade macaroni and cheese, green beans, and dessert. This year's luncheon will feature guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Tripp Johnson, son of Jimmy and Julie Johnson. Tripp will share a message about integrating faith and military service.

CLICK HERE to sign up. The cost to attend is $15 per person. The deadline to sign up is November 2.

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

October: BBQ, green beans, mac and cheese, salad bar, banana pudding, and chocolate chip cookies. **CLICK HERE** to sign up.

November: Ham, yams, corn, green beans, salad bar, and a variety of pies.

December: Pork chops, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and salad bar.

*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

October: Hands on Mission Stations

- Preparing breakfast bags for Bethel Shelter
- Assembling Halloween goodie bags for WinthropLIFE students, Sullivan Middle School Staff, and Oakland Day School Staff
- 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.

December: A conversation about Legacy Giving and a Christmas Cookie Swap.

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

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

October 11, 18, 25 , 4:45PM-5:30PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for music, worship, learning, and fun! OBC Kids will not meet on October 4 due to Fall Break.

OBC Youth

October 11 & 25, 6PM-7:30PM

Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a meal followed by a time of fellowship and spiritual growth. OBC Youth will not met on October 4 (Fall Break) or October 18 (Fall Retreat).

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.

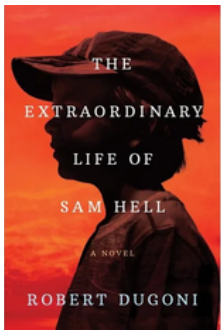
For more information about either of these opportunities, contact Patrick (pgriffin@oaklandchurch.com)

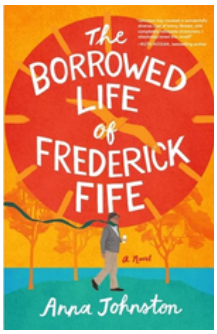
Faith and Fiction Book Club

Join Leigh Reynolds on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6PM at Rey Azteca (2124 Celanese Road) for food, fellowship, and a conversation about 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





Sunday School and Bible Study

We have Sunday School classes for all ages and Bible studies for men and women. It's never too late to get involved. If you would like more information or need help deciding which would be the best option for you, contact Leigh (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com.

We are a church that values *Missions*

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.

OBC at Miracle Park

October 21, 7PM

Oakland is sponsoring the Cubs for this season's Miracle League games. Come out to support our team (and all the athletes) as our church is recognized on October 21. The Cubs will be playing on Field #1 at 7PM.

If you've never been to one of these games, it's time to come experience the joy these athletes exude as they swing for the fences.

Christmas "Clothesline" Coming Soon!

The "Christmas Clothesline" of gift tags (OBC's version of an angel tree) will be returning to the hallway next month. Working with counselors from Sullivan and Castle Heights Middle Schools, Oakland will be providing assistance to underserved families in the Rock Hill community. Each gift on each tag will be equivalent to $25.

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 make a donation to Oakland's team

CLICK HERE to join our team and sign up to walk

Christmas Boxes for Scarlette Jasper

We're excited that OBC is now an encourager church for CBF Field Personnel Scarlette Jasper! Each year, Scarlette distributes nearly 4,000 Christmas boxes to children and senior citizens in the rural, impoverished communities of Appalachia, and for many of these seniors, that box will be their only Christmas gift.

This year, we have the opportunity to help her send some extra love and encouragement their way. **Here's how you can join in: Pick up a box from the Church Office, fill it with the items listed below, and return it to OBC by October 26.** It's a simple way to make a lasting difference in someone's Christmas. Thank you for helping us be a blessing to our neighbors in Appalachia!

- $10 gift card to Walmart, Family Dollar or Dollar General (in separate envelope)
- 2 in 1 shampoo/body wash (in a zip lock bag)
- Brush
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste (small/medium)
- Washcloth
- Hat and Gloves
- Adult Coloring Book and Colored Pencils
- Hygiene and cosmetic items such as deodorant, perfume, body spray, nail polish, etc.
- Other suggestions, as space allows: card games, picture frame, stationary, wallet, diabetic socks, jewelry, etc.

October at a Glance

October 1: Lunch Bunch at Rizzo Brothers, 11:30AM
October 3: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
October 4: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Christmas Choir, 4PM
October 6: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 6:15PM
October 7: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers, 9AM; First Wednesdays at Oakland, 5:30PM; ESL, 6:15PM
October 10: Ministry Center is Open for Shoppers, 9AM
October 11: Men's Breakfast, 8AM; Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir, 6:15PM
October 12: Serving Dinner at Bethel Shelter, 5:30PM
October 13: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM; Book Club, 6PM
October 14: Ministry Center Closed for Seasonal Changeover; ESL, 6:15PM
October 16–18: Youth Fall Reatreat at Lookup Lodge
October 17: Ministry Center Closed for Seasonal Changeover
October 18: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Pastor's Class, 3:30PM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Chancel Choir, 6:15PM
October 20: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
October 21: Ministry Center Closed for Seasonal Changeover; ESL, 6:15PM, OBC at Miracle Park, 7PM
October 24: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers, 9AM
October 25: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Get to Know OBC Luncheon, 11:45AM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir, 6:15PM
October 27: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM; Merry Makers, 12:30PM
October 28: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM; ESL, 6:15PM
October 31: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM

News from the Pews

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

Congratulations to **David and Carol Arant** who are proud grandparents of Leonard (Leo) Karst Nguyen. Leo was born on September 19, weighing 8lbs, 12 oz., and 21 inches long.

Congratulations to **the Weeks family** in the birth of a baby girl, Penelope-Grace Louise Byus 'Poppy' on September 21, weighing 8lbs, 6 oz., and 21.5 inches long. Poppy is the daughter of Jon and Shelby Bonar Byus, granddaughter of Andy and Sara Weeks Bonar, and the great granddaughter of the late Jackie and Clark Weeks.

We give *because* God gave first!

September Needs:	**$73,408.00**
Gifts from September:	**$52,372.00**
YTD Requirements:	**$715,728.00**
YTD Gifts Received:	**$656,187.52**
YTD Budget Variance:	**$(59,540.48)**
YTD Expenditures:	**$695,495.51**

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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Church Office hours
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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.

Connect with us!

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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.