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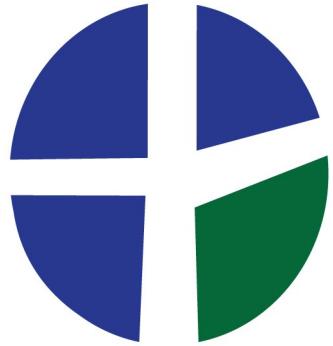
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Your guide to the ministries of
Oakland Baptist Church

January - May 2020

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Stay Connected!

- Check out the Weekly Update for current events.
- If you do not currently receive electronic communication from us, contact Missy Snipes, in the church office (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com) so you can begin receiving our Weekly Update, Weekly Prayer Guide, and other special announcements.
- 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 worship services 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
- Connect with us on Breeze, our new church app. **If you need help downloading or logging in contact Leigh Reynolds (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com)**.

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8AM - 3PM

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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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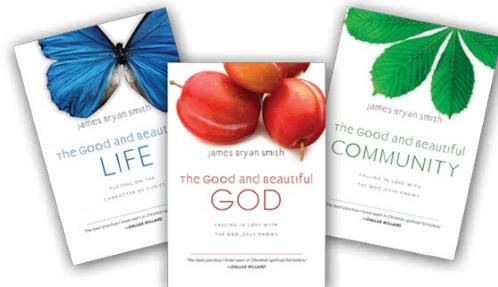
Our ministry plan theme for this year is “Growing Intentionally.” Almost every Christian desires a growing faith, but most of us are lost on how to make such growth reality. It all starts with knowing the God Jesus knows, and seeking after God in the same way as Jesus. Our goals associated with this theme include the following.

Worship

- Our worship will coincide with the Sunday School discipleship emphasis utilizing *The Good and Beautiful* book series by James Bryan Smith.
- We will provide a resource for families to discuss why each element of worship is important.
- We will continue being intentional with congregational participation in worship; including scripture reading, children’s time, testimonies, and leadership in special services.
- We will establish a new identity for the early worship service as we permanently move into the sanctuary space.
- We will participate in the 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving worship service.

Discipleship

- We will emphasize a year-long discipleship focus through Sunday School classes and worship by studying *The Good and Beautiful* book series by James Bryan Smith.
- We will offer a teacher training session on best practices for leading *The Good and Beautiful* study on September 8th.
- We will plan a Spiritual Renewal Retreat for June 26-28, 2020 to coincide with the final book of The Good and Beautiful God series.
- We will offer small group topical studies that help foster a vibrant faith (Examples: Parenting, Marriage, Aging Well, Mental Health, Bible Survey Courses, Apologetics). These opportunities will occur in small windows with an intentional focus.
- We will transition from Kindermusik to Growing in Grace, a spiritually based music curriculum for children.
- We will work alongside the new Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Missions to establish a blueprint for faith development beginning with children and moving through adults.



Fellowship

- Our fellowship events will have an intentional focus beyond simply gathering as a community:
- In lieu of a Fall Festival, we will hold an Advent workshop the afternoon of December 1st. This workshop will conclude with a Moravian Lovefeast worship service.
- In lieu of a Spring Festival, we will hold a Lenten workshop the afternoon of February 23rd. This workshop will conclude with a Shrove Pancake dinner and a Jazz band.
- In lieu of VBS Beach Bash, we will hold a Back to School Bash in August 2020.
- We will work with the 70th Anniversary Committee in creating opportunities to celebrate Oakland throughout the year.

Outreach/Mission

- We will continue working toward a Next Steps process to assimilate visitors into the life of the church.
- We will offer training sessions for Greeters and Ushers on best practices for engaging with guests.
- We will continue working toward a renovation of the “Welcome Area” entering the gym doors to make it more attractive, especially to guests.
- We will complete the plan for “Telling Our Story”—what makes OBC unique?
- We will diversify the mediums we use in promoting OBC through social media.

Administration

- We will centralize where printed information can be found throughout the church facility.
- We will add a secure “members” page to the website which includes information pertinent to members of Oakland Baptist Church.
- We will continuously promote the ways people can connect with OBC electronically; including a more intentional effort of encouraging people to receive the Weekly Update, special emails, usage of our new app, etc.
- Our staff liaisons will work alongside committees to incorporate their work with the overall ministry goals of the church.
- We will complete the hire of an Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Missions.

70th Anniversary of Oakland Baptist Church

Oakland Baptist Church will celebrate its 70th Anniversary on July 9, 2020! We have many exciting happenings in store. Below are a few ways we plan to celebrate leading up to the big day.

Monthly Themes: Each month we will have a celebration theme (ex. What are you thankful for at OBC? What do you love about OBC?)

What does Oakland Mean to Me?: What does OBC mean to you? We will have members of all ages and backgrounds tell their story of OBC.

Reminiscing 1950: We will include elements from the 1950's worship services into our worship services throughout the year.

Commemorative Cookbook: A collection of members' signature recipes will make up this special cookbook. We will celebrate with the *Taste of Oakland* kickoff with samplings of these delicious foods.

Spiritual Renewal Weekend: A weekend away to renew and refresh your spirit.

OBBC Devotional: We will work with members to create a daily devotional for Holy Week, written by the congregation.

Worship Guide Art Contest: All call for artists. Artists will compete to be featured on the Worship Guide. Entries will be voted on by the congregation.

Music: We will commission a commemorative anthem.

Homecoming Sunday: On July 12, 2020, we will celebrate Homecoming Sunday.

Calling all Artists!

As part of our 70th Anniversary celebration, we are having an art contest! You are invited to create a worship cover to be used on our Homecoming Worship Guide next July. Here are the rules:

- Must be representative of Oakland's 70th Anniversary
- Must be hand drawn in color (no digital pictures or photos)
- Must be on an 8 1/2 x 11 portrait orientation white sheet of paper
- **Must submit a hard copy to the church office by January 30th**



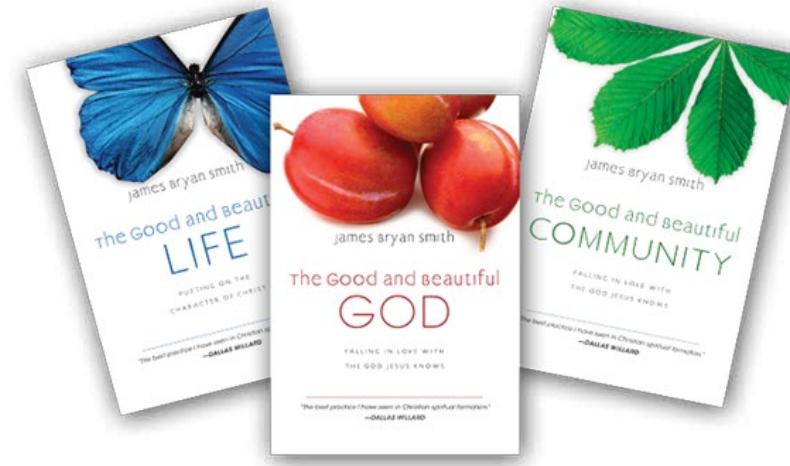
There will be a children's category (12 and below) and an adult category (13 and above).

During the month of February, all submissions will be voted on by monetary donations which will benefit our Global Missions Offering. During the Sundays leading up to Homecoming, the top five vote receivers will be used as our Worship Guide cover photo. For more information, contact Erica Smith at ericadbeatson@yahoo.com.

The Good and Beautiful book series

"God wants me to try harder." "God blesses me when I'm good and punishes me when I'm bad." "God is angry with me." We all have ideas that we tell ourselves about God and how God works in our lives. Some are true--but many are false. James Bryan Smith believes those thoughts determine not only who we are, but how we live. In fact, Smith declares, the most important thing about a person is what they think about God. Beginning January 19 we will continue with book two in our church-wide journey of discipleship using Smith's *The Good and Beautiful* book series.

Through this journey you are invited to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Once you've discovered the truth in Scripture, you will journey through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind. This deep, loving and transformative journey will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by--to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed--and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.



Join us on this journey! If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, NOW is a great time to become involved. Judy Mobley, Sunday School Chair, or one of our ministers would love to help you discern which class is best for you!

Portions of this introduction were taken from the back cover of the book

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.

8:45 @ OBC

At 8:45AM we gather in the sanctuary for a more contemporary worship experience. Guitars accompany congregational singing. Often worship will include various multimedia elements, creative ways to pray and participation from members of our congregation.

Traditional Worship

At 11:00AM we gather for traditional worship in our sanctuary. Children bring in the cross and light the candles. Worship includes hymns 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, Homecoming and special celebrations.

Special Services

State of the Church: January 12, 10:30AM

Join us for ONE Worship as Pastor Jeff delivers his annual State of the Church message.

Children's Sunday: February 23, 10:30AM

Join us for ONE Worship as our children lead us. Oakland Day School families and staff will also be recognized.

Ash Wednesday: February 26, 6:00PM

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

Palm Sunday: April 5, 10:30AM

Join us for ONE Worship as Dr. Lester McCorn, the Clinton College President, delivers our sermon and the Clinton College Choir provides special music.

Easter Sunday: April 12

See page 11 for details about our 8:30AM and 10:30AM Easter Worship Services.

Youth Sunday: April 26

Our Youth will lead us in worship at 8:45AM and 11:00AM

Baccalaureate and Pentecost: May 31

We will celebrate our high school graduates, as well as Pentecost.

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:

February 27, April 30

Baptism Sundays are scheduled on the following dates:

March 8, May 10

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 26, February 23, March 29, April 26, May 24





You are invited to an evening of pancakes and jazz as we prepare for Lent. From 5:00PM-5:30PM there will be activities to help you prepare for the Lenten season. Beginning at 5:30, pancakes will be hot off the griddle, as well as live music.

There is no charge for dinner, which will be prepared and served by our youth, but you are encouraged to make a donation which will be used to offset the cost of our Youth Mission Trip.

Wednesday, February 26

Join us in the sanctuary at 6PM for a time of worship which will include the imposition of ashes.

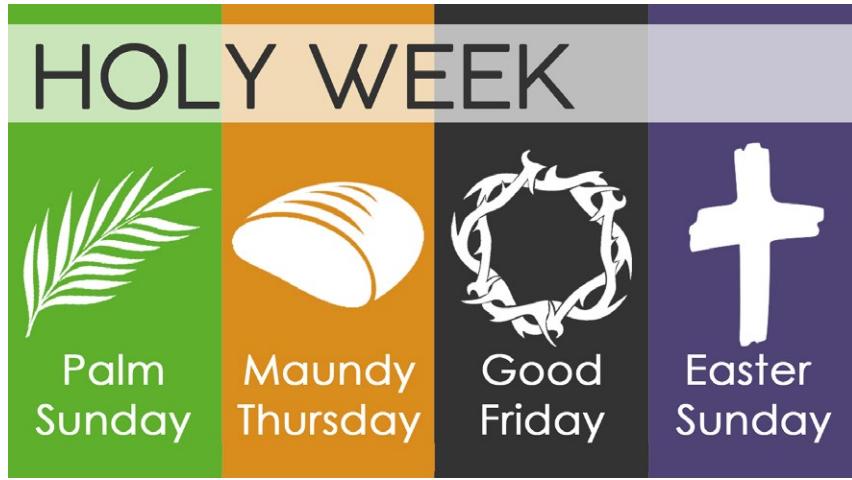


Lenten Lunches



Join us on Tuesdays during Lent for lunch, followed by a Lenten themed devotion delivered by pastors from our community.

We will gather in the gym
at Noon for Lenten Lunches.
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.



April 5: Palm/Passion Sunday ONE Worship

Join us for ONE Worship at 10:30AM as Dr. Lester McCorn, the Clinton College President, delivers our sermon and the Clinton College Choir provides special music. Sunday School will begin at 9:30AM.

April 9: Maundy Thursday

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 6PM for worship and communion as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

April 10: Good Friday

Join us in the Chapel at Noon for a time of prayer and reflection as we consider the crucifixion of Jesus.

April 12: Easter Sunday

We will have two distinctly different worship opportunities. Join us for one or both as we celebrate our risen Lord. Sunday School will begin at 9:30AM.

8:30AM - Outdoor Worship

10:30AM - Traditional Worship
Join us in the Sanctuary for traditional worship
with special music.



Peace After Divorce: Tuesdays, February 4 - March 24, 5:30PM

forgiveness of God. Rev. Suzanne Ringer will lead these sessions.

The 2 requirements for the workshop are that you not date a workshop participant during the course and couples who are divorced, divorcing, separated or dating each other may not attend this workshop together. The cost of the workbook is \$15.

**Habitat for Humanity:** February 29

Join OBC for a morning of fellowship and community service as we complete a Habitat for Humanity Group Build on Saturday, February 29. All skill levels are welcomed as we help with the interior trim of the home for a deserving family in our area.

Workday - 8:00am to 3:00pm (Lunch 11:30am to 12:00pm)

1st Shift – 10 Volunteers needed from 8:00am to 12:00pm (lunch will be provided)

2nd Shift – 10 Volunteers needed from 12:00 to 3:00pm

Spiritual Renewal Weekend: June 26-28

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this staycation-style retreat. It will be a weekend of celebration and reflection, following the completion of all three books in James Bryan Smith's *The Good and Beautiful* series. There will be programs for children, youth and adults. More details to come!

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

Building Them Up
Mother - Son Dance

Saturday, March 21, 2020
6:30 to 8:30PM
Oakland Baptist Church

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Tickets are Limited. Purchase Yours Today!
\$30.00 Per Couple (Mother & Son)
\$5.00 for Each Additional Child

To Purchase Tickets Visit:
<http://www.oaklandchurch.com/dance>

All Proceeds to Benefit:
Habitat for Humanity®
Through Thrivent/Habitat Builds Partnership

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 Children

3 years old - 5th grade

Preschool Choir (3-5 year olds): Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:40PM

Young Singers (1st - 2nd graders): Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:40PM

Young Musicians (3rd-5th graders): Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:40PM

Children's Bells (4th-5th graders): Wednesdays, 6:40PM-7:00PM

Music for Youth

6th - 12th grade

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

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

Music for Adults

Chancel Choir: Sundays, 5:45PM - 7:00PM

Oakland Ringers: Sundays, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Crossroads, our 8:45@OBC 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.

All are invited to join our program as we work together to glorify God through music.



Special music events!

Adult Festival by the Sea

Charleston, SC, January 24 - 26

Youth Festival by the Sea

Myrtle Beach, SC, March 6 - 8

70th Anniversary Choir Reunion

Oakland Baptist Church, July 11

York County Choral Society Concert

Oakland Baptist Church, April 18 at 7:30PM

Charlotte Bronze Concert

Oakland Baptist Church, May 18 at 7:00PM



Come spread cheer and make a joyful noise with us!

We will be singing at local Assisted Living and Nursing Homes one Monday each month. We will sing familiar hymns. All voices are welcome!

Join us on February 24, March 23, and April 27

Location and time will be in the Update as each date gets closer.

Oakland's mission statement invites us to be the presence of Christ at the crossroads 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 (a few blocks from the church), the Ministry Center provides clothing, household items, toiletries and help with utilities for those who are in crisis situations. At the end of every worship service where we celebrate Communion, ushers stand at the doors collecting monetary donations for the Ministry Center. 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 our ESL Director Sue Smith (tasmith@comporium.net) or Missy (obcoffice@oakandchurch.com), in the Church Office.

Carolina Immigrant Alliance, Inc.

Carolina Immigrant Alliance, Inc. is an immigrants' right organization, working for the mutual inclusion of all people through legal advocacy, public policy advocacy, education initiatives, and relationship building. The clinic is accredited by the US Department of Justice to assist clients who have legal rights in applying for those immigrant benefits. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Blake Hart at 803-629-5012 for more information.



Habitat for Humanity

Join OBC for a morning of fellowship and community service as we participate in a Habitat for Humanity Group Build on Saturday, February 29

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. We will host Family Promise February 23-March 1, May 31-June 6, August 9-16.

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

Even though we have partnered with Janée Angel and Butch and Nell Green for many years, this summer we had the privilege of furthering that partnership through an Encourager Covenant, in conjunction with CBF SC. To learn more about Janée's ministry and ways you can pray for her, visit seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com. To learn more about the Green's ministry and ways you can pray for them visit cbfinternationals.org.

Sullivan Middle School

As we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ in the Rock Hill community, we have partnered with Sullivan Middle School, promising to support the teachers, staff and students through prayer and presence. The weekly Update will provide information about ways you can volunteer to help with this endeavor.



We also partner with other area mission agencies such as:

Habitat for Humanity, Project HOPE, Children's Attention Home, Connie Maxwell Home for Children, Lily Pad Haven and Pathways Community Center.

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 may 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 & above); Children: \$3.50 (5th grade & under); \$25 max/family



English as a Second Language

Volunteers are always welcome to help with ESL. More information is listed on page 16 in the Missions Section.

Adult Activities

On Wednesdays there are opportunities for adults to participate in Bible Study, prayer, and other topically based conversations. More details are on page 23.

Children and Youth Activities

Wednesday evenings also include music for children and bible study for youth. Detailed information can be found on pages 14, 26, 28.

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 7 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 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.

Pancakes and Jazz: February 23, 5:00PM - 7:00PM

You are invited to an evening of pancakes and jazz as we prepare for Lent. From 5:00PM-5:30PM there will be activities to help you prepare for the Lenten season. Beginning at 5:30PM, pancakes will be hot off the griddle. There will also be live music. There is no charge for dinner, which will be prepared and served by our youth, but you are encouraged to make a donation which will be used to offset the cost of our summer Youth Mission Trip.

March Madness Challenge: March 4, 5:00PM - 6:30PM

Join us for a night of fellowship as we watch our youth take on the staff (and other adults) in a friendly basketball game. Concession style foods (pizza, popcorn, nachos) will be available for purchase. There will also be March Madness themed games to play, with all proceeds benefiting our Global Missions Offering.

Mother - Son Dance: March 21

Join us for our third annual Mother-Son Dance. This will be a fun-filled evening with singing, dancing, yummy snacks, fun crafts and games. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity and our yearly participation in the Community Build.

70th Anniversary Luncheon: July 12

Following a special ONE Worship service we will gather in the gym for food and fellowship as we celebrate 70 years of being the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life.

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.

WBC Opportunities

Faith, Fellowship & Fun for Women

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

This group of women meets in the Parlor on Mondays (September - May) from 9AM-10:30AM. 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 room 207

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 (jfgregory@comporium.net).

Missions Group: First Tuesdays, 11:00 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 (elgilbert@comporium.net) or Judy Heustess (heustess@comporium.net).

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:15PM-7:30PM in Room 206

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 Bailey (shholland@comporium.net) or Patti Robinette (probinette1861@gmail.com) for more information.

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. For more information contact Carlton Heustess (heustess@comporium.net).

Merry Makers

This group is primarily composed of older and retired adults who meet monthly for a yummy covered dish 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 Makers, regardless of age.



Upcoming meetings are listed below:

January 23 at Noon: Bingo

Please bring finger foods to share and join us for fun and fellowship.

January 28 at Noon: Quilts of Valor

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Chicken will be provided. The Military Task Force will join us, as we honor some of our Veterans with a Quilt of Valor.

February 25 at Noon: Program TBD

April 28 at Noon: Program TBD

2020 Women's Retreat: October 23-25

All adult women of OBC are invited to spend the weekend together at Montreat Conference Center, in Montreat, NC. The weekend will include fellowship, rest, renewal, Bible study and worship, while surrounded by the beautiful NC mountains. Together we will seek to "Grow with God." The cost is \$150 and includes lodging and meals. Mark your calendars!



Sunday School: 9:45AM-10:45AM (9:30AM-10:15 on ONE worship days)

Our adult classes are generally grouped by age bands, but we welcome you to the class you feel most comfortable joining, regardless of your age. Our ministers are happy to help you find the best place for you in Sunday School.

Coed 4A: Room above the Gym

30's & 40's. Teacher: Rotating

Coed 4B: Room 129

30's & 40's. Teachers: CC Williams & Ben Lucas

Coed 3D: Fellowship Hall 131

Mid 40's-60's. Teacher: Judy Mobley

Coed 3A: Fellowship Hall 141

60's and up. Teacher: Frank Snyder

Coed 3B: Fellowship Hall 120

mid-50's to mid-60's. Teacher: Jimmy Johnson

Coed 3C: Fellowship Hall 123

60's & 70's. Teachers: Gary Williams & John Robinette

Caring Class (Women 2): Parlor

Ladies 40 and above. Teacher: Joyce Wright

The Friendship Class (Women 1B): Room 207

Ladies 65 and above. Teacher: Eddie Ramsey

Grady Lane Class (Men 1): Fellowship Hall 128

Men ages 65 and above. Teacher: Richard Sealy

Coed 1: Room 206

Mid 60's and above. Teachers: Mack Jones & Tom Luke

**GROW
IN THE
GRACE
AND
KNOWLEDGE
OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST.
TO HIM BE THE GLORY,
BOTH NOW AND TO
THE DAY OF ETERNITY.
AMEN.**

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Wednesday Night Adult Enrichment: 6:00 PM - 6:45PM
Adults are invited to participate in the opportunities listed below.

January 15: Immigration Simulation Experience led by Blake Hart and Judy Mobley

January 22: Bible Study led by Pastor Jeff

January 29: Bible Study led by Pastor Jeff

February 5: Healthy Marriage Forum

February 5: Bible Study led by Eddie Ramsey

February 12: Conversation on Aging Well led by Suzanne Ringer

February 19: Conversation on Race Relations in the Church led by Mack Bailey

February 26: Ash Wednesday Service

March 4: The Great 2020 Basketball Challenge

March 11: Bible Study led by Pastor Jeff

March 18: Bible Study led by Leigh Reynolds

March 25: Worship 101 For Families, part 1 led by Jeff Hayes

March 25: Bible Study led by Suzanne Ringer

April 1: Worship 101 For Families, part 2 led by Suzanne Ringer

April 1: Bible Study led by Jeff Hayes

April 8: No activities (Spring Break)

April 15: Bible Study led by Jeff Hayes

April 22: Bible Study led by Jeff Hayes

April 29: Bible Study led by Jeff Hayes

May 6: Volunteer Celebration and Missions Recognition Service



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 Year Olds: Room 105, Two Year Olds: Room 106, Three & Four Year Olds: Room 101, Five Year Olds & First Graders: Room 205, Second & Third Graders: Room 204, Fourth & Fifth Graders: Room B3.

Mission Movers: Sundays, 5pm - 6pm

Children (Kindergarten -5th Grade) are invited to a special time of discipleship on Sunday evenings, twice a month, featuring hands-on missions activities and Bible study based on our church-wide *The Good and Beautiful* book series which will include an emphasis on missions. The discipleship time will help our children learn what Jesus did and how to follow his example. The mission time will allow our children to put what they've learned into practice.

We will meet from 5PM-6PM
on the following Sundays:

January 19, 26; February 9, 16; March 8, 22; April 19, 26.



Preschool and Children's Music: Wednesdays

On Wednesday nights, beginning September 11, we will begin a new music program for our 3 year olds -5th graders called *Growing in Grace- All Creation Sings*. This special time of music will feature lessons and music with a focus on God's great creation. Children will have opportunities to learn about our beautiful world through singing, playing instruments, activities and scripture lessons. Following choir, 3rd- 5th graders will meet on Wednesday evenings for a special time playing Handbells and chimes. Details about age groups, times and locations can be found on page 14.



Children's Sunday: February 23, 10:30am

We will have ONE worship led by our children. We will also recognize our Day School students and teachers during this service.

Summer Opportunities

Vacation Bible School: June 15-19

Children currently in grades 4K- 5th grade are invited join us for an adventure on the "Rocky Railway," June 15-19 from 9AM until Noon! Classes for Nursery and 2/3 year olds are available for parents helping during VBS.



Passport Kids Camp: July 6-9

This camp is located in Montreat, NC and is for children who have completed 3rd- 5th grades.

Camp McCall for Boys: July 13-17

This camp is located in Sunset, SC and is for children who have completed 4th-12th grades. Younger children may attend the father/son camp. Check their website for dates.



OAKLAND DAY SCHOOL *rooted in love*

and we are passionate about offering scholarships to local families who could otherwise not afford preschool for their children.

This ministry is not possible without the endless support of OBC church members and friends in the community, and we are grateful for every helping hand!



We are humbled and honored to kick-off enrollment for our 40th year of school! 2020-2021 Enrollment for Oakland Day School will begin Monday, January 13th for OBC families, and will open to the public on Monday, February 3rd. Our unparalleled early education program is open to children ages 1-4, and we would love to have your little one join us!

Normal hours are 9 AM to 12 PM, Monday - Friday, with Early Drop Off available at 8 AM and Lunch Bunch until 2 PM for our 2-4 year olds.

Enrollment Applications will be available online at www.oaklanddayschool.com, as well as at the school and OBC office. You can also email Megan Paat (mpaat@oaklandchurch.com) to request one via email.

2020 Oakland Day School Summer Camps

This is going to be the BEST SUMMER EVER at Oakland Day School with our 2020 Summer Camp Themes! Camps are \$99/week for children 2-5 years old who have not yet started kindergarten. Each camp runs Monday - Friday from 8 AM to 1 PM. Siblings receive 10% off. The cost for all six weeks of camp is \$535.

You can find a registration form online at www.oaklanddayschool.com starting Monday, January 13th, or you can visit the church or school to grab yours! Registration forms are also available by requesting one via email from Megan Paat (mpaat@oaklandchurch.com).

Little Chefs

June 8 - 12 | 8 AM - 1 PM

Pete the Cat

June 22-26 | 8 AM - 1 PM

Wild Wild West

July 6 - 10 | 8 AM - 1 PM

Superheros

July 13 - 17 | 8 AM - 1 PM

LEGOs

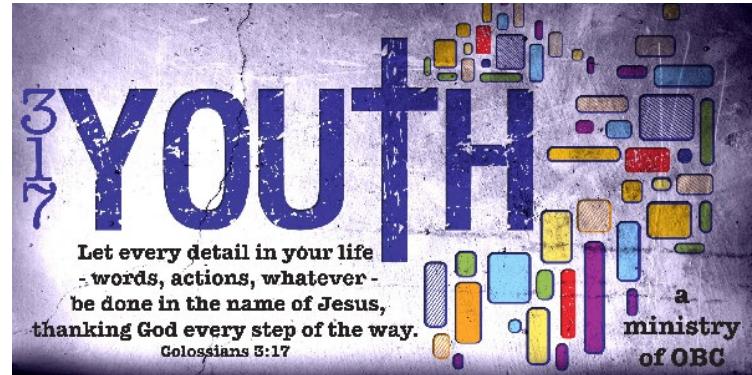
July 20 -24 | 8 AM - 1 PM

Frozen

July 27-31 | 8 AM - 1 PM



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.



Wednesdays at OBC

Dinner: 5PM-6PM

Dinner is served in the gym. The cost is \$6.50. Please sign up each week by Monday at Noon if you plan to eat.

Program: 6PM-6:45PM

On Wednesday's during the school year, we will meet from 6PM-6:45PM. Some weeks we will share in a time of Bible Study, some weeks we will watch a movie, some weeks we will participate in a service project. This is a great way to reconnect with your church family and refuel from the busyness of school.



Other Opportunities

Winter high school retreat, summer mission trip, special fellowship opportunities like pool parties and movie nights, and mission projects

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, along with adult classes, we will be studying *The Good and Beautiful* book series. Through scripture, conversations, and prayer we will learn about the God that Jesus knows.

Handbells: 4:15PM-5PM

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: 5PM-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-7PM

Each Sunday, all youth will gather in the Youth Room for games and a variety of activities that will help us deepen our understanding of the God that Jesus knows.

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 (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com).

Save the Date

Youth Sunday: April 26

Our youth will plan, prepare and lead this special service (8:45 and 11:00)

Baccalaureate: May 31

We will honor our high school graduates in worship, followed by a special luncheon for them and their families

Summer Mission Trip: July 12-17

We will spend a week in Asheville, NC immersing ourselves in a variety of mission projects, reflection, relationship building, worship 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 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, Phillip Reynolds, David Williams

Class of 2022

Liz Bridges, Ryan Bridges, Beth Burrell, Dan Cox, Julie Johnson, Beckye Partlow, Erica Smith, John Snipes, James Turner, Jimmy Williams

Chair: Susan York, **Vice Chair:** Erica Smith, **Secretary:** Ben Lucas

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.

OBC Committees

- **Altar Guild** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer
- **Baptismal** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Bereavement** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer
- **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 Ringer
- **Day School** – Staff Liaison: Megan Paat
- **Facilities** – Staff Liaisons: 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: Suzanne Ringer
- **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 Liaisons: Leigh Reynolds and Vanetta Bass
- **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

January 12: ONE Worship; State of the Church, Communion, Annual Business Meeting
January 19: Mission Movers
January 20: Office Closed
January 21: Mental Health Seminar, Part 2
January 23: Merry Makers
January 24-26: Adult Festival by the Sea
January 26: Coffee with the Pastor, Mission Movers
January 28: Merry Makers
January 30: Pastor's Class
February: Missions Month
February 2: Souper Bowl Sunday
February 9: Communion, Mission Movers
February 16: Mission Movers
February 23: Children's Sunday, Coffee with the Pastor, Lenten Workshop, Pancakes & Jazz
February 23-March 1: Family Promise Host Week
February 24: Singing at Nursing Home
February 25: Merry Makers
February 26: Ash Wednesday
February 27: Pastor's Class
February 29: OBC at Winthrop Basketball Game
March 3: Lenten Lunch
February 4-March 23: Peace After Divorce (Tuesdays)
March 6-8: Festival by the Sea
March 8: Baptism, Mission Movers
March 10: Lenten Lunch
March 13-14: Children's Music Festival
March 15: Communion
March 17: Lenten Lunch
March 21: Mother/Son Dance
March 22: Mission Movers
March 23: Singing at Nursing Home
March 24: Lenten Lunch
March 29: Coffee with the Pastor
March 31: Lenten Lunch
April 1: Quarterly Business Update
April 5: Palm Sunday
April 8: No Wednesday Night Meal or Programs

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

If you are having a meeting, please contact Missy, in the church office, at least a week prior so a room can be reserved, heat/air turned on, and doors unlocked.

April 9: Maundy Thursday, Communion
April 10: Good Friday
April 12: Easter
April 13: Office Closed
April 18: York County Choral Society Concert
April 19: Mission Movers
April 26: Youth Sunday, Coffee with the Pastor, Mission Movers
April 27: Singing at Nursing Home
April 28: Merry Makers
April 30: Pastor's Class
May 6: Last Wednesday
May 10: Baptism
May 17: Communion, Deacon Election
May 18: Charlotte Bronze Concert
May 21: Pastor's Class
May 24: Coffee with the Pastor
May 25: Office Closed
May 31: Pentecost, Baccalaureate
May 31-June 6: Family Promise Host Week
June 8-12: Little Chefs Camp
June 14: Baptism
June 15-19: VBS
June 21: Communion
June 22-26: Pete the Cat Camp
June 26-28: Spiritual Renewal Weekend
July 6: Office Closed
July 6-10: Wild Wild West Camp
July 6-9: Passport Kids Camp
July 11: Choir Reunion
July 12: ONE Worship, 70th Anniversary
July 12-17: Youth Mission Trip
July 13-17: Camp McCall for Boys, Superheros Camp
July 15: Quarterly Business Update
July 19: Communion
July 20-24: LEGOs Camp
July 27-31: Frozen Camp
August 9-16: Family Promise Host Week



Wednesday Night Activities will not take place on the following evenings:
February 26 (Ash Wednesday)
April 8 (Spring Break)

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