March 2026

THE INTERSECTION

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Faithful Thoughts..

What an incredible spirit we have felt at Oakland in the past month! I'm very encouraged by the positive feedback following the "Super Big" announcement on February 8th. If you were not able to be with us, or somehow you've missed subsequent announcements, we shared some significant news regarding the future of our church that I do not want you to miss. You can watch the full worship service for February 8 by **CLICKING HERE.**

It is important to remember that what has been shared is a vision and not a finalized plan. I can't emphasize that statement enough! Like the prophet Habakkuk was told to "write the vision and make it plain," we are laying out a map of where we believe God is leading, but the "pavement" hasn't been poured yet. This is a season of discernment, and we want your voice to help shape the path forward before anything concrete is laid out.

On Wednesday, February 25, the first discussion regarding the Property Development Proposal was held in the gym. On Wednesday, March 4, at 6:15PM, we will hold our first discussion on the Constitution and By-Laws Proposal. This will be followed by a Churchwide Luncheon on Sunday, March 8, at 11:30 AM in the gym, where we will hold a second discussion on both the Property Development and Constitution and By-Laws proposals. Please **CLICK HERE** if you plan to attend the lunch. Following these sessions, on Monday, March 16, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, the Deacons will review every piece of feedback received and discuss our next steps.

Looking further ahead, on Sunday, March 22, at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, we will have a presentation to the congregation on next steps. Then, on Sunday, March 29, we will hold a formal church vote on the Constitution and By-Laws proposal. The official church vote on the Property Development proposal is currently to be determined, as we want to ensure we have fully heard from you first.

All this being said, you don't have to wait for a meeting to speak up. You are invited to send your thoughts on the Property Development Proposal to PDCvision@oaklandchurch.com. If you have thoughts on the Constitution and By-Laws Proposal, those can be sent to the church office at obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com

In the Old Testament, when Nehemiah looked at the broken walls of Jerusalem, he didn't start by laying bricks; he started by sharing a vision and listening to the people. He knew that a building is just stone and mortar, but a community is built on shared hope. We are currently in that "listening" phase, making sure that whatever we build, whether it be new structures or new procedures, is built together.

I am so grateful to be on this exciting journey with you and look forward to the future God is unfolding for Oakland
~Jeff Hayes

We are a church that values *Relationships*

Lunch Bunch

March 5, 11:30AM

Lunch Bunch is going to Golden Corral. Join them on March 5 for a delicious lunch and great fellowship. And, mark your calendars for Hobo's on April 2.

Merry Makers

March 24, 12:30PM

You are invited to join the Merry Makers in the Fellowship Hall for a fun afternoon of fellowship and food. The cost is $10 per person.





Annual Men's Breakfast

March 15, 8:00AM

Start your morning with good food, great fellowship, and an inspiring message. This year's annual Men's Breakfast features two remarkable guest speakers: Anders and Bjorn Broman, former Winthrop University basketball standouts and co-founders of Broman Academy, a basketball training program serving players at every level, from youth to the pros.

Bring your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and sons! All {men} are welcome! The cost is $10 per person. **CLICK HERE** to sign up.

Rock Your Socks!

March 22

Prepare early so this date doesn't find you without any colorful, mismatched socks to show off! In recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Day, we are going to rock our socks to remind our friends with Down Syndrome how much they are loved. Don't worry about fashion trends; on this day, the more colorful and mismatched your socks the better!

Oakland Day School Registration is Open for the 2026-2027 School Year!

If you know of anyone looking for a great place for their children to learn and grow, let them know about ODS!

Click **HERE** to view Tuition prices and Enrollment Fees.
Click **HERE** to enroll!



Welcome to Oakland!

What a joy it was to recently welcome these wonderful people into our church family. Many joined us after attending our Get to Know OBC luncheon on Febraury 15. Please take a moment to reach out through Breeze and send them a warm word of welcome as they begin their journey with us. Our next Get to Know OBC luncheon is June 7, followed by a joining Sunday on June 14.



Bradley and Sarah Lewis have lived in Rock Hill since 2020. They claim to be basic millennials with old soul hobbies. Sarah loves to knit, crochet, needlepoint, and bake. Bradley is into birdwatching and enjoys playing cribbage and chess. They are both avid readers and enjoy hiking with their very spoiled Golden Retriever Agatha (named after Agatha Christie - the queen of mystery). Baseball is Bradley and Sarah's favorite sport and there's some contention in their household around who to root for as Sarah is a Phillies fan and Bradley is a Cubs fan.

Fun fact - when they first moved to SC, they visited every SC state park and completed the ultimate outsider challenge as a means of getting to see and learn about the state.



Zach and Sarah Wilson have made their home in York where they are raising their two young girls. Zach has lived in the Rock Hill area for the last 22 years after moving with his parents (Al and Suzy) from Boston. Sarah was born in Gastonia but has lived most of her life in York.

In their free time, Zach enjoys gardening and gaming and Sarah enjoys reading and interior decorating. Blythe, their oldest daughter, is all about reading and playing hide and seek, while Whitney, their youngest daughter, prefers to fill her time dancing and eating.



Lisa Thomasson was born and raised in Rock Hill. She and her daughter Summer are proud graduates of Rock Hill High School. Lisa is a medical assistant with Palmetto Skin and Laser. In her free time, she enjoys walking, reading, and working jigsaw puzzles. Lisa also enjoys visiting the beach and the mountains. Lisa's daughter Summer attend Winthrop University and is pursing majors in Criminology and Spanish. She also works part-time at Mario's Pizza.

Lisa and Summer attended Oakland prior to 2020. She is happy to be back where she feels "at home" and is grateful to have been welcomed back with open arms.



Wilsyn Hudson is the daughter of Kent and Mandee Hudson. Wilsyn is a 3rd grader at Northside Elementary School, where she is very involved. She loves volleyball and acting/performing in shows. She recently performed in the school's 3rd grade play, where she played the part of a main character. Wilsyn is also a member of Northside's Lighthouse team, where she helps with special projects around school, by demonstrating leadership and hard work. She is very excited for spring, as she is getting ready to start her third season of volleyball, with Roar Sports. Wilsyn was recently honored for being a Terrific Kid at Northside, for being thoughtful and inclusive of others. Wilsyn will be baptized on May 3.



Wyatt Hudson is the son of Kent and Mandee Hudson. Wyatt is an 8th grader at Saluda Trail Middle School, where he is very active and involved. He loves all things sports and recently wrapped up his 8th grade basketball season. He is now moving on to participate in the spring track season. Wyatt is one of the leaders in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is also in the school's Ambassador program. Wyatt has a strong work ethic, loves to be involved, and enjoys being part of a team. He was recently named as one of the 'Students of the month', for demonstrating a win-win mentality by working as a team, competing with integrity, and including others. Wyatt will be baptized on May 3.

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Spiritual Growth in Christ

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS at OAKLAND
DINNER BEGINS @ 5:30
PROGRAMS BEGIN @ 6:15

Dinner is $7 per adult and $4 per child (5th grade & below). $30 max per family. You may pay with cash, check, or credit card. You may also pay in advance through Breeze.

CLICK HERE to sign up or call the Church Office.

In an effort to have a more accurate head count, be better stewards of our financial resources, and create less food waste we will no longer accept standing reservations. Please sign up each week by Monday at Noon.

Spring Wednesdays at OBC

March 11, 18, 25

Join us for meaningful small group conversations designed to help you grow in faith and community. We'd love to share a meal with you at dinner, but if your schedule doesn't allow it, you're always welcome to join us when the conversations begin at 6:15 PM.

Option 1: Parenting in the Pew
Join **Jeff Hayes** for a conversation inspired by Robbie Castleman's book *Parenting in the Pew,* a thoughtful look at what it truly means to worship alongside our children. Castleman challenges us to think beyond the coloring books and the occasional candy bribe, and to embrace something far richer: guiding our kids into the joy and meaning of worship.

Option 2: Bible Study
Join **Eddie Ramsey** for a Bible Study exploring the topic, "When Faith Is Tested". Week 1 will explore the challenge of "Trusting God When Prayers Seem Unanswered" using selected passages from Genesis to examine Abraham's faith. Week 2 will deal with the struggles Job encountered as we deal with "When Faith Is Tested by Trials". Week 3 will deal with scriptures that guide us in our struggle with grief as we talk about "Grief and Hope."

Option 3: Book Study
Join **Leigh Reynolds** for a conversation on Rachel Held Evan's book *Wholehearted Faith,* which she was in the process of writing at the time of her tragic death. Close friend and fellow author Jeff Chu completed her final work which invites readers to consider and wrestle with God's grace and love while exploring universal human questions about becoming and belonging.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

While adults are engaging in these conversations, children are invited to join Patrick for Bible study, games, and fellowship.

Offering Plates

As we return to passing the offering plates each week, we've placed laminated cards at each entrance for those who give electronically. Feel free to pick one up on your way in to worship. However you choose to give, what matters most is that we take a moment to pause, reflect, and let our giving be an act of worship, not just a transaction

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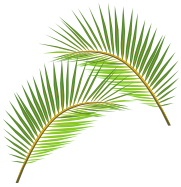
With thanksgiving to God, I support the mission and ministry of Oakland Baptist Church through other methods of giving.

Holy Week

at Oakland Baptist Church



Palm Sunday: March 29, 10:30AM
Join us in the sanctuary for worship as we wave our palm branches in anticipation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. This service will also include a musical presentation from our Young Musicians titled "The Three Trees."



Maundy Thursday: April 2, 6:00PM
Join us in the sanctuary for worship as we partake in communion, remembering Jesus' last supper. There will also be an optional foot washing opportunity during worship.



Good Friday: April 3, 12:30PM
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Tenebrae Service. Following worship, we will enjoy lunch together from Honey-Baked Ham. The cost of $10 per person. Please **CLICK HERE** to sign up.



Easter Sunday: April 5
8:45AM-9:15AM: Flowering the Cross
Please bring your own flowers to adorn the cross on our front lawn. Coffee and pastries will be available in the Gathering Spot and the Fellowship Hall.

10:30AM: Celebratory Easter Worship
Join us in the Sanctuary for music, bells, and Easter Communion.
(Please note there will not be an 8:30AM Service this year.)

Easter Lilies



You are invited to make a donation toward the Easter Lilies placed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. All donations will benefit the Benevolence Fund to assist those in need in our community. The cost is $10 per name. The last day to make donations is March 22.

CLICK HERE to make a donation.

Churchwide Retreat

April 10-12

You're invited to escape to the mountains for a weekend of renewal, connection, and spiritual growth with your church family!

Where: The brand-new Lotz Lodge at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, NC. Nestled in the breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountains, this YMCA conference center offers the perfect backdrop for rest and rejuvenation. Picture yourself relaxing in a rocking chair with mountain views, challenging yourself on the high ropes course, or simply enjoying the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Accommodations: Our two-story lodge features modern comfort with private bathrooms in every room. Sleeping arrangements range from cozy king beds to flexible combinations of queens and bunks. It's perfect for families, friends, or solo retreaters.

What to Expect: This carefully crafted weekend balances meaningful connection with spiritual depth. You'll experience:

- Inspiring worship that draws us closer to God
- Age-appropriate sessions designed for adults, children, and youth
- Enriching fellowship across generations
- Moments of togetherness as one church family
- Time to deepen friendships both old and new

Cost: Rooms are $400 for the weekend and sleep up to 4 people comfortably (or 5 with an air mattress). To make the retreat more affordable, individuals and small families are welcome to share rooms. The $400 room rate includes meals for two guests. For each additional person in your room, there's a $30 meal fee for the weekend.

Your stay includes dinner Friday evening, breakfast and dinner Saturday, and breakfast Sunday morning, all served at the Lodge. You'll be on your own for Saturday lunch, giving you time to explore the area or relax at your leisure.

A $50 deposit is required by March 15 to sign up.
Your balance is due by April 10.

Whether you're seeking spiritual refreshment, longing for meaningful community, needing a break from the everyday, or looking for a great way to finish up Spring Break, this retreat is designed with you in mind.

Mark your calendar now! We can't wait to see you there! If you have any questions, email Leigh (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com).

CLICK HERE to sign up and pay your $50 deposit.

Youth Summer Mission Experience

June 15-20

We are heading to Nashville, TN for our Youth Summer Mission Experience. We will be partnering with local mission organizations as we seek to be the presence of Christ in this community. It is going to be a great week our youth will not want to miss! The estimated cost for the trip is $300 and a $50 non-refundable deposit is required with registration.

CLICK HERE to sign up



Vacation Bible School

June 8-11, 9AM-11:45AM

Join us for four exciting days of fun, faith, and friendship at Vacation Bible School. This summer, children will discover what it means to be rooted deeply in God's love and as they grow strong in their faith. Through engaging Bible stories, hands-on crafts and science experiments, high-energy recreation, and delicious snacks, children will learn how staying connected to God helps them grow, bloom, and bear good fruit in their everyday lives.

VBS is for children who have completed Kindergarten-5th grade. The deadline to register (so you can be guaranteed a t-shirt) is May 22. Sign up today and get ready to dig in, plant seeds of faith, and watch what God can grow!

CLICK HERE to register children
CLICK HERE to volunteer to help





Mark your calendars and make plans to be present for both of these special worship services:
Children's Sunday: May 10, 10:30AM
Baccalaureate Worship: May 31, 10:30AM

We are a church that values *Missions*

A Week of Service to Remember!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our recent week of service. Your time, energy, and compassion made a real difference in our community!

Together, we played games at Pathways Community Center, crafted no-sew blankets, picked up litter, sorted food at HOPE, baked cupcakes for Bethel Shelter, hosted a community breakfast for Family Promise, led Ash Wednesday worship at Pathways, and served dinner at Bethel Shelter. Big and small, all of these were wonderful acts of love.

Over the course of the week, 57 people participated in at least one hands-on act of service, and many gave their time to several! Beyond that, 70+ folks gathered for food and fellowship at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, where generous donations totaled over $1,100; funds that will go directly toward purchasing warm, sturdy shoes for guests of The Ministry Center.





















Intergenerational Mission Experience

July 13-16

Join us for an intergenerational mission experience "in our own backyard." We will begin each morning around 8:30AM and finish up around 3:30PM. Our time together will invovle both educational and hands-on experiences, with group reflection each day. There is no cost other than lunch each day, but we do need you to sign up if you plan to participate! Though you will get to sleep in your own bed each night, please treat this like an out of town experience and plan to participate in the entire week.

If you have any questions, please email Leigh (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com)

CLICK HERE to sign up

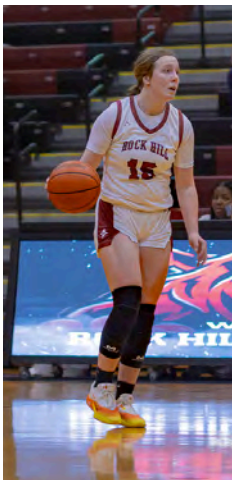
News from the Pews



Congratulations to **Anne Ledford** who was among the first recipeints of the "Red Nose Award," which is given by the Fort Mill School District Superintendent. The Red Nose Award recognizes staff who model culture, community engagement, commitment, and continuous improvement. It was said of Anne that she is "an icon at Fort Mill High School and a model of kindness, humor, and empathy."

Congratulations to **Chloe Hudson** on a historic milestone! On Senior Night, Chloe scored her 2,000th career point as the Bearcats defeated Catawba Ridge, making her the all-time leading scorer in Rock Hill High School history for both the girls' and boys' programs.







Congratulations to **Justin Smith** for receiving the Citizenship and Service award at the York County Regional Chamber's Annual Awards ceremony. "Since establishing Vinyet in 2009, Justin has focused on building strong places, meaningful relationships, and lasting impact throughout York County."

thank♡you

Thank you to all for the calls, visits, meals, and especially the prayers shown to me during my recent illness. - Cynthia White

We'd love to celebrate with you!

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

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

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

March at a Glance

March 3: Men's Bible Study, 8AM, Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
March 4: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations 9AM; Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30PM; First Discussion of Constitution and By-laws Proposals, 6:15PM; Children's Bible Study, 6:15PM; ESL, 6:15PM
March 5: Lunch Bunch at Golden Corral, 11:30AM
March 6-8: Youth Ski Trip
March 7: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations, 9AM
March 8: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Churchwide Luncheon and Discussion, 11:30AM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:15PM
March 10: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
March 11: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations 9AM; Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30PM; Programs for All Ages, 6:15PM; ESL, 6:15PM
March 14: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations 9AM
March 15: Men's Breakfast, 8AM; Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Youth Choir, 5PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:15PM
March 17: Men's Bible Study, 8AM; Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM
March 18: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations; Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30PM; Programs for All Ages, 6:15PM; ESL, 6:15PM
March 21: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations 9AM
March 22: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Youth Choir, 5PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:15PM
March 24: Men's Bible Study, 8AM, Women's Bible Study, 9:15AM & 6:15PM, Merry Makers, 12:30PM
March 25: Ministry Center Open for Shoppers and Donations 9AM; Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30PM; Programs for All Ages, 6:15PM; ESL, 6:15PM
March 29: Coffee in the Fellowship Hall, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Young Musicians, 4PM; OBC Kids, 4:45PM; Youth Choir, 5PM; OBC Youth, 6PM; Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:15PM



April 15: Committee Night
May 3: Baptism Sunday
May 10: Children's Sunday
May 17: Intergenerational evenng of fun and fellowship which will include a yummy meal and trivia!
May 31: Baccalaureate Worshp Service
July 12: Oakland's Anniversary Worship Service - Celebrating 76 years!

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.

We give *because* God gave first!

Monthly Budget Needs: $73,408.00
Gifts from February: $81,842.10
YTD Requirements: $146,816.00
YTD Gifts Received: $168,835.41
YTD Budget Variance: $22,019.41
YTD Expenditures: $131,388.60

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

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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

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