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Ministry Guide of Oakland Baptist Church  
September - November 2021  
Fall Edition

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## Stay Connected!

- Check out our Weekly Update each Thursday for current events.
- If you do not currently receive electronic communication from us, contact Missy Snipes or Thereasa Crabb, in the church office (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com) so you can begin receiving our Weekly Update, 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. \*\*Breeze allows you to update your own picture and contact information.\*\*
- If you are traveling, take us with you! Join us online for our worship services at [youtube.com/obcrockhill](https://youtube.com/obcrockhill).
- Connect with us on Social Media. “Like” our page our and posts! The more you “like” and interact with our content, the more other people will see it!
- The Church Office will be closed on the following days: January 17, April 18, May 30, July 5, September 6, November 25-26, December 23-24, 27, 31.

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday  
8AM - 3PM

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Should you need to speak to a minister after hours, please call 803-328-3864 and press 0 to leave a message for the on call minister. Your phone call will be returned quickly.



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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 Missy Snipes (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com).

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Dear friends,

The Fall season is upon us! That means cooler weather, autumn leaves, the start of school, and football! I know many of you enjoy tailgating before football games. Perhaps you have a portable grill which allows you to cook hamburgers and hot dogs surrounded by fellow fans in the parking lot.

If you've ever used an old-fashioned charcoal grill, then you know when the briquettes are close together, they generate tremendous heat and give off a brilliant glow. However, if you move one charcoal briquette away from the others, the glow is soon gone. It cools and does not generate heat, becoming useless. Many of us have felt like an isolated briquette over the past year. We've missed the energy that comes from being together.



While we are not out of the woods with COVID, I do believe this Fall will allow more opportunity to be together. I'm happy that we are returning to regular Wednesday night activities and will have opportunity for other times of fellowship as well.

As a side-note—if you haven't received a COVID vaccine, do the right thing for yourself and your neighbors by getting one. The more people who are immunized will increase the chances we can completely return to all the activities we love sooner!

Also, just as we lose energy by not being together as a church body, members of the church who separate themselves through inactivity soon lose their glow in Christ and become a benefit to no one. If you haven't been to worship in a while or you haven't participated in church activities recently—and you feel healthy and safe enough to do so—then I strongly encourage you to draw back into an active relationship with God's people so that you can once again enjoy a glowing relationship with Christ. Hebrews tells us "not to give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." I believe you will find in gathering with others a greater sense of love, hope, and purpose in this world.

Take time now to mark your calendar with the opportunities presented in this Fall edition of our Ministry Guide. I would love to see you here!

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Jeff



## Update On Our Vision Process

Beginning in January of this year, Pastor Jeff announced our church would engage in a year of Visioning to discern where God is leading us in the years ahead. A vision team was formed and a kick-off meeting was held on March 6th. This visioning process engaged the Center for Healthy Churches with Jayne Davis, from First Baptist Wilmington, as our team's coach. Meredith Westbrook and Jim Vining were elected as Co-Chairs of our team and Amanda Ledford as team Secretary. The team has a wonderful mix of people with 16 members in total, equally divided between male and female; and 25% below the age of 30. The staff has been a part of the vision team as well.

To date the vision team has met numerous times, mostly through Zoom. We've conducted three congregational meetings and a community forum. The congregational meetings have asked: "Where have we been at our best?" "Where are we presently?" and "Where do we sense God leading us into the future?" Through prayer and conversation we are discerning the God-sized dreams for Oakland.

Pastor Jeff has also led three conversations surrounding the books *Simple Church*, *Hopeful Imagination*, and *Growing Young*. Pastor Jeff has also held three in person opportunities to discuss the process with any church member.

All of the information pertaining to the vision process is available on our website: [oaklandchurch.com/visioning](http://oaklandchurch.com/visioning)

Going forward, we have a lot of work left in grouping church input into possible directions for our church. We have navigated the short months of summer through sub-group meeting and are looking forward to gathering once again as a whole team on September 11th.

Please be in prayer for the team and the opportunities that lie ahead for our church.

All members of the vision team, as well as the staff, are available to talk about our process.

**The Vision team will present to the congregation a draft Vision Plan on Wednesday, November 10th, at 6:00PM. We encourage everyone to attend and provide feedback as we move forward.**

# Worship

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 worship experiences each Sunday morning, as well as special services throughout the year.

**8:45AM Worship** - a contemporary worship experience with music led by guitars.

**11AM Worship** - a traditional worship experience with hymns and litanies.

## Fall Worship Emphasis



**October 3:** World communion Sunday with guest Nell Green leading us in a creative communion experience.

**October 17:** Guest Ellen Sechrest, CBF Manager of Global Missions Engagement.

**October 31:** As part of All Saints day we will remember with thanksgiving those from our congregation who have died within the last year.

**November 7:** Pastor Jeff will lead us in preparation for hearing the Vision Team Draft report on Wednesday, November 10.

**November 14:** Baptism Sunday

**November 21:** The past year has been difficult for everyone and, yet, so many good things have taken place—many of them going unnoticed. Join us for a Service of Gratitude as we recognize the good work that has occurred in the past year as well as give thanks to God for where we've been and where we are going.



# Connect

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*

Pastor Jeff offers a class for those interested in making a faith decision for Christ or 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 Tuesday, October 12.**

Dinner will be provided.

## *Baptism Sunday*

We will have a Baptism Sunday on November 14 for those who have made a recent profession of faith.



## *New Member Luncheon*

We recognize that a number of people have begun participating in the life of Oakland Baptist Church over the last year or two and because of COVID we have not been able to properly welcome you. This luncheon will be an opportunity to learn more about OBC and ask any questions you may have. We will end our time together with an overdue tour of the building. If you are new to Oakland we hope you will join us for lunch in the Gym on Sunday, October 24.

# Music Ministry

Music at OBC promotes music as a vehicle of worship, 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.

## *Children's Choir (3 years - 5th grade)*

Our Children's Choir program is designed to help our children, ages 3-5th grade, develop musically and spiritually as they learn music elements and develop singing technique. We use *Growing in Grace and Choristers Guild* curriculum to help our children become singers for the future and to grow in the knowledge of God's love. The children occasionally sing in the worship service, as well as present a Christmas pageant and lead Children's Sunday in the spring.

### **Wednesdays, 6PM-6:45PM**

Cherub Choir (3 and 4 years old) - Room 205  
Young Singers (Kindergarten - 2nd grade) - Room 207  
Young Musicians (3rd - 5th grade) - Choir Room

## *Children's Handbells (4th - 5th grade)*

Children in 4th and 5th grade will meet in Room 302 for handbells from 4:30PM until 5PM every other Sunday (before Mission Movers).



## *Youth Music (6th - 12th grade)*

Our Youth Choir and Handbells are for 6th - 12th graders. These groups help develop singing and ringing technique and music literacy. Learning to serve and present a message in song is our primary goal. Our youth participate in worship, lead Youth Sunday, and attend Festival by the Sea.

### **Sundays**

Jubal Ringers: 4:15PM-5PM, Handbell Room (221)  
Youth Choir: 5PM - 5:45PM, Choir Room (241)

## Adult Music

### **Chancel Choir: Sundays, 5:45PM-7PM, Choir Room (241)**

The Chancel Choir is open to adults and older youth to provide worship music each Sunday. Emphasis on good musicianship and spiritual connection are a vital part of this ministry. The Chancel Choir sings repertoire of all genres: classical, spirituals, gospel, and world music. Each year the choir present a major work with orchestra. Members participate in the adult Festival by the Sea each January. New members are welcome!



### **Oakland Ringers: Sundays, 5:45PM-7PM, Choir Room (241)**

The Oakland Ringers are our adult Handbells. This group provides music for worship several times throughout the year. This group plays music from intermediate to advanced. Music reading is helpful. We play a variety of musical styles with many different techniques. This group rings at a bell festival each year. New members or substitutes are always welcome.

### **Crossroads Band: Sundays, 7:45AM, Sanctuary**

Crossroads is a group of musicians that provide contemporary music and lead worship for our early service. Singers and instrumentalists are always encouraged to join.



## Special Music Events

### **Sunday, December 12 - 10:30AM**

The Chancel Choir, accompanied by an orchestra will present *The Winter Rose* by Joseph Martin.

### **Sunday, December 19 - 5:30PM**

The children will present their Christmas pageant.



For more information about any of our music groups please contact Suzanne Ringer at 803-328-3864 or [sringer@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:sringer@oaklandchurch.com).

## Missions

Our 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 be, in Rock Hill and around the globe. We encourage everyone to become 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, and toiletries 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 Suzanne Ringer (sringer@oaklandchurch.com).

### *English as a Second Language*

ESL classes are offered at Oakland on Wednesday evenings and will resume in January. 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.

**3-2-1 Serve!**  
**October 30, 9AM - NOON**

We will enjoy a morning of fellowship and service.  
See page 12 for more details.

### *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.

## *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 at 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 the Church Office ([obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com)).

## *Carolina Immigrant Alliance, Inc.*

Carolina Immigrant Alliance, Inc. is an immigrants' rights 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.

## *Mission Months*

Twice a year, during certain months, 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:** To learn more about Janee, her work with CBF and ways you can pray for and support her, visit [seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com](http://seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com) or [cbf.net/field-personnel](http://cbf.net/field-personnel).



**Nell Green:** To learn more about Nell, her work with CBF and ways you can pray for and support her, visit [threadsbynomad.wordpress.com](http://threadsbynomad.wordpress.com) or [cbf.net/field-personnel](http://cbf.net/field-personnel).

*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
- Bethel Men's Shelter
- Pathways Community Center



# Fellowship and Recreation

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.

## 3-2-1 Serve

We will gather on October 30 from 9AM - Noon for a morning of fellowship and service. We will begin in the gym with a devotion and prayer before scattering around Rock Hill in our work groups. Service projects off campus will include raking leaves for some of our homebound friends, collecting litter, and helping at the Ministry Center and Project Hope. We will also have projects on campus which will include card making and letter writing.



## Veteran's Luncheon

The Military Task Force will host our annual Veteran's Luncheon on Sunday, November 14. This is always a special opportunity to thank those in our congregation who have bravely served our country.

## Basketball

We offer basketball teams for children ages 5-18. Sign ups will begin in October. Practices and games begin in December and January. Typically, elementary teams play on Friday evening and youth teams play on Saturday.

We also offer a basketball clinic in January and February for 3-5 year olds. This clinic introduces children to the game of basketball, teaches basic skills, and promotes teamwork.



# Wednesdays

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 service opportunities for 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 the form found on the perforated edge of the Worship Guide 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 10 in the Missions Section.

## *Adult Activities*

Check out the information on page 16 for information about opportunities for discipleship and service on Wednesdays from 6PM-6:45PM.

## *Youth Activities*

Check out the information on page 19 for information about service opportunities on Wednesdays from 6PM-6:45PM. Youth are also welcome to participate in any of the adult programs.

## *Children's Activities*

Check out the information on pages 8 and 20 for information about our children's choirs which meet on Wednesday evening from 6PM-6:45PM.

## Adult Ministry

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.



### *Monday Morning Bible Study:*

9AM-10AM in the Parlor

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

This is a great opportunity to start your week off with Bible Study and Fellowship! Bible Study is led by Leigh Reynolds.

### *Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study:* 6:15PM-7:30PM

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 or Patti Robinette for more information.

### *Women's Retreat:* November 5-7

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. The cost is \$150 and includes lodging and most meals. If you would like to attend, please let Leigh know ASAP!



**NEW**

*Music and Movement:* Second Wednesday, 10AM in the Choir Room

New this fall, Suzanne Ringer will offer a class the second Wednesday of each month for music and movement.

This class is designed to lift you in body, mind, and spirit through breathing and stretching exercises, hymn singing, devotion, prayer, movement to music, and brain games. Come join the fun beginning October 13.



**Merry Makers:** Fourth Tuesdays, Noon in the Fellowship Hall

Unless otherwise noted, the Merry Makers meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is followed by an inspiring program of various speakers and topics. Merry Makers also plan a few day trips which include an annual trip to Asheville to pick Apples. This group primarily consists of retired individuals, but all are welcome.


**Lunch Bunch:** First Thursdays

The Lunch Bunch meets at local restaurants on the first Thursday of each month. This is a fun time for great fellowship and food.



## Grief Support Group

This group is designed to help those who have lost loved ones. We look at stages of grief and various ways to help us cope and move forward in life. This group will meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30PM in Room 207. It is open to people of all ages and is led by Rev. Suzanne Ringer and Jim Ringer, LMSW.



### *Sunday School*

Our adult classes meet on Sunday morning from 9:45AM-10:45AM (9:30AM-10:15 on ONE worship days). They 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 1:Chapel** - Mid 60's and above. Teacher: Carol Savage, Sue Smith

**Coed 3A: Fellowship Hall** - 60's and above. Teacher: Frank Snyder

**Coed 3B: Fellowship Hall 120** - Mid-50's and above. Teacher: Jimmy Johnson

**Coed 3C: Room 206** - 60's-70's. Teacher: Gary Williams, John Robinette, Susan York

**Coed 4A: Room above the Gym** - 30's - 50's. Teacher: Liz Bridges

**Coed 4B: Room 140** - 30's & 40's. Teachers: Krista Hayes, Ben Lucas

**Coed 3D: Fellowship Hall 129** - Mid 40's-60's. Teacher: Judy Mobley

**Women 1: Room 207** - Ladies (and a few men) 65 and above. Teacher: Eddie Ramsey

**Women 2: Parlor** - Ladies 50 and above. Teacher: Joyce Wright, Nancy Wyatt

# New Format

## Wednesday Night Adult Activities New format with more options!

**September 15, 22, 29 (2 Options)**

### *Spiritual Gifts Seminar*

What are spiritual gifts? What are my spiritual gifts? How do I use my spiritual gifts to serve God inside and outside the walls of the church? Join in on this conversation as we discuss these questions and more! Led by Leigh Reynolds and Jeff Hayes in Room 208.

### *Bible Study*

Join Eddie Ramsey in the Chapel for a three-week study on the desirable attributes of the Apostle Paul. Discussion will revolve around the attributes of disciple, determination, and discernment.

**October 6, 13, 20 (2 Options)**

### *Life Assessment Seminar*

During the course of the COVID pandemic, we've all been forced to contemplate our own mortality. Join us for a three-week conversation in the Chapel about end of life needs.

**October 6:** Alisa Krueger Johnson, board certified Life-in-Order consultant, will identify what essential information needs to be considered before our death and where it should be stored. She will also talk about the best place to start the process of getting our life in order and offer options for organizing your life.

**October 13:** Jim Ringer, will lead a discussion on Five Wishes, a complete approach to discussing your care and comfort choices as we face the end of our physical life on earth.

**October 20:** a representative from Greene Funeral Home will present important things to have prepared for your family when you die. We will also provide copies of our Home in Order booklet to help you prepare for this time.

### *Parenting in the Pew*

There's more to worship for children than coloring books and sneaking a piece of candy from a parent's pocket! Children come on Sundays for the same reason as their parents—to worship God. Using the book *Parenting in the Pew* by Robbie Castleman, Pastor Jeff will lead parents into the joy of worshipping with their children. This conversation will take place in the Sanctuary.

**October 27**

### *A Night for Missions*

Dinner will be prepared and served by our Mission Committee. Rather than paying the normal fee for dinner we ask that you make a donation which will go toward our Offering for Global Missions. After dinner, CBF Field Personnel, Marc and Kim Wyatt will lead us in a conversation about the work they are doing in Raleigh, NC as founders of *The Welcome House*. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary.

**November 3**

### *Budget Discussion and Quarterly Business Update*

The Finance Committee will present our 2022 budget. Following their presentation there will be an opportunity for discussion. This meeting will take place in the Sanctuary.



**November 10**

### *1st Draft of Vision Team Plan*

The Vision Team has been hard at work this year discerning where God is leading Oakland in the future. On November 10 the team will present a first draft of their vision plan. There will be opportunity for discussion. This is your chance to give feedback as the team prepares to make a formal presentation in January. This presentation will take place in the Sanctuary.

**November 17**

### *Committee Night*

This year we are moving committee night from January to November. This will give opportunity for those rolling off committees to interact with new members before their term expires. Our hope is a smoother transition for all committee work. (Committees will be approved by the church on 11/7.)



Fun and festive Wednesday night mission opportunities are coming in December. Be on the lookout for more information!

# Youth Ministry

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.

## *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. Our teachers use *Intersection*, a curriculum written in conjunction with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

**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 worship services and participates in Festival by the Sea each Spring. Led by Suzanne Ringer. For more information see page 8.

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

Each Sunday evening, youth will gather in the Youth Room. Some weeks we will meet in small groups with mentors and others weeks consist of large group activities.

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@oakalndchurch.com).



# New Format

## *Wednesdays at OBC*

**Service Opportunity:** 6PM-6:45PM

On Wednesday nights youth are invited to engage in service. There are a variety of opportunities with our English as a Second Language program, such as teaching (perfect for our Spanish immersion students), assisting the teachers, or helping with the children. Or, if music is your gift, there are opportunities to help with our children's choirs.

## *Other Opportunities*

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



## *Save the Date*

**High School Retreat: January 14-16, 2022**

A weekend of fun, fellowship, and Bible study in Blowing Rock, NC.

**Youth Sunday: May 1, 2022**

Our youth will plan, prepare and lead this special service.

**Baccalaureate: May 29, 2022**

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

**Summer Mission Trip: June 19-24, 2022**

We will spend a week in Raleigh, NC serving alongside CBF Field Personnel, Marc and Kim Wyatt.

**Summer Youth Conference: July 17-22, 2022**

We will spend a week participating in Passport Youth Camp at Gardner-Webb University.



# Children's Ministry

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!

## Children's Choirs

Our children's choirs meet on Wednesday evenings. For more information see page 8 for all the details.

## Mission Friends (Preschool)

In addition to singing and moving using age appropriate music, our preschoolers (3 - 5 year olds) will engage in fun games and activities centered around God's great creation. We will be learning special ways to care for the world around us with love, as we learn how God made each of us with love. We will be focusing on local missions while also learning about those working in the mission field around the world.



## Mission Movers (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)

Twice a month, on Sunday afternoons from 5PM - 6PM, our elementary age children will be gathering to learn about mission work both locally and globally, as we focus on being Christ's presence to the world around us. Our discipleship focus will also support our weekly themes featured in Sunday morning's curriculum as we chronologically study God's word.

- September 12, 26
- October 10, 24,
- November 14, 28





## OAKLAND DAY SCHOOL

Serving Children + Families since 1980

Oakland Day School is a ministry of OBC, serving church and community families since 1980. We operate September through May from 8 AM to 2 PM with an unparalleled preschool program for children up to age 4.

Our mission is to ensure that each child who walks through our doors personally experiences the love of God while developing spiritual, social, and cognitive growth.

We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to receive a quality early education, and we are passionate about offering scholarships to local families who could otherwise not afford preschool for their children.



**OAKLAND DAY SCHOOL**  
*rooted in love*

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!

Here are some ways you can help support our efforts:

- Pray for our teachers, staff, and families
- Volunteer as a classroom assistant or substitute
- Follow our adventures on Instagram + Facebook
- Share our website ([oaklanddayschool.com](http://oaklanddayschool.com)) with others

## 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 2022

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

### Class of 2023

Alice Davis, Julie Griffin, Miller Hoffman, Mackie Hunter, Dennis Jordan, Jerry Lucas, Lydia Maloney, Jim Ringer, Frank Snyder, Angela Williams

### Class of 2024

Walter Byrd, Brandy Cason, Jimmy Johnson, Faye Lucas, Judy Mobley, Michelle Prater, Brian Scott, Meredith Westbrook, Gary Williams, Susan York

**Chair:** Liz Bridges, **Vice Chair:** Frank Snyder, **Secretary:** Beckye Partlow

## 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: Jeff Hayes
- **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: 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
- **Property Development** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Recreation** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Social** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Sound Booth** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Teller** – Staff Liaison: Missy Snipes
- **Transportation** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Worship Greeters** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer



## *At a Glance*



### **SEPTEMBER**

**September 5:** Worship; Communion; Sunday School

**September 6:** Church Office Closed

**September 8:** Fall Wednesday Night Kick-off, 6PM-7PM

**September 11:** Vision Team Writing Retreat

**September 12:** Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Mission Movers; Youth Group

**September 15:** Wednesday Night Activities Resume, 5PM-6:45PM

**September 17-19:** Youth Fall Retreat

**September 19:** Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Youth Group

**September 22:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM

**September 26:** Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Mission Movers; Youth Group

**September 29:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM

### **OCTOBER**

**October:** Missions Emphasis Month

**October 3:** World Communion; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Youth Group

**October 6:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM

**October 10:** Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Mission Movers; Youth Group

**October 12:** Pastor's Class, 6PM

**October 13:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM

**October 17:** Worship; Sunday School

**October 20:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM

**October 24:** Worship; Sunday School; New Member Luncheon; Music Rehearsals; Mission Movers; Youth Group

**October 27:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM; Mission Fundraiser

**October 30:** 3-2-1 Serve, 9AM-12PM

**October 31:** Reformation and All-Saints Worship; Sunday School

### **NOVEMBER**

**November 3:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM; Budget and Nominating Slate Discussion; Quarterly Business Update

**November 5-7:** Women's Retreat

**November 7:** Worship; Communion; Sunday School; Budget and Nominating Slate Vote; Music Rehearsals; Youth Group

**November 10:** Wednesday Night Activities, 5PM-6:45PM; Vision Team Congregational Meeting

**November 14:** Worship; Baptism; Sunday School; Veteran's Luncheon; Music Rehearsals; Mission Movers; Youth Group

**November 17:** Wednesday Night Activities 5PM-6:45PM; Committee Night, 6PM-6:45PM

**November 21:** Worship; Sunday School; Thanksgiving Community Worship, 6PM-7PM

**November 25-26:** Church Office Closed

**November 28:** Advent Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Mission Movers; Youth Group

## *Save the Date*

### **DECEMBER**

**December 1:** Wednesday Night Activities

**December 5:** Advent Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Youth Group

**December 8:** Wednesday Night Activities

**December 12:** Advent Worship; Sunday School; Music Rehearsals; Youth Group

**December 15:** Wednesday Night Activities

**December 19:** Advent Worship; Sunday School; Children's Pageant

**December 21:** Service of Remembrance

**December 23:** Church Office Closed; Christmas Eve of the Eve Worship

**December 24:** Church Office Closed

**December 24:** Christmas Eve Worship

**December 27:** Church Office Closed

**December 31:** Church Office Closed

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