

December - February at a Glance

December 3: Oakland Ringers at Christmasville, 12PM
December 4: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; All Afternoon Activities
December 6: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
December 7: Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
December 11: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; *Messiah*, 4PM
December 13: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
December 14: Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
December 16: Parent's Night Out, 5:30PM-8:30PM
December 17: Christmas Caroling and Lunch, 10AM
December 18: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Children's Christmas Pageant, 4PM
December 19: Service of Remembrance, 5:30PM
December 20: Oakland Day School Christmas Pageant
December 22-23: Church Office Closed
December 23 & 24: Christmas Eve Worship, 5:30PM
December 25: Christmas Day Worship, 10:30AM; NO Sunday School
December 26: Church Office Closed
January 1: Virtual Worship
January 2: Church Office Closed
January 3: Children's Slip, Slide, and Serve
January 8: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM
January 10: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
January 13-15: High School Retreat
January 15: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM
January 17: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
January 18: Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
January 22: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; State of the Church Worship, 10:30AM; All Afternoon Activities
January 23: Bible and Brew, 5:30PM
January 24: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
January 25: Bible and Brew, 8:30AM, Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
January 27-29: Adult Choir Festival by the Sea
January 29: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; All Afternoon Activities
January 31: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
February 1: Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
February 5: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Get to Know OBC Luncheon; All Afternoon Activities
February 6: Grief Support
February 7: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
February 8: Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
February 12: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM
February 13: Grief Support
February 14: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
February 15: Dinner and Worship at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
February 19: Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Get to Know OBC Luncheon; All Afternoon Activities
February 20: Grief Support
February 20: Bible and Brew, 5:30PM
February 21: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM
February 22: Bible & Brew, 8:30AM, Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
February 26: Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM
February 27: Grief Support
February 28: Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM

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.

The Church Office will be closed on the following days in 2022: September 5, November 24-25, December 23, 26- 27, 30.

Church Office hours are 8AM - 3PM, Monday - Friday. 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. All of our ministers are available via their personal cell phone at anytime.

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Winter Ministry Guide

December 2022 - February 2023

**Advent and Christmas Worship Series:
November 27 - January 1
Soli Deo Gloria: A Celebration of Handel's Messiah**



Since its modest debut in Dublin, George Frideric Handel's Messiah has gained immense popularity and is now the most performed choral work in Western music. The oratorio was originally written for Easter, but now has become a fixture of the Advent and Christmas seasons. **In conjunction with the community choir presentation of Messiah on December 11, our Advent worship will feature various pieces from Messiah.** We will use these pieces as an avenue into the Scriptures on which the oratorio is based, as well as deepen our knowledge and appreciation of Handel's masterwork. The title for this series, Soli Deo Gloria, means "to God alone the glory." Handel closed his manuscript with this phrase by using the letters "SDG." Our celebration of Advent and Christmas should absolutely bring glory to God alone.

Throughout Advent we will email Scripture readings and selections from Messiah to use as daily devotions. If you do not receive our emails, sign up by visiting www.oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up



**Winter Worship Series:
January 8 - February 19
New Year, Same Promises**

"New year, new you!" is the message we get every January 1st from culture, year after year. We vow to make make changes to our diet, exercise habits, or lifestyle, but, in spite of those resolutions, most things stay the same. This may be cause for disappointment, but there is some consistency we can celebrate. God's promises to us do not change with the calendar or the latest fitness trend. Rather than focusing our energy on making (and in all likelihood breaking) promises to ourselves, let's spend the first part of the new year appreciating God's unbreakable promises.

**Lenten Worship Series:
February 22 - April 7
Selah: Stop. Pause. Listen.**



The Hebrew term "selah" appears over seventy times in the Psalms. While the definition is obscure, most scholars interpret it to mean a pause, break, or interruption; suggesting a rest from routine activities. This describes how we should understand our posture throughout the forty days of Lent. It is time to rest from our normal routines and make more room for Christ. Thus, the trajectory for this Lenten season is a renewed spirit. The Psalms provide a myriad of examples on how to make this renewal a reality. We will explore some of these Psalms during this Lent.

Sunday Mornings at OBC

8:50AM-9:15AM: Coffee and Pastries in the Fellowship Hall
9:15AM-10:15AM: Sunday School
10:30AM-11:30AM: Worship

Sunday Evenings at OBC

Children:

4PM-4:30PM: Children's Bells (3rd-5th Grade)
4:30PM-5PM: Children's Choirs (K-5th Grade)
5PM-6PM: Mission Movers (K-5th Grade)

Youth:

4:15PM-5PM: Youth Bells (6th-12th Grade)
5PM-5:45PM: Youth Choir (6th-12th Grade)
5:45PM-7PM: Youth Group (6th-12th Grade)

Adults:

5:45PM-7PM: Chancel Choir
7PM-8PM: Oakland Ringers



Weekday Bible Studies

Ladies Bible Study: Tuesdays at 9AM

Each Tuesday morning a group of ladies meet in Room 206 for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship led by Leigh Reynolds. New participants are always welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Leigh (lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com).



Ladies Bible Study: Tuesdays at 6:15PM

Join leaders Patti Robinette and Shirley Bailey for Bible study on Tuesday evenings from 6:15PM-7:30PM. This group meets in Room 206, but if you would prefer you may also join via Zoom. If you would like more information, please contact Shirley (sholland@comporium.net) or Patti (probinette1861@gmail.com).

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays at 8AM

Each Tuesday morning a group of men meet at Chandler Place for a delicious breakfast, fellowship, prayer, and a devotion. For more information contact Gary Williams (gwilliams@wfcorp.com).

Bible and Brew

Join Pastor Jeff for a beverage and a conversation on how faith intersects life.

Knowledge Perk Coffee: 8:30AM on January 25 and February 22

Dust Off Brewing: 5:30PM on January 23 and February 20

Grief Support

You are invited to participate in an 8-week grief support class led by Jim and Suzanne Ringer. Participants will be guided in ways to cope with loss.

This class will be offered on Mondays
February 6 - March 17, 1PM and 6PM

The same content will be covered at 1PM and 6PM so choose which time works best for you. To sign up, call the church office. There will also be a link to sign up in the update, as the date gets closer.

During the weeks leading up to each of these events check our *Weekly Update* and website (oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up) for more details.

December

Oakland Ringers at Christmasville: December 3

Our adult handbell choir will be ringing at Christmasville from Noon to 2PM.

Merry Makers Christmas Luncheon: December 6

With special guest Bill Cox performing characters from the nativity.

Messiah Presentation: December 11

Join us in our sanctuary on December 11 at 4PM as the choirs of Oakland Baptist, Oakland Avenue Presbyterian, and Grace Lutheran Churches present Handel's *Messiah*.

Parent's Night Out: December 16

Our high school youth have a fun night of Christmas themed activities planned for your children from 5:30PM-8:30PM. Donations will gladly be accepted for their babysitting services. All money donated will be used to fund a mission project they have planned.

Children's Christmas Pageant: December 18

Join us in the gym at 4PM for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant. We will conclude our time with coffee, cocoa, and cookies.

Service of Remembrance: December 19

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30PM for this time of worship.

Oakland Day School Christmas Pageant: December 20

Christmas Eve Worship: December 23 & 24

We will gather in the sanctuary at 5:30PM for our communion and candlelight worship service.

Christmas Morning Worship: December 25

Worship at 10:30AM. During this worship service, children will be invited to participate in the retelling of the Christmas story. No preparation or practice will be necessary. NO Sunday School or nursery.

January

Virtual Worship: January 1

No in-person activities. A link to our New Year's Day worship service will be emailed. It will also be available on our YouTube and Facebook pages.

Slip, Slide, and Serve: January 3

Our children will meet from 9AM-3PM for a day of fun and service!

High School Retreat: January 13-15

State of the Church Worship: January 22

Pastor Jeff will give his annual State of Church sermon. Also included will be an update on the implementation of our Vision.

Adult Choir Festival by the Sea: January 27 - 28

February

Get to Know OBC Luncheon: February 5

If you are new to Oakland or just haven't had a chance to get plugged in, join us for lunch and learn about who we are.

Souper Bowl of Caring Offering: February 12

Wednesday Evenings at OBC

5PM-5:45PM: Dinner in the Gym

For dinner reservations: oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up

5PM-7PM: English as a Second Language

5:45PM-6:30PM: Wednesdays Around the Table, Children's Bible Study

Wednesdays Around the Table

Our youth and adults will gather around the tables in the gym for the conversations listed below. Kim Shaw will lead a Bible study for children.

December 7: Intergenerational Moravian LoveFeast

Following dinner, we will have an interactive worship experience around our tables. Included will be sticky buns and cider.

December 14: Christmas Caroling

Our youth and adults will spread Christmas cheer by singing loudly for all to hear. Our children will have their Christmas Pageant dress rehearsal in the gym.

December 21 - January 11: No Wednesday Night Activities

A Walk Through Romans January 18-February 8

Dr. Jim McConnell, Associate Dean and Professor of New Testament at Gardner-Webb School of Divinity will be taking us on a 4-week journey through the book of Romans.



Dr. McConnell was one of Leigh's favorite professors; he is both brilliant and funny! He has a love of all things NC State, was previously an engineer, and dreams of one day being a park ranger at Yellowstone National Park.

Get your questions about Paul ready!

February 15: Dinner and Worship at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
We will gather with our brothers and sisters at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church for food, fellowship, and worship.

February 22: Ash Wednesday Worship

Save
THE
Date

April 9: Easter Sunday

April 23: Children's Sunday

May 7: Youth Sunday

May 21: Baccalaureate Worship

June 11-15: Vacation Bible School

June 18-25: Youth Mission Trip

July 9-14: Youth Passport Camp



Advent and Christmas are a great
time to invite a friend to church!

