

February - May 2021

Being Restored

Oakland Baptist Church
Ministry Guide
#growingatobc



Dear Oakland Family,

In April I will celebrate four years of being Pastor of Oakland Baptist Church. While there have been some hills to climb, I am proud of the ways God has continued to work in our church. One of these ways has been our Ministry Guides. These guides have been instrumental in our ministry planning and execution. This edition is no exception. As we embark on a year-long visioning process, I invite you to take part in the offerings contained in this Ministry Guide, specifically the spiritual discernment of the upcoming Lenten season.

I encourage you to read through this guide and mark your calendars now for the many happenings at Oakland. We realize you may not be able to do everything, but please join us when possible. I speak for the entire staff in saying we miss you and want to spend as much time as we can with you! I'm beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel and the opportunity for us to be together, face to face, on a more consistent basis. Thank you for remaining patient as we navigate these waters.

I'm praying all of us can return to the church building very soon; but in the meantime take every precaution necessary to keep yourself safe! You are of best use to God and our church when you are healthy. Should you have any questions, concerns, or just need a listening ear, do not hesitate to call, text, or email myself or any of our ministers. We are here for you!

Prayers for a great visioning year! #growingatOBC, Pastor Jeff



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If you have an emergency or need to speak with one of our ministers after office hours or over the weekend, please call 803-328-3864 and press 0 to leave a message for the on call minister. Your phone call will be returned quickly.

Connecting with OBC on Zoom



From a computer:

Type zoom.us into your favorite browser

Once on the Zoom website, click on "Join A Meeting" in the top right corner

Enter 713 378 3329 as the meeting ID

Click Join

For security, you will be in a virtual waiting room until the meeting host admits you.

From a Smart Phone or Tablet (make sure you have downloaded the Zoom App):

Click on the App

Click "Join a Meeting" at the bottom of the screen

Enter 713 378 3329 as the meeting ID

Click Join

For security, you will be in a virtual waiting room until the meeting host admits you.

From any phone, using audio only:

Dial 1-929-205-6099

When prompted enter the meeting ID 713 378 3329, followed by #

You will be able to hear everyone and everyone will be able to hear you, but you will not be able to see anyone and they will not be able to see you.

For security, you will be in a virtual waiting room until the meeting host admits you

If you are new to Zoom we are happy to walk you through a trial run and hopefully ease some of the anxiety of this platform for ministry. We don't want you to miss out, so let us help you get connected. Call the church office with any questions.

Connecting with OBC on Social Media



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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).



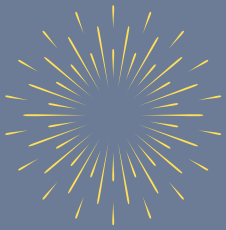
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If you do not currently receive electronic communication from us, contact Missy Snipes, in the church office (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com or 803-328-3864) so you can begin receiving our Weekly Update, Weekly Prayer Guide, and other special announcements.



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A Year of Visioning



This year we are partnering with The Center for Healthy Churches in a visioning process for the future of Oakland Baptist Church. Our Vision Team covets your prayers in this journey. You may listen to Pastor Jeff's State of the Church Sermon on January 31, 2021 to hear him talk about the year ahead. You can find that sermon by visiting youtube.com/OBCRockHill/videos. **To remain informed on the continuing work of our Vision Team and to read progress updates visit oaklandchurch.com/visioning.**

There are four goals we are going to accomplish in the next year.

- 1. We are going to clarify Oakland's unique identity and giftedness.**
- 2. We are going to determine areas of focus to build upon our current strengths.**
- 3. We are going to determine areas of emphasis for future ministry.**
- 4. We are going to develop ministry goals and an action plan for reaching those goals.**

The timeline to achieve these goals is as follows. Please mark your calendar now for these important dates!

Phase I: Preparing for the Process

February 7—Vision Team slate is presented to the church

February 14—Vote to approve the Vision Team slate

February 17—The beginning of 40 days of a Lenten spiritual discernment

March 6—Vision Team will hold their first meeting

Phase II: Launching the Process

April 14—First Congregational Meeting, 6PM

During this meeting we will discuss a vision grounded in on our PAST.

May 5—Second Congregational Meeting , 6PM

During this meeting we will discuss a vision tied to our PRESENT.

May 19—Community Leader Forum, 6PM

During this forum we will invite leaders in our area to discuss the needs of our community and the ways our church might address them.

June 2—Third Congregational Meeting, 6PM

During this meeting we will discuss a vision looking toward our FUTURE.

Phase III: Reflecting on What We've Learned and Dreaming a New Dream

October TBD—Fourth Congregational Meeting

During this meeting we will discuss recommendations from our Vision Team.

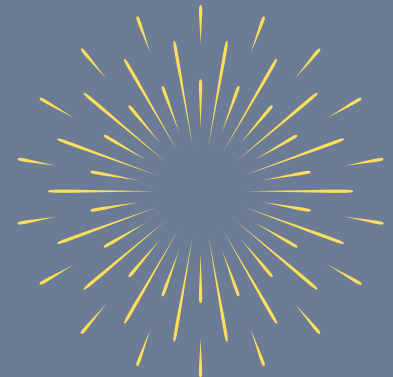
November TBD—Fifth Congregational Meeting

During this meeting will hear a draft report from our Vision Team.

Phase IV: Implementation

January TBD 2022

During this meeting we will hear a final report from our Vision Team and make plans for implementation.





Missions Month at Oakland Baptist Church

During February and October we emphasize our connection to and involvement with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Offering for Global Missions. Please prayerfully consider how you will contribute to this offering which supports field personnel doing the work of Christ across the world. Your gifts to the offering will offer opportunities to create community, study Scripture in native languages, and support very practical ministries that allow those less fortunate to live more abundantly. Our offering goal for this year is \$25,000 and you may contribute with cash, check, credit/debit, or through the Breeze app. Please make sure your gift is notated with "Missions."

Janée Angel Preaching, February 14

Janée Angel is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel living and serving in Antwerp, Belgium, working particularly among the Arabic speaking community, which is ever growing in the midst of the world refugee crisis. Through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, we serve as an encourager church for Janée. We are excited for the opportunity to hear from Janée virtually on February 14!



Souper Bowl of Caring, February 7

The Souper Bowl of Caring, a nationwide movement, uses the energy of the Super Bowl to care for people in local communities across the country who are hungry. Help us tackle hunger in Rock Hill by driving through our parking lot on Sunday February 7 from 2PM until 3PM with your donation of non-perishable food or money. Our Youth will be in the parking lot, smiling behind their masks, as they accept your donations. All donations will be given to Project Hope.



Project Hope is able to purchase food at greatly discounted prices, so monetary donations go a long way. If you are writing a check or making a donation online, please notate it with "Souper Bowl."



Sundays, 8:30AM & 11:15AM

February 21, February 28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28

There is a centuries old Japanese art of restoring broken pottery known as kintsugi. This art technique employs a special tree sap lacquer dusted with powdered gold. Once completed, beautiful seams of gold glint in the conspicuous cracks, giving a one-of-a-kind appearance to each restored piece. We can all agree there are areas of our lives that need restoration. Join us for our Lenten series discussing the ways God beautifully restores our broken pieces. Our visual throughout this series will be a broken ceramic pot being restored piece by piece, Sunday by Sunday, through the technique of kintsugi.

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Join us in the Sanctuary at 12:30PM or 6:30PM for a 30 minute worship service. The imposition of ashes will be offered in a COVID safe manner, using Q-tips to make the sign of the cross on each person's hand.

We will also have a drive-through imposition of ashes from 1:30PM-2PM for those who do not feel comfortable attending in-person. Ashes will be imposed in the same manner as described above.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Join us at 6:30PM in the Sanctuary for a 30 minute worship service which will include COVID safe communion.

Good Friday, April 2

Stations of the Cross are visual and experiential representations of the events of Good Friday. You are invited to participate in these self-guided activities which will be in the gym from 9AM until 6PM.

Please sign-up for all in-person worship services that you are attending. You can sign up on our website: oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up

Weekly Lenten Devotions

Each Monday Rev. Suzanne Ringer will be featured in a video where she highlights a soul training exercise that will encourage restoration. Tuesday - Thursday Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes will continue Today's Good Word where he presents a devotion on restoring ourselves to God. These devotions will be emailed each morning at 6AM. They will also be accessible on our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Lenten Lunches

You are invited to connect with us via Zoom each Tuesday in Lent from 12:30PM - 1PM. Each week a different community member will share stories of how they have experienced and witnessed restoration through the ministries in which they serve. Our Zoom Meeting ID is 713 378 3329.

February 23: Donna Williams, Bethel Men's Shelter Board Member

March 2: Lee Ann Livingston, Hospice Chaplain

March 9: Gordon Bell, Hope of Rock Hill Director

March 16: Ronal King, Feed the Hungry of Rock Hill Director

March 23: Megan Paat, Oakland Day School Director

40 Days of Prayer

As part of our spiritual discernment in the visioning process, we invite you to participate in 40 days of Scripture reading and prayer. This coincides with our Lenten worship series Restored. An age appropriate Scripture and prayer calendar will be sent to the congregation the week of Ash Wednesday. Please join with our staff and Vision Team in preparing our hearts to hear what God has to say in this year of discovery.





Easter Worship, April 4

Outdoor Worship
in the Gathering Spot
8:30AM

Traditional worship
in the Sanctuary
11:15AM.

If you plan to worship with us in-person, please sign-up for the service you will be attending. You can sign up on our website: oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up

If you choose not to worship in-person, you can join us at 11:15AM via livestream. You can also access the service at a later time through our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook page](#).

BELONG, BEHAVE, BELIEVE *Worship Series*

April 11, 18, 25, May 2, May 9

When you think about what makes a person a Christian, we often start with belief. Someone confesses faith in Jesus, then learns what is expected of his or her behavior as a Christian, and finally, when their behavior is right, the person finds a church community to belong. But Jesus didn't work that way, nor does the pattern work for many on the outskirts of the church today. In this Easter series we explore the ways in which Christ models the need for belonging, even before we know what to believe or how to behave.

These worship services will take place at 8:30AM and 11:15AM. Please sign-up for all in-person worship services that you are attending. You can sign up on our website: oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up. If you choose not to worship in-person you can join us at 8:30AM or 11:15AM via livestream. You can also access the service at a later time through our [YouTube channel](#) or [Facebook page](#).



Join us on Zoom from 7PM until 7:30PM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month for prayer and devotion. Each week the devotion will be led by members of OBC. Our Zoom Meeting ID is 713 378 3329. To join with audio only dial 1-929-205-6099. You will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID. Please note the 7PM time change for Wednesday nights.

February 3: Joanne Gaskins

February 17: Ash Wednesday (see announcement on page 4)

March 3: Jimmy Williams

March 17: Alice Davis

April 7: Gary Bodford

April 21: Krista Hayes

Visioning Conversations

Join us for a conversation about each of these books. We invite you to read the book, but even more importantly we want you to be part of the conversation. These books are part of the framework for our visioning conversations. Please join us on Zoom either from 12:30PM-1:30PM or 6:30PM-7:30PM.

March 25: Simple Church

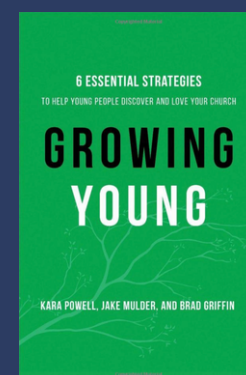
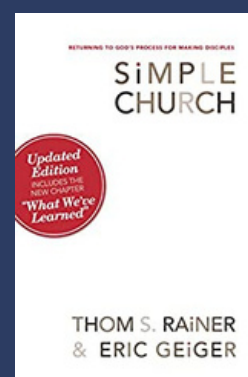
by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger

April 27: Hopeful Imagination

by Jayne Davis and Mike Queen

May 25: Growing Young

by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin



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February: Missions Month

February 3: 1st & 3rd Wednesday (7PM)

February 7: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Souper Bowl Sunday (2PM-3PM), Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

February 14: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

February 17: Ash Wednesday Worship (12:30PM/1:30PM/6:30PM)

February 21: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

February 23: Lenten Lunch (12:30PM)

February 28: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

March 2: Lenten Lunch (12:30PM)

March 3: 1st & 3rd Wednesday (7PM)

March 7: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

March 9: Lenten Lunch (12:30PM)

March 14: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

March 16: Lenten Lunch (12:30PM)

March 17: 1st & 3rd Wednesday (7PM)

March 21: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

March 23: Lenten Lunch (12:30 PM)

March 25: Simple Church book study (12:30PM/6:30PM)

March 28: Palm Sunday Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

April 1: Maundy Thursday Worship (6:30PM)

April 2: Good Friday Stations of the Cross (9AM - 6PM)

April 4: Easter Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School

April 7: Quarterly Business Meeting (6:30PM), 1st & 3rd Wednesday (7PM)

April 11: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

April 14: 1st Visioning Congregational Meeting (6PM)

April 18: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

April 21: 1st & 3rd Wednesday (7PM)

April 25: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

April 27: Hopeful Imagination book study (12:30PM/6:30PM)

May 2: Youth Sunday Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM) Sunday School, Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

May 5: 2nd Visioning Congregational Meeting (6PM)

May 9: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

May 16: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Children's Music (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

May 19: Visioning Community Forum (6PM)

May 23: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School, Mission Movers (4PM), Youth Group (6PM)

May 25: Growing Young book study (12:30PM/6:30PM)

May 30: Worship (8:30AM/11:15AM), Sunday School

June 2: 3rd Visioning Congregational Meeting (6PM)

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to sign up for in-person worship:
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