



# Spring Ministry Guide

March - May 2023



## Lenten Worship Series: Beginning February 22

**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.



## Holy Week Worship

### **Palm Sunday: April 2**

Join us in the sanctuary for worship as we wave our palm branches in anticipation of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

### **Maundy Thursday Worship: April 6, 6PM**

Join us in the sanctuary for worship as we partake in communion remembering Jesus' last supper.

### **Good Friday Worship and Lunch: April 7, Noon**

Join us in the fellowship hall for worship as we consider the paradox of this day being called "good." Following worship we will enjoy lunch together.

### **Easter Sunday: April 9**

**8:30AM:** We will gather for an informal time of worship at The Gathering Spot in front of the sanctuary. Bring your own lawn chair if you desire a place to sit.

**8:50AM:** Pastries and coffee will be available in The Gathering Spot. Also, during this time you are invited to flower the cross.

**9:15AM:** Sunday School

**10:30AM:** We will have a celebratory Easter worship service in the sanctuary.

## 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: Final Meeting is April 16

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: Final Meeting is April 30

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: 4th Mondays at 5:30PM

Join Pastor Jeff for a beverage and a conversation on how faith intersects life the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30PM Dust Off Brewing.

### Lunch with Leigh: 2nd Thursdays at Noon

Join Leigh on the 2nd Thursday of each month for lunch at Showmars and a conversation about faith. Check the *Weekly Update* each month for details about the topic.

## Intergenerational Supper Clubs!

March, April, May

Did you miss out on the first round of supper clubs? Are you loving supper clubs but want to get to know even more people? For more information and to sign up visit our website: [oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up](http://oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up). Please sign up by March 19.



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

## March

### **Pastor's Class: March 14, 6PM**

This class led by Pastor Jeff is for children who have expressed interest in making a faith decision or who have recently made a faith decision and have not been baptized.

### **Week of Service: March 19-25**

Join us for this great week of service. See insert for details.

### **Meeting for Parents of Children and Youth: March 26, 5PM**

Our Associate Minister Search Committee is asking to meet with parents of children and youth to discuss the qualities we are looking for in our new minister for children and youth.

## April

### **Sunday Serve: April 16, 11:30AM**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a quick service project.

### **Come See Me Picnic: April 18**

Bring your own lunch and join our staff under the big OBC tent at Glencarin Gardens.

### **Serving Dinner at LifeHouse Women's Shelter: April 17**

A simple way to support the ladies at LifeHouse Women's Shelter is by dropping off a homemade meal. The meal needs to serve 12 people.

### **Come See Me Picnic: April 20**

Bring your own lunch and join our staff under the big OBC tent at Glencarin Gardens.

### **Men's Breakfast: April 23, 8AM**

All men are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast followed by a special speaker (to be announced).

### **Merry Maker's Quilt of Valor Ceremony: April 25, 12:30PM**

Join the Merry Maker's in the gym as they honor some of our members who have served in the military.

### **Serving Dinner at Bethel Shelter: April 25**

Whether you provide part of the meal or help serve, this is a fun and easy way to remind some of our neighbors that they are loved.

### **Come Make a Joyful Noise: April 27, 2PM**

Join Suzanne Ringer for an afternoon of singing at Westminster Towers. This fun afternoon will include well-known hymns and a few Broadway and patriotic tunes.

## May

### **Sunday Serve: May 7, 11:30AM**

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a quick service project.

### **Serving Dinner at LifeHouse Shelter: May 15**

A simple way to support the ladies at LifeHouse Women's Shelter is by dropping off a homemade meal. The meal needs to serve 12 people.

### **Charlotte Bronze Concert: May 20, 5PM**

The Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble, which includes John Posey, will be performing in our sanctuary and the concert is free!

### **Serving Dinner at Bethel Shelter: May 24**

Whether you provide part of the meal or help serve, this is a fun and easy way to remind some of our neighbors that they are loved.

## Wednesday Evenings at OBC

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

For dinner reservations: [oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up](http://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.

**March 1:** Jordy and Becky McCoy will lead us in a conversation on stress and anxiety with our students. Jordy is a teacher and coach at York Comprehensive High School and Becky is a Counselor at Saluda Trail Middle School.

**March 8:** Jonathan Nazeer, founder of Victory Gardens International, will lead us in a conversation about their work to alleviate food insecurity by offering fresh produce to lower income individuals.



**March 15:** St. Patrick's Day is about more than green beer! Elena Ziegler, Director of Catholic Formation at St. Anne's, will lead us in a conversation about Catholic Iconography.

**March 22:** What's in a Name? Russ Dean, Pastor at Park Road Baptist Church, will lead us in a conversation about the name "Baptist."

**March 29:** Following our conversation with Russ Dean on March 22, we will continue the conversation about what it means to be Baptist. Does this name help or hinder or influence in the community?

**April 5:** NO Activities

**April 12:** Leigh Reynolds will lead us in a conversation about spiritual gifts. What are they? Why do they matter? How do we use them in service to God?

**April 19:** Rev. Essie Fielder will lead us in a discussion titled "Denominational Barriers Related to Race Relations." Rev Fielder is teacher, evangelist, minister, member of the NAACP, and Board Liaison for Grounds of Grace.

**April 26:** Judy Mobley and some of her clients will share stories of success and inspiration from the great opportunities provided through Carolina Immigrant Alliance.

**May 3:** Join us for a festive celebration of ESL! Hear testimonies from our students and teachers as we give thanks for the ways God has used this ministry to serve our community.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Save  
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Date

**June 11-15: Vacation Bible School**

**June 18-25: Youth Mission Trip**

**July 9: Anniversary Worship Service**

**July 9-14: Youth Passport Camp**

**July 16: Christmas in July to benefit the  
Ministry Center**

# week of service

with Oakland Baptist Church

## Sunday, March 19

Rock Your Socks at our Photobooth  
Family Promise Set-Up, 11:30AM  
Sunday Serve, 11:30AM  
Family Promise Meal Host, 6PM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM

## Monday, March 20

LifeHouse Women's Shelter Dinner, 6PM  
Family Promise Meal Host, 6PM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM

## Tuesday, March 21

Spreading Love to Our Homebound Friends, 10:30AM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM

## Wednesday, March 22

HOPE of Rock Hill, 8:15AM - 10:15AM  
ESL Table Talk, 5PM-5:45PM  
Family Promise Meal Host, 6PM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM

## Thursday, March 23

Oakland Day School Grab-and-Go Breakfast, 8AM  
Family Promise Meal Host, 6PM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM  
Baked with Love

## Friday, March 24

Food Truck at Bethel Shelter sponsored by our High Schoolers, 6PM  
Family Promise Meal Host, 6PM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM  
Baked with Love

## Saturday, March 25

Miracle League Cheerleaders, 9AM  
Family Promise Meal Host, 6PM  
Family Promise Overnight Host, 7PM-7AM

### **Rock Your Socks:**

Let's show our friends with Down Syndrome how much we love them by rocking our colorful, mismatched socks in recognition of Down Syndrome Awareness Day. On your way to Sunday School or worship, stop by the photobooth in the Fellowship Hall snap a quick picture.

### **Family Promise:**

**Set-up:** you and several other volunteers transform the rooms off of the Fellowship Hall into bedrooms by inflating air mattresses, putting sheets and blankets on the beds, and rearranging the Fellowship Hall into a living room.

**Dinner:** you provide a meal for the families (up to 15 people, but usually less).

**Overnight Host:** you spend the night on one of our comfy air mattresses.

**Clean-up:** you and other volunteers deflate the air mattresses, gather dirty sheets and towels, and reset the Fellowship Hall.

### **Sunday Serve:**

Sunday serve is new monthly opportunity for people of ALL ages to participate in a quick service project before we leave church. This month we will be preparing encouragement kits for the faculty and staff at our partner school, Sullivan Middle.

### **LifeHouse Women's Shelter:**

A simple way to support the ladies at LifeHouse Women's Shelter is by dropping off a homemade meal. The meal needs to serve 12 people and be dropped off at 314 N. Wilson Street at 6PM.

### **Spreading Love:**

We will meet in Room 206 (Office Hallway) to prepare cards and a Spring surprise that will be delivered to some of our Homebound friends.

### **HOPE of Rock Hill:**

Join our faithful HOPE volunteers (Kevin Davis, George Kelly, and Dennis Smith) for the morning. During these two hours you will be part of the team who delivers smiles and *hope* to people who would otherwise not have enough food to eat.

### **ESL Table Talk:**

Our friends from ESL will join us for dinner in the gym and you are invited to share in conversation with them. Conversation starters to help work through the language differences will be provided. Take advantage of this opportunity to get to know some of our neighbors, hear their stories, and share yours.

### **Oakland Day School:**

We are going to say "thank you" to our wonderful Day School teachers by providing a grab-and-go breakfast.

### **Dinner at Bethel Shelter:**

Our High School Youth are providing a Food Truck for the meal at Bethel Shelter. You are welcome to stop by and say hello.

### **Miracle League:**

Come cheer on our friends at the Miracle Park as they play ball beginning at 9AM. You will likely see a few faces that you know and love.

### **Baked with Love:**

As we cheer on our friends playing in the Miracle League games, we will give out brownies and cookies. Your baked good can be dropped off at the Church Office on Thursday or Friday.

**week of service**  
with Oakland Baptist Church

**We need EVERYONE to participate in our Week of Service!  
To sign-up go to [www.oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up](http://www.oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up)**



## March - May at a Glance

**March 1:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**March 2:** Lunch Bunch, 4:30PM at Pier 51 Seafood

**March 3-5:** Youth Choir Festival by the Sea

**March 5:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Mission Movers, 4PM

**March 7:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM

**March 8:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**March 9:** Lunch with Leigh, Noon at Showmars

**March 12:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; All Afternoon Activities except Children

**March 14:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM; Pastor's Class, 6PM

**March 15:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**March 19:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Rock Your Socks for World Down Syndrome Awareness Day; All Afternoon Activities

**March 19-25:** Week of Service

**March 22:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**March 26:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Meeting with Parents of Children and Youth, 5PM; All Afternoon Activities

**March 27:** Bible and Brew, 5:30PM at Dust Off Brewing

**March 28:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM; Merry Makers, 12:30PM

**March 29:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**April 2:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM

**April 6:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30AM at Mary's Cafe; Maundy Thursday Worship, 6PM

**April 7:** Good Friday Worship and Lunch, Noon

**April 9:** Outdoor Worship, 8:30AM; Coffee, Pastries, and Flowering the Cross, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM

**April 11:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM

**April 12:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**April 13:** Lunch with Leigh, Noon at Showmars

**April 16:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; Sunday Serve, 11:30AM; All Afternoon Activities

**April 17:** Serving Dinner at LifeHouse, 6PM

**April 18:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM; Lunch at Come-See-Me, 11:30AM

**April 19:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**April 20:** Lunch at Come-See-Me, 11:30AM

**April 23:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Children's Sunday Worship, 10:30AM; All Afternoon Activities

**April 24:** Bible and Brew, 5:30PM at Dust Off Brewing

**April 25:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM; Merry Makers, 12:30PM; Serving Dinner at Bethel Shelter

**April 26:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**April 30:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM; All Afternoon Activities except Children

**May 2:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8AM; Ladies Bible Study, 9AM & 6:15PM

**May 3:** Dinner and Programs, 5PM; ESL, 5PM

**May 4:** Lunch Bunch, 11:30AM at The Wagon Wheel

**May 7:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Youth Sunday Worship, 10:30AM; Sunday Serve, 11:30AM; Chancel Choir, 5:45PM; Oakland Ringers, 7PM

**May 14:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM

**May 15:** Serving Dinner at LifeHouse Shelter, 6PM

**May 20:** Charlotte Bronze Concert, 5PM

**May 21:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Baccalaureate Worship, 10:30AM Deacon Election

**May 22:** Bible and Brew, 5:30PM at Dust Off Brewing

**May 24:** Serving Dinner at Bethel Shelter

**May 28:** Coffee Bar, 8:50AM; Sunday School, 9:15AM; Worship, 10:30AM

# 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](mailto: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).

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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