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Your guide to the ministries of  
Oakland Baptist Church



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## *Stay Connected!*

- Check out the Weekly Update for current events.
- If you do not currently receive electronic communication from us, contact Missy Snipes, in the church office ([obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com)) so you can begin receiving our Weekly Update, Weekly 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.
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- Connect with us on Social Media. “Like” our page and our posts! The more you “like” our content, the more other people will see it!  
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Instagram: [obcrockhill](#)      Youth Instagram: [youthofobc](#)
- Connect with us on Breeze, our new church app. **If you need help downloading or logging in contact Leigh Reynolds ([lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com)) .**

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Monday - Thursday

8AM - 5PM

Friday

8AM - 3PM

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### **Website:**

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The Church Office will be closed for the following holidays:

New Years Day

Martin Luther King Day

Easter Monday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day and Friday

Christmas Day and the following two days

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Our ministry plan theme for this year is “Growing Intentionally.” Almost every Christian desires a growing faith, but most of us are lost on how to make such growth reality. It all starts with knowing the God Jesus knows, and seeking after God in the same way as Jesus. Our goals associated with this theme include the following.

### Worship

- Our worship will coincide with the Sunday School discipleship emphasis utilizing *The Good and Beautiful* book series by James Bryan Smith.
- We will provide a resource for families to discuss why each element of worship is important.
- We will continue being intentional with congregational participation in worship; including scripture reading, children’s time, testimonies, and leadership in special services.
- We will establish a new identity for the early worship service as we permanently move into the sanctuary space.
- We will participate in the 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving worship service.

### Discipleship

- We will emphasize a year-long discipleship focus through Sunday School classes and worship by studying *The Good and Beautiful* book series by James Bryan Smith.
- We will offer a teacher training session on best practices for leading *The Good and Beautiful* study on September 8th.
- We will plan a Spiritual Renewal Retreat for June 26-28, 2020 to coincide with the final book of *The Good and Beautiful God* series.
- We will offer small group topical studies that help foster a vibrant faith (Examples: Parenting, Marriage, Aging Well, Mental Health, Bible Survey Courses, Apologetics). These opportunities will occur in small windows with an intentional focus.
- We will transition from Kindermusik to *Growing in Grace*, a spiritually based music curriculum for children.
- We will work alongside the new Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Missions to establish a blueprint for faith development beginning with children and moving through adults.



## Fellowship

- Our fellowship events will have an intentional focus beyond simply gathering as a community:
- In lieu of a Fall Festival, we will hold an Advent workshop the afternoon of December 1st. This workshop will conclude with a Moravian Lovefeast worship service.
- In lieu of a Spring Festival, we will hold a Lenten workshop the afternoon of February 23rd. This workshop will conclude with a Shrove Pancake dinner and a Jazz band.
- In lieu of VBS Beach Bash, we will hold a Back to School Bash in August 2020.
- We will work with the 70th Anniversary Committee in creating opportunities to celebrate Oakland throughout the year.

## Outreach/Mission

- We will continue working toward a Next Steps process to assimilate visitors into the life of the church.
- We will offer training sessions for Greeters and Ushers on best practices for engaging with guests.
- We will continue working toward a renovation of the “Welcome Area” entering the gym doors to make it more attractive, especially to guests.
- We will complete the plan for “Telling Our Story”—what makes OBC unique?
- We will diversify the mediums we use in promoting OBC through social media.

## Administration

- We will centralize where printed information can be found throughout the church facility.
- We will add a secure “members” page to the website which includes information pertinent to members of Oakland Baptist Church.
- We will continuously promote the ways people can connect with OBC electronically; including a more intentional effort of encouraging people to receive the Weekly Update, special emails, usage of our new app, etc.
- Our staff liaisons will work alongside committees to incorporate their work with the overall ministry goals of the church.
- We will complete the hire of an Associate Minister for Spiritual Formation and Missions.

## 70th Anniversary of Oakland Baptist Church

Oakland Baptist Church will celebrate its 70th Anniversary on July 9, 2020! We have many exciting happenings in store. Below are a few ways we plan to celebrate leading up to the big day.

**Monthly Themes:** Each month we will have a celebration theme (ex. What are you thankful for at OBC? What do you love about OBC?)

**What does Oakland Mean to Me?:** What does OBC mean to you? We will have members of all ages and backgrounds tell their story of OBC.

**Reminiscing 1950:** We will include elements from the 1950's worship services into our worship services throughout the year.

**Commemorative Cookbook:** A collection of members' signature recipes will make up this special cookbook. We will celebrate with the *Taste of Oakland* kickoff with samplings of these delicious foods.

**Spiritual Renewal Weekend:** A weekend away to renew and refresh your spirit.

**OBC Devotional:** We will work with members to create a daily devotional written by the congregation.

**Worship Guide Art Contest:** All call for artists. Artists will compete to be featured on the Worship Guide. Entries will be voted on by the congregation.

**Music:** We will commission a commemorative anthem. There will also be a special concert series.

**Homecoming Sunday:** On July 12, 2020, we will celebrate Homecoming Sunday.



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Connect online: [oakland.breezechms.com](http://oakland.breezechms.com)

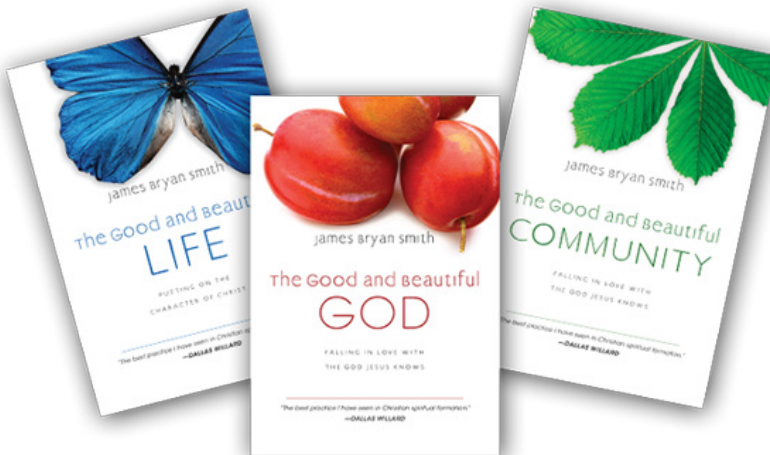
Contact Leigh ([lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:lreynolds@oaklandchurch.com)) if you are having trouble logging in or have questions about its many features.



## *The Good and Beautiful book series*

“God wants me to try harder.” “God blesses me when I’m good and punishes me when I’m bad.” “God is angry with me.” We all have ideas that we tell ourselves about God and how God works in our lives. Some are true--but many are false. James Bryan Smith believes those thoughts determine not only who we are, but how we live. In fact, Smith declares, the most important thing about a person is what they think about God. Beginning September 8th, we will embark on a church-wide journey of discipleship using Smith’s *The Good and Beautiful* book series.

Through this journey you are invited to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Once you’ve discovered the truth in Scripture, you will journey through a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind. This deep, loving and transformative journey will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by--to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaimed--and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.



Join us on this journey! If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, NOW is a great time to become involved. Judy Mobley, Sunday School Chair, or one of our ministers would love to help you discern which class is best for you!

Portions of this introduction were taken from the back cover of the book

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

### **8:45 @ OBC**

At 8:45AM we gather in the sanctuary for a more contemporary worship experience. Guitars accompany congregational singing. Often worship will include various multimedia elements, creative ways to pray and participation from members of our congregation. People of all ages attend this service, and there is childcare, although many families choose to keep their preschool children with them in worship.

### ***Traditional Worship***

At 11:00AM we gather for traditional worship in our beautiful sanctuary surrounded by sacred symbols of the faith. Children bring in the cross and light the candles. Worship includes hymns and songs accompanied by organ and piano, a choral anthem sung by one of Oakland's choirs and often handbells or other special music.

### ***ONE Worship***

Periodically the whole congregation joins together for ONE Worship. This worship experience varies in style and often includes elements like Deacon Ordination, Homecoming and special celebrations.

### ***Special Services***

- October 6: We will celebrate World Communion, a day when our congregation as well as congregations across the globe all experience Communion as one body of believers in many contexts.
- November 10: Following Worship, our Military Task Force will honor Veteran's during a special luncheon.
- November 24: We will join with other churches in Rock Hill for a service of Thanksgiving.
- December 1: Following our Advent Workshop we will have a Moravian Lovefeast worship experience.
- December 19: We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a service of remembrance.
- December 24: We will gather for worship and communion. This is a service that people look forward to every year. We conclude the service singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

## Advent & Christmas at OBC

Join us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child and then celebrate the birth the one who allows us to truly know and love God.

Throughout the season there will be opportunities for worship, service, fellowship and study.



### December 1: **First Sunday of Advent, A Reminder Of The Future**

December 1: Advent Workshop, 4PM-6PM

Advent wreaths, Christmas crafts and a Moravian Lovefeast. Something for everyone!

December 4: *The Nativity*, Part 1, 6:00PM

Youth and Adults will watch the first half of this great movie.

### December 8: **Second Sunday of Advent, A Better Way**

December 11: *The Nativity*, Part 2, 6:00PM

Youth and Adults will watch the second half and share in a discussion.

December 12: *A Very Merry Christmas* with Dave Barnes

More information on page 11

### December 15: **Third Sunday of Advent, Of Course God is Here**

December 15: ONE Worship Christmas Cantata, 10:30AM

*A Spiritual Christmas*, presented by the OBC Chancel Choir

December 15: Children's Christmas Pageant, 5:30PM

Get in the Christmas spirit as you watch our children reenact the story

December 18: Christmas Caroling, 6PM-7PM

More information on page 11

December 19: Service of Remembrance, 5:30PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a special time of worship

### December 22: **Fourth Sunday of Advent, Let Me Tell You**

December 24: Christmas Eve Communion and Candlelight, 5:30PM

More information on page 8

### December 29: **First Sunday of Christmas, The Best News**

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*

Every other month Pastor Jeff offers a class for those interested in making a faith decision for Christ or for 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 the following dates:  
September 26, November 21, January 30, March 26, May 21

Baptism Sundays are scheduled on the following dates:  
October 20, December 8, February 16, April 12, June 14

### *Coffee with the Pastor*

Each month Pastor Jeff sets aside time during the Sunday school hour to meet and greet visitors in order to answer questions and introduce folks to Oakland. On the fourth Sunday of every month, visitors are welcome to coffee, juice and conversation about how to be a part of Oakland, mission options, and opportunities for their family.

If you know of people who may be interested in learning more about OBC, please invite them to join Jeff in the Fellowship Hall for one of the following Coffee with the Pastor sessions: September 29, October 27, November 24, December 29.

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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.

### *Dinner with Paul Baxley:* September 29, 5:30PM

In conjunction with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina we will be hosting a regional meet and greet on the evening of September 29th with new CBF Executive Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley. This will be an opportunity to hear about his passions, learn about his vision for CBF and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from other CBF congregations. We will gather in the gym at 5:30PM for dinner followed by a conversation with Rev. Dr. Baxley. Dinner is \$6.50 / person. To sign up please call the church office.

### *Advent Workshop:* December 1, 4PM-6PM

Join us in the gym for a fun evening with your church family! We will make Advent wreaths. There will also be Christmas crafts for children. We will end our time together with worship and a Moravian Lovefeast.

### *A Very Merry Christmas with Dave Barnes:* December 12, 7:30PM

We have a limited number of tickets to this concert, which is part of Blumenthal's Christmas lineup. The concert begins at 7:30PM on December 12th. Tickets are \$30. We will take the bus and stop for dinner before enjoying this great concert together. If you would like to join us please contact Missy in the church office to reserve your spot.

### *Christmas Caroling:* December 18: 6PM

Following our Wednesday Night Meal we will visit nursing homes and homebound members to spread Christmas cheer, as we join our voices together singing those classic Christmas carols.

### *Basketball*

We offer basketball teams for children ages 5 - 18. Sign ups will begin in October. Practices and games begin in December or January.



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

### *Music for Children*

3 years old - 5th grade: beginning September 11

We are excited to present a new children's music curriculum, "Growing in Grace" for 2019 – 2020! This series, produced by Choristers Guild one of the leaders in children's choral music, is designed for three years old – 5th grade. The Music components are much the same as Kindermusik with a religious aspect of learning. There are lots of fun activities and the music is very well done!

Preschool Choir (3-5 year olds): Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:40PM

Young Singers (1st - 2nd graders): Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:40PM

Young Musicians (3rd-5th graders): Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:40PM

Children's Bells (4th-5th graders): Wednesdays, 6:40PM-7:00PM

### *Music for Youth*

6th - 12th grade: beginning September 8

Jubal Ringers: Sundays, 4:15PM - 5:00PM

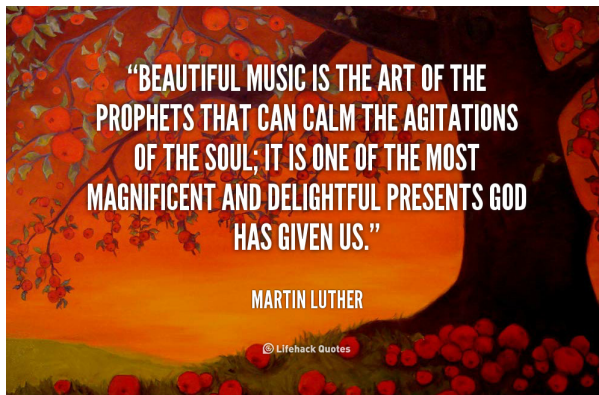
Youth Choir: Sundays, 5:00PM - 5:45PM

### *Music for Adults*

Chancel Choir: Sundays, 5:45PM - 7:00PM

Oakland Ringers: Sundays, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Crossroads Band, our 8:45@OBC musicians, under the direction of James Smart, practice on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. If you would like to sing or play with this group, contact Suzanne or James.



## Special music events!

Adult Handbell Festival  
First Presbyterian Church, October 11 - 12

Children's Christmas Pageant  
Sunday, Dec 15 at 5:30PM

ONE Worship Christmas Cantata  
Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10:30AM  
*A Spiritual Christmas* presented by the Chancel Choir

Adult Festival by the Sea  
Charleston, SC, January 24 - 26

Youth Festival by the Sea  
Myrtle Beach, SC, March 6 - 8

Children's Music Festival  
Camp Carraway; Sophia, NC, March 13 - 14

70th Anniversary Choir Reunion, July 11



All are invited to join our program as we work together to glorify God through music. If you have questions, please contact Suzanne Ringer, Associate Minister of Music at [sringer@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:sringer@oaklandchurch.com) or (803) 328-3864.

Oakland’s 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 might be, in Rock Hill and around the globe. We encourage everyone to become personally 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, toiletries and help with utilities for those who are 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 Caroline Krueger [ckrueger@comporium.net](mailto:ckrueger@comporium.net)



### *English as a Second Language*

ESL classes are offered at Oakland on Wednesday evenings from 5:30PM-7:15PM. 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](mailto:tasmith@comporium.net)) or Missy ([obcoffice@oakandchurch.com](mailto:obcoffice@oakandchurch.com)), in the Church Office.

### *Carolina Immigrant Alliance, Inc.*

Carolina Immigrant Alliance, Inc. is an immigrants’ right 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.



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## *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 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 Karen Neal. We will host Family Promise September 8-15, December 1-8, February 23-March 1, June 31-July 6, August 9-16.

## *Mission Months*

During October and February 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:*

Even though we have partnered with Janée Angel and Butch and Nell Green for many years, this summer we had the privilege of furthering that partnership through an Encourager Covenant, in conjunction with CBF SC. To learn more about Janée's ministry and ways you can pray for her, visit [seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com](http://seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com). To learn more about the Green's ministry and ways you can pray for them visit [cbfinternationals.org](http://cbfinternationals.org).

## *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.



## **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 and Pathways Community Center.

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 mission opportunities for children and 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 a card found in the back of each pew or by using the link in the Weekly Update.

**Menu for the Fall:**

September 4: Salsaritas Fiesta, Sopapilla Cheesecake

September 11: Baked Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert

September 18: Ham, Green Beans, Potato Salad, Salad Bar, Dessert

September 25: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas, Salad Bar, Dessert

October 2: Meatball Subs, Chips, Salad Bar, Dessert

October 9: Chicken with White Sauce, Rice & Gravy, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

October 16: Spaghetti, Salad Bar, Dessert

October 23: Chili Beans, Cornbread, Salad Bar, Dessert

October 30: Pulled Pork BBQ, Baked Beans, Mac and Cheese, Salad Bar, Dessert

**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 14 in the Missions Section.

*Wednesday Night Bible Study*

Join other adults in the Chapel from 6PM - 6:45PM for a time of prayer and study. Bible Study topics for the Fall are listed on page 17.

*Children and Youth Activities*

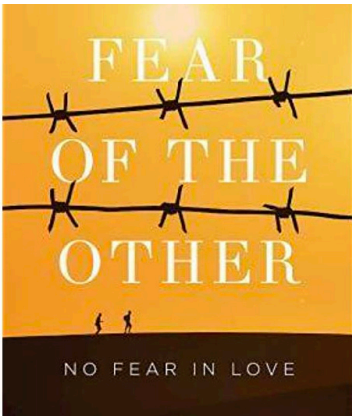
Wednesday evenings also include music for children and bible study for youth. Detailed information can be found on pages 12, 22 and 24.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 6:45PM

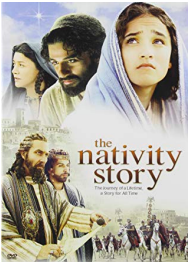
Wednesday Night Bible Study Focus

Using Will Willimon’s simple, no non-sense book *Fear of the Other*, we will consider the Gospel command to love (and not merely tolerate) those considered to be “other” or outside mainstream Christian culture. Emphasizing the biblical mandate to receive others in their particularity and difference as gifts and mysteries bearing the grace of God, Willimon also offers a strong critique of the privileged who all too often rush to language of reconciliation and evade the huge inequalities surrounding conversations and practices dealing with xenophobia and injustice. Willimon identifies concrete, everyday ways persons are formed in welcoming others without annihilating their differences.

- September 11: Saved by the Other, Part 1
- September 18: Saved by the Other, Part 2
- September 25: The Other, My Enemy, Part 1
- October 2: The Other, My Enemy, Part 2
- October 16: Learning to Fear Like Christians, Part 1
- October 23: Learning to Fear Like Christians, Part 2
- October 30: Loving the Other in Church: Part 1
- November 13: Loving the Other in Church, Part 2
- November 20: Jesus, the Other



October 9: Mental Health Discussion, 6PM-7:30PM  
 A conversation about signs of stress, anxiety, and depression in children, youth and adults led by Dr. Karen Neal, Associate Professor of Psychology at Queens University.



- November 6: 2020 Budget Presentation
- November 27: No activities (Thanksgiving)
- December 4: *The Nativity* movie, Part 1
- December 11: *The Nativity* movie, Part 2
- December 18: Churchwide Caroling
- December 25: No activities (Christmas)

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.

# W+BC Opportunities

## Faith, Fellowship & Fun for Women

***Monday Morning Bible Study:*** Mondays, 9:00AM-10:30AM in the Parlor

This group of women meets in the Parlor on Mondays (September - May) from 9AM-10:30AM. This is a great opportunity to start your week off with Bible Study and Fellowship! Bible Study is led by Leigh Reynolds.



***Sue Ness Mission Group:*** Second Mondays, 3:00PM in room 207

Join this group of women the second Monday of each month to learn more about faith in action. Their study varies, but is based on missions, using the quarterly CBF publication. For more information contact Jeanette Gregory.

***Missions Group:*** First Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in room 207

This group of women meets on the first Tuesday of each month to study scripture and the Mission Update. For more information contact Libby Gilbert or Judy Heustess.

***Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study:*** Tuesdays, 6:15PM-7:30PM in Room 206

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 Dinner:*** Thursday, September 19, 6PM-8PM

All ladies are invited to attend a fall dinner to celebrate and fellowship with each other. Sheila Caldwell, Executive Director of Heart to Heart Foundation, will be our guest speaker. Tickets will be available for \$10 in the church office through September 11. After September 11 they will be \$15. Join us for fellowship, information about women's activities, fun and door prizes.

***Women's Retreat:*** October 18-20

All adult women of OBC are invited to spend the weekend together in Hendersonville, NC, at Kanuga Conference Center. The weekend will include fellowship, rest, renewal, Bible study and worship, while surrounded by the beautiful NC mountains. Together we will seek to "Grow with God." The cost is \$175 and includes lodging and all meals. If you would like to attend, please let Leigh know ASAP!



***Men's Prayer Breakfast:*** Tuesdays, 7:30AM at Chandler Place

All men are invited to join other men from OBC at Chandler Place for breakfast, study and prayer each Tuesday morning.

***Merry Makers***

This group is primarily composed of older and retired adults who meet monthly for a yummy pot luck lunch and program. Programs range from guest speakers who focus on safety or health related issues to musical entertainers. The Merry Makers also periodically go on "field trips." Anyone is welcome to join the Merry Markers, regardless of age. Upcoming meetings are listed below:

September 24: Annual Cookout at Noon

October 22: Noon in the Fellowship Hall, Signs of Dementia and Alzheimers

November 12: Noon in the Fellowship Hall for BINGO

December 10: Noon in Fellowship Hall for Christmas Luncheon

***Wednesday Night Bible Study:*** 6PM-6:45PM

More details on page 17.

***Coping with grief and loss during the holidays:*** November 5 and 12, 5:30PM  
 Grief Sessions led by by Jim Ringer, LMSW and Rev. Suzanne Ringer

**Sunday School:** 9:45AM-10:45AM (9:30AM-10:15 on ONE worship days)

Our adult classes 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 4A: Room above the Gym**

30's & 40's. Teacher: Rotating

**Coed 4B: Room**

30's & 40's. Teachers: CC Williams & Ben Lucas

**Coed 3D: Fellowship Hall 131**

Mid 40's-60's. Teacher: Judy Mobley

**Coed 3A: Fellowship Hall 127**

60's and up. Teacher: Frank Snyder

**Coed 3B: Fellowship Hall 120**

mid-50's to mid-60's. Teacher: Jimmy Johnson

**Coed 3C: Fellowship Hall 123**

60's & 70's. Teacher: Gary Williams & John Robinette

**Caring Class (Women 2): Parlor**

Ladies 40 and above. Teacher: Joyce Wright

**Coed 2: Room 141**

50's -70's. Teacher: Barry Johnson & David Vipperman

**The Friendship Class (Women 1B): Room 207**

Ladies 65 and above. Teacher: Eddie Ramsey

**Grady Lane Class (Men 1): Fellowship Hall 128**

Men ages 65 and above. Teacher: Richard Sealy

**Coed 1: Room 206**

Mid 60's and above. Teacher: Mack Jones & Tom Luke

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JESUS CHRIST.  
TO HIM BE THE GLORY,  
BOTH NOW AND TO  
THE DAY OF ETERNITY.  
AMEN.

2 PETER 3:18



## OAKLAND DAY SCHOOL

*rooted in love*

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 ages 1 to 4. Our mission is to ensure that each child who walks through our doors personally experiences the lavish 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.

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
- Purchase an Attractions Coupon Book from us in September
- Advertise your business in our newsletter and on our website
- Place a MOBILE ORDER from Chick-fila Cherry Road on Thursday, Sept 19th
- Enjoy some McAlister's on Herlong from 4 - 8 PM on Tuesday, November 12th
- Join us at Salsarita's on Herlong on Tuesday, December 10th from 4 - 8 PM
- Follow our adventures on Instagram + Facebook



Visit us online at [www.oaklanddayschool.com](http://www.oaklanddayschool.com) or email Megan Paat at [mpaat@oaklandchurch.com](mailto:mpaat@oaklandchurch.com) for more info!

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!

### ***Sunday School: 9:45am-10:45am***

We have Sunday School classes for children of all ages. This year our classes will be using the Deep Blue Curriculum to study about God's Family. Children's Classes meet in the following rooms: Infants: Room 103, One Year Olds: Room 105, Two Year Olds: Room 106, Three & Four Year Olds: Room 101, Five Year Olds & First Graders: Room 205, Second & Third Graders: Room 204, Fourth & Fifth Graders: Room B3.

### ***Mission Movers: Sundays, 5pm - 6pm***

Children (Kindergarten -5th Grade) are invited to a special time of discipleship on Sunday evenings, twice a month, featuring hands-on missions activities and Bible study based on our church-wide *The Good and Beautiful* book series which will include an emphasis on missions. The discipleship time will help our children learn what Jesus did and how to follow his example. The mission time will allow our children to put what they've learned into practice.

This Fall we will meet from 5PM-6PM  
on the following Sundays:  
September 8 & 22; October 6 & 13; November 3 & 17



### ***Preschool and Children's Music: Wednesdays***

On Wednesday nights, beginning September 11, we will begin a new music program for our 3 year olds -5th graders called *Growing in Grace- All Creation Sings*. This special time of music will feature lessons and music with a focus on God's great creation. Children will have opportunities to learn about our beautiful world through singing, playing instruments, activities and scripture lessons. Following choir, 3rd- 5th graders will meet on Wednesday evenings for a special time playing Handbells and chimes. Details about age groups, times and locations can be found on page 10.



## *Fall Fiesta Siesta: September 20*

Children in 2nd-5th grade are invited to a lock-in. We will have a fun time learning about missions in South America with special guests, food and activities. It will be an evening of fun and learning that will lead to an eventual siesta. The lock-in will begin at 6PM and end at 9AM.

## *Children's Christmas Pageant: December 15, 5:30pm*

All children are invited to participate in our annual Christmas pageant!

## *Christmas Caroling: December 18, 6pm*

Children are invited to gather for an evening of Christmas caroling.

## *Children's Sunday: February 23, 10:30am*

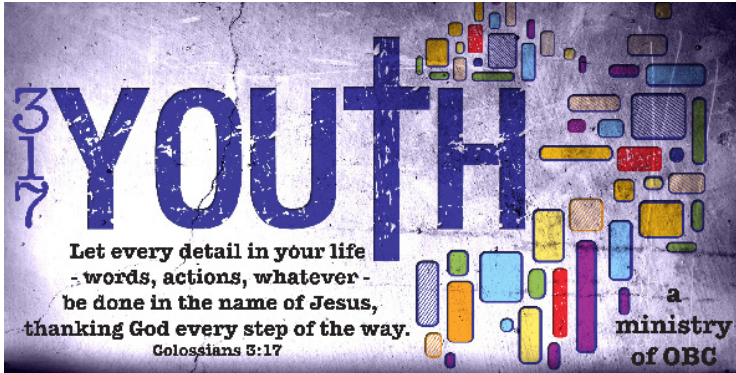
We will have ONE worship led by our children. We will also recognize our Day School students and teachers during this service.



## *Save the Date:*

- Vacation Bible School: June 15-19  
Stay tuned for this year's theme!!
- Passport Kids Camp: July 6-9  
This camp is located in Montreat, NC and is for children who have completed 3rd-5th grades.
- Camp McCall for Boys: July 13-17,  
This camp is located in Sunset, SC and is for children who have completed 4th-12th grades. Younger children may attend the father/son camp. Check their website for dates.

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. Weekly youth activities (except music) begin in the basement.



### *Wednesdays at OBC*

#### *Dinner:* 5PM-6PM

Dinner is served in the gym. The cost is \$6.50. Please sign up each week by Monday at Noon if you plan to eat.

#### *Program:* 6PM-6:45PM

On Wednesday's during the school year, we will meet from 6PM-6:45PM. Some weeks we will share in a time of Bible Study, some weeks we will watch a movie, some weeks we will participate in a service project. This is a great way to reconnect with your church family and refuel from the busyness of school.



#### *Other Opportunities*

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

## 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. This year, along with adult classes, we will be studying *The Good and Beautiful* book series. Through scripture, conversations, and prayer we will learn about the God that Jesus knows.

### **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 the Creative and Traditional Worship services and participates in Festival by the Sea each Spring. Led by Suzanne Ringer.

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

Each Sunday, all youth will gather in the Youth Room for games and a variety of activities that will help us deepen our understanding of the God that Jesus knows.

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@oaklandchurch.com).

### **Save the Date**

- High School Retreat: January 3-5  
A weekend of fun, fellowship, and Bible study in Asheville, NC
- Youth Sunday: April 26  
Our youth will plan, prepare and lead this special service (8:45 and 11:00)
- Baccalaureate: May 31  
We will honor our high school graduates in worship, followed by a special luncheon for them and their families
- Summer Mission Trip: July 12-17  
We will spend a week in Asheville, NC immersing ourselves in a variety of mission projects, reflection, relationship building, worship and more!

## *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 2020**

Jason Freeman, Chris Griffin, Carlton Heustess, Chris Howle, Mack Jones, Faye Lucas, Judy Mobley, Heath Sessions, Gary Williams, Susan York

### **Class of 2021**

Carl Compton, Kevin Davis, Lori Hoffman, Scott Hudson, Ben Lucas, Stan Marion, Marty Mobley, Robby Neal, Phillip Reynolds, David Williams

### **Class of 2022**

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

**Chair:** Susan York, **Vice Chair:** Erica Smith, **Secretary:** Ben Lucas

## *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: Megan Paat
- **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
- **Preschool Ministry** – Staff Liaison: Kim Shaw
- **Property Development** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Recreation** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Social** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds and Allison Timmons
- **Sound Booth** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Teller** – Staff Liaison: Martina Russell
- **Transportation** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Worship Greeters** – Staff Liaison: Suzanne Ringer



## Calendar of Events

September 4: Fall Kick-off Fiesta  
September 8: Communion, Choir & Bells Resume  
September 11: Wednesday Programs Resume  
September 19: WOBC Dinner  
September 20-21: Children's Lock-In  
September 24: Merry Makers Picnic  
September 26: Pastor's Class  
September 29: Dinner with Paul Baxley  
October: Missions Month  
October 2: Quarterly Business Update  
October 6: World Communion  
October 11-12: Adult Handbell Festival  
October 18-20: Women's Retreat  
October 20: Baptism  
October 22: Merry Makers  
October 27: Reformation Sunday  
November 3: All Saints Sunday  
November 5: Grief care  
November 10: Committee & Budget Election, Veteran's Lunch  
November 12: Grief care  
November 21: Pastor's Class  
November 24: Communion, Community Thanksgiving Service  
November 28: Office Closed  
November 29: Office Closed  
December 1: Advent Begins, Advent Workshop  
December 4: Faith & Film; The Nativity, Part 1  
December 8: Baptism  
December 11: Faith & Film; The Nativity, Part 2  
December 15: ONE Worship; Christmas Cantata, Children's Pageant  
December 18: Caroling  
December 19: Service of Remembrance  
December 24: Christmas Eve Communion  
December 25: Office Closed  
December 26: Office Closed  
December 27: Office Closed  
January 1: Office Closed  
January 3-5: High School Retreat  
January 8: Committee Night  
January 12: ONE Worship; State of the Church, Communion, Annual Business Meeting

**If you have an announcement for the weekly Update, please send it to the church office by Monday at Noon.**

**If you are having a meeting, please contact Missy, in the church office, at least a week prior so a room can be reserved, heat/air turned on, and doors unlocked.**

January 20: Office Closed  
 January 24-26: Adult Festival by the Sea  
 January 30: Pastor's Class  
 February : Missions Month  
 February 2: Souper Bowl Sunday  
 February 9: Communion  
 February 16: Baptism  
 February 23: Children's Sunday, Lenten Workshop, Pancakes & Jazz  
 February 26: Ash Wednesday  
 March 3: Lenten Lunch  
 February 4-March 23: Peace After Divorce (Tuesdays)  
 March 6-8: Festival by the Sea  
 March 10: Lenten Lunch  
 March 13-14: Children's Music Festival  
 March 15: Communion  
 March 17: Lenten Lunch  
 March 24: Lenten Lunch  
 March 26: Pastor's Class  
 March 31: Lenten Lunch  
 April 1: Quarterly Business Update  
 April 5: Palm Sunday  
 April 8: No Wednesday Night Meal or Programs  
 April 9: Maundy Thursday, Communion  
 April 10: Good Friday  
 April 12: Easter, Baptism  
 April 13: Office Closed  
 April 26: Youth Sunday  
 May 6: Last Wednesday  
 May 17: Communion, Deacon Election  
 May 21: Pastor's Class  
 May 25: Office Closed  
 May 31: Pentecost, Baccalaureate  
 June 14: Baptism  
 June 15-19: VBS  
 June 21: Communion  
 July 6: Office Closed  
 July 6-9: Passport Kids Camp  
 July 11: Choir Reunion  
 July 12: ONE Worship, 70th Anniversary  
 July 12-17: Youth Mission Trip  
 July 13-17: Camp McCall for Boys  
 July 15: Quarterly Business Update



**Wednesday Night Activities will not take place on the following evenings:**

**November 27 (Thanksgiving)**  
**December 25 (Christmas)**  
**January 1 (New Year's)**  
**January 8 (Committee Night)**  
**February 26 (Ash Wednesday)**  
**April 8 (Spring Break)**

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