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May - August

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INTENTIONALLY

*{adv.} performed with awareness;
done deliberately, consciously, or on purpose*

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, text OBC to 345345 or contact Missy Snipes (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com) so you can begin getting our Weekly Update and Weekly Prayer Guide.
- Please keep your contact information up to date. If you move, get a new number or new email address, let us know.
- If you are traveling, take us with you! Join us online for our 11AM worship service at youtube.com/obcrockhill.
- 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](https://instagram.com/obcrockhill) Youth Instagram: [youthofobc](https://instagram.com/youthofobc)
- Check out our newly designed website. Check back often as more features will continue to be added.

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The Church Office will be closed for the following holidays:

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Martin Luther King Day

Easter Monday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day and Friday

Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and the following day

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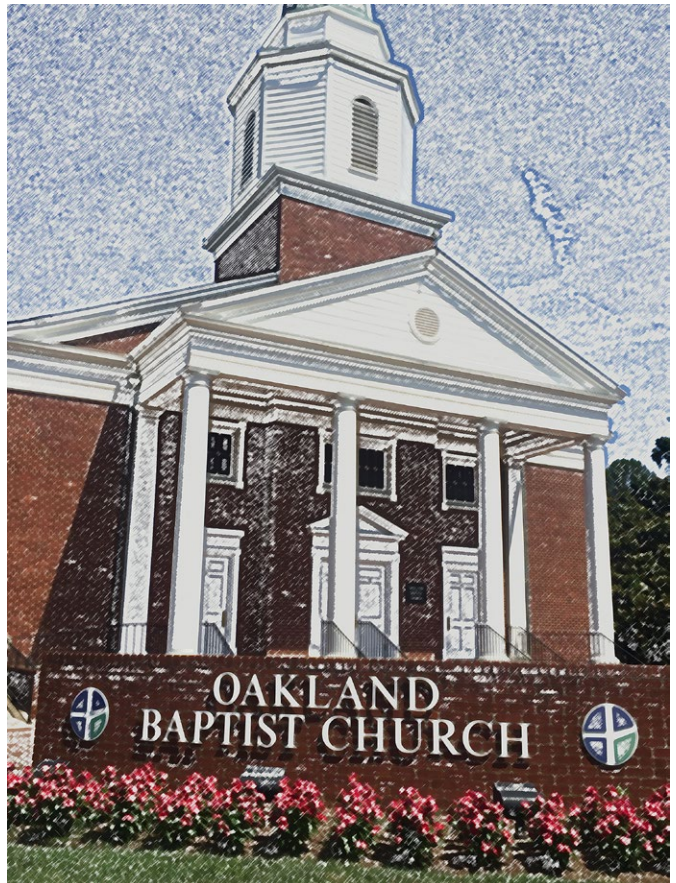
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Church Hostess

Roberto Paz

Building Supervisor



This year our staff has created a Ministry Plan to guide our work. Our theme is “Living Intentionally.” This theme developed out of conversations about why we do certain things as a church. Our *intention* is to weave this theme into much of what we will be doing in the main areas of church life. This plan will carry us through August 2019. Visit the Ministry Plan tab on the website for updates on our progress.

Worship

- Provide a resource for families to discuss why each element of worship is important.
- Create a more user-friendly worship guide to emphasize the important elements of worship; including our use of the liturgical seasons.
- Offer a stronger focus on certain days in the liturgical year (i.e. Reformation, Epiphany, Pentecost), explaining why these days are spiritually significant.
- Offer themes and topical sermons throughout the year to help people intentionally live out their faith.
- Find intentional ways to be more creative in the early worship service.
- Utilize a larger variety of age groups in worship.
- Be intentional about celebrating God’s work through our people and ministries, linking these celebrations to opportunities for further service.

Discipleship

- Increase the number of opportunities for Pastor’s Class and Baptism from once a quarter to bi-monthly.
- Offer teaching sessions on our beliefs as Christ-followers and what it means to have a vibrant, growing faith.
- Once a month, in different settings, use testimonies to share how people are growing in their faith.
- Build on our women’s ministries through the formation of Women of Oakland Baptist Church (WOBC).
- Increase the opportunities for men’s discipleship (retreats, Bible study, etc).
- Host a Parent/Child retreat for increased spiritual growth as families. Use this a catalyst for creating a greater emphasis on Family Ministry.
- Establish a blueprint for faith development beginning with children and moving through adults. What are the essentials we want people to know? What is the course for getting them there?
- By next August, propose the plan for a church-wide discipleship effort beginning Fall 2019.

Fellowship

- Plan a church-wide fellowship activity once a quarter.
- Use tools that will help people engage with one another, paying special attention to connecting worshipers from both services with each other.
- Promote more intergenerational opportunities.
- Participate with community churches in a Thanksgiving worship service.
- Host a Summer Beach Blast event at the end of Vacation Bible School. Use this event to connect with our neighbors—particularly those attending VBS.

Outreach/Missions

- Enrich each guest’s experience of Oakland by improving the ways we connect and follow-up. Offer more information, hospitality, and concise instructions on getting involved with OBC.
- Establish “Coffee with the Pastor” opportunities once a month to connect with visitors.
- Renovate the “Welcome Area” entering the gym doors to make it more attractive, especially to guests.
- Create a plan for “Telling Our Story”—what makes OBC unique?
- Continue to make our facilities more available for community use. This will also include establishing a new Facility Use Policy.
- One Sunday each month we will emphasize a local ministry partner, as well as information on how to join their ministry. We will also implement quarterly hands-on mission projects.
- Offer opportunities to discuss the state of the North American church and the global church, as well as our intention for reversing the current trends. It is important we understand where the larger church is and how she relates to OBC. Include in this conversation the changing needs of our community and implement ways to meet those needs.
- Embrace our Day School by finding better ways to connect with parents.

Administration

- Make communication a priority!
- Per our Constitution, reinstate the annual church business meeting. The meeting for the upcoming year will take place on January 13 at 5:00PM.
- Hold quarterly church business updates (these are not business meetings), with transparency being a key operative. These will take place between 5:30-6:00PM on Wednesdays minus first quarter: October 3, April 3, July 10.
- Move toward a primarily digital communication system.
- Increase our social media presence.
- Redesign the website to be more user-friendly for visitors and maintain its content on a weekly basis. The website will now be maintained in-house.
- Update the church app/directory with current pictures and member information.
- Explore the possibility of a Minister for Education and Missions.

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.

Creative Worship

At 8:45AM in the Family Life Center, we gather in this less formal space for a more creative worship experience. Guitars accompany congregational singing. 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

Youth Sunday: May 5

Our youth will lead us in a special worship service they have planned and prepared.

Baccalaureate: June 2

During our 11AM worship service we recognize our high school graduates and celebrate the ways God is working in and through each of them.

Homecoming: July 7

Join us at 10:30AM for ONE Worship as we celebrate the 69th Anniversary of Oakland Baptist Church being the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life. This service will be followed by a covered dish luncheon.

Night of Worship: August 11

We will gather in the Sanctuary at 6PM for an evening of song and scripture, followed by our annual ice cream social.

April 28 - June 9

During worship we will focus on the unexpected acts of God contained in the book of Acts. Together we will learn from the unlikely, ironic and surprising stories in the book of Acts.



unexpected
surprises

June 16 - July 7

During these summer Sundays, we will celebrate Trinity Sunday, consider our call to be good stewards, and celebrate the 69th Anniversary of Oakland Baptist Church.

July 14 - August 4

There are stories in the Bible that if there were a greatest hits edition, would be included. And then there are lesser studied texts that are still full of wisdom. During worship, we will explore some of these lesser known, hidden gems.

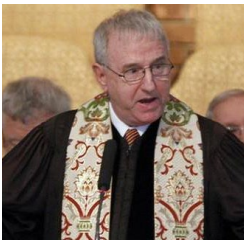
**August 11 - September 1**

Hebrews 11 introduces us to heroes of faith, but also to “pillars” we can follow as we strive to live with such utter trust in God. In Hebrews and in Jesus’ teachings in Luke, we will learn how faith empowers us to see the unseen, boldly seek God in the face of opposition, and trust God to accomplish things we can only imagine.





Join us for our summer learning series, as we grow in faith through worship, study, service and fellowship.



Worship with Marion Aldridge : May 26

Dr. Marion Aldridge is an author and former Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina. He claims wildly eclectic interests, saying “he is at home whether watching a minor league baseball game, having High Tea at Harrods, rafting on the Chattooga, or worshipping at our planet’s holiest shrines.

Faith & Film: June 9, 6PM - 8:30PM

Youth and Adults are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a movie followed by discussion. We will be watching *Cargo: Innocence Lost*, which will bear witness to human trafficking. Snacks will be served. You are welcome to bring dinner with you.

Spirituality of Aging: June 10-13, 9AM - 11:30AM

You are invited to join our friends at The Oratory for a conversation on how we move from who we have been to who we are becoming in our elder years. These sessions will explore where we are in the aging process and how we can recognize the invitations God is extending to us at this time of our lives. This will be led by Sister Susan Schorsten and Sister Gay Rowzie.

Bible Study: June 12, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Dr. Jim McConnell, Assistant Professor of New Testament Interpretation at Gardner Webb Divinity School, will lead us in Bible study and discussion, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and join us for fellowship from 5:30PM-6PM. At 6PM we will begin Bible study.



Habitat for Humanity: June 15

Check out page 15 for more information.

Hurricane Recovery Mission Trip: June 16-21

Check out page 15 for more information.

Vacation Bible School: June 24-28

Check out page 23 for more information.

Selfies, Snaps and WhatsApp: June 25, 6:30PM

Parents of youth (or soon to be youth) are invited to a conversation about the social media world in which their children live. Come with your questions, your concerns and your ideas. Snacks will be served.

Beach Bash: June 29, 4PM - 7PM

Check out page 17 for more information.

Religious Liberty Sunday: June 30



Jennifer Hawks from Baptist Joint Committee will be speaking in both services on the connection between church and religious liberty. She will also be speaking during Sunday School for any who are interested.

Jennifer is the associate general counsel at the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. She provides legal analysis on church-state issues that arise before Congress, the courts and administrative agencies.

Homecoming: July 7

Join us for a special ONE Worship service on July 7, as we celebrate the anniversary of Oakland Baptist Church. Rev. Dr. Ginger Barfield, the Executive Director of the Academy of Faith and Leadership and Professor of Theology at Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, will be our guest preacher. A meal will follow worship.



HOME COMING

Divorce Care: Tuesday, July 9 - August 13

Divorce Care is a friendly and caring group of people who walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Each session will spend time discussing a video featuring top experts on divorce and recovery subjects. Participants will then have a chance to talk about what is going on in their lives with prayer and support from each other. Our prayer is that you will learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future.

Faith & Film: July 14, 6PM - 8:30PM

We will be watching Emmy Award winning, *Armor of Light*, which will bear witness to gun violence. Youth and Adults are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a movie followed by discussion. Snacks will be served. You are welcome to bring dinner with you.

Bible Study: July 17, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Rev. Dr. Jeff Hayes will lead us in Bible study and discussion, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and join us for fellowship from 5:30PM-6PM. At 6PM we will begin Bible study.

God of Wonders Music & Arts Camp: July 22 - 25

Check out page 23 for more information.

Take me out the ballpark: July 26, 7:05PM

Join your church family for a night of baseball and cracker jacks as we cheer on the Charlotte Knights. The first pitch is scheduled for 7:05PM.

Youth Mission Trip: July 28 - August 2

Check out page 25 for more information.

Caregiver Seminar: August 3, 9AM - 2PM

This seminar is designed to help those who are caring for loved ones or have loved ones in need of assistance and care. This seminar is to encourage the caregiver with support and suggestions for self-care.

Topics will include: Dealing with caregiver stress and burn-out, dealing with family members, respite, questions about Medicare/ Medicaid, advance directives, power of attorney, 5 Wishes, placement verses at-home care, end-of life decisions, DNR, Hospice, how faith and spirituality play a role in caregiving.



An evening with Janée Angel: August 7

Come hear from CBF Field Personnel Janée Angel, who lives and serves in Antwerp, Belgium. She works primarily with the Arabic speaking community. Janée helped establish the first evangelical Arabic church outside of Brussels.

Night of Worship and Ice Cream Social: August 11

Check out pages 6 and 17 for more information.

Bible Study: August 14, 5:30PM - 7:30PM

Dr. Peter Judge, Department Chair of Philosophy and Religious Studies and Professor of Religious Studies at Winthrop University, will lead us in Bible study and discussion, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own dinner and join us for fellowship from 5:30PM-6PM. At 6PM we will begin Bible study.

Cyber Safety for Seniors: August 16, Noon - 1:30PM

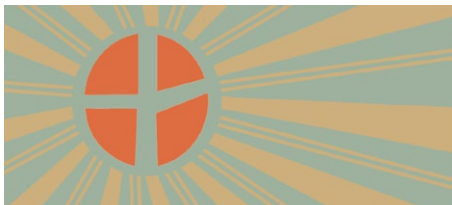
Join us for a conversation, in the Fellowship Hall, about ways to use the internet and enjoy all that social media has to offer while protecting your identity and sensitive personal information. Lunch will be served.

Marriage Enrichment Day: August 17

Save the date for a day of fellowship and marriage enrichment with other couples. More details to come.

Worship with Butch and Nell Green: September 1

Revs Butch and Nell Green are CBF Field Personnel who serve in and around Houston, Texas, ministering to the Muslim community and engaging congregations in outreach with their Muslim neighbors, as well as combating human trafficking. They will update us on their work with refugees and human trafficking victims as they lead us in worship.



SUMMER

learning series

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:

May 23, July 25, September 26

Baptism Sundays are scheduled on the following dates:

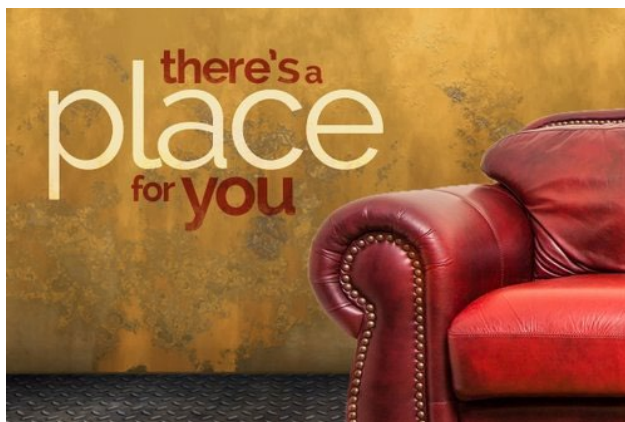
June 16, August 18, October 20

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:

May 26, June 23,
July 28, August 25,
September 22, October 27



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.

Much of our music ministry will take a well deserved break for the summer, however, starting in September there will be opportunities for people of all ages to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Below is a snapshot of our music offerings.

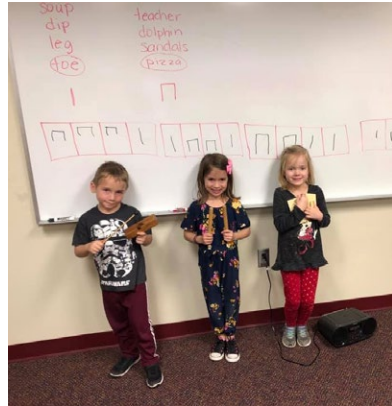
Music for Preschoolers

KINDERMUSIK: Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:35PM

Our Time (18 months - 2 years)

Imagine That! (3 and 4 year olds)

Young Child I (5 year olds)



Music for Elementary

Singing Choirs: Wednesdays, 6:00PM - 6:35PM

The Singers (1st - 2nd grade)

Young Musicians (3rd, 4th and 5th grade)

Beginning Handbell Choir: Wednesdays, 4:45PM - 5:30PM

(4th - 5th grade)

Music for 6th - 12th grade Youth

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, 7:15PM - 8:15PM

Early Service Musicians: Wednesday, 6:30PM - 7:30PM



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 or call (803) 328-3864.

Oakland's mission statement invites us to be the presence of Christ at the crossroad 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, the Ministry Center provides clothing, household items, toiletries and help with utilities for those who are in crisis situations. For more information about serving at the Ministry Center contact Caroline Krueger 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 Patti Robinette at probinette1861@gmail.com. ESL does not meet during the summer months.

Carolina Immigrant Alliance

Blake Hart and volunteers work several times a week to join together Rock Hill's immigrant community and partner groups to help immigrants here. We provide immigration legal aid, public policy advocacy, community and individual education and, relationship building. There are lots of volunteer opportunities, which include translating documents, answering the phone (particularly if you speak Spanish) and being available as needs arise to provide transportation. For more information about serving with Carolina Immigrant Alliance contact Blake Hart at 803-386-9442.

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 (karenneal@bellsouth.net). We will host Family Promise December June 16-23, September 8-15, December 1-8.

Pathways Community Center

Pathways is a new organization that whose mission is to create in one location, a single point of entry that serves as a “pathway” to a continuum of care that will provide stability, supportive services and shelter, to renew broken lives. Check out their website to learn more (pathwaysyc.org)

Habitat for Humanity: June 15

We will spend the day helping get a house a little closer to being called home by a family in Rock Hill. Regardless of skill level, if you are 16 or above, we hope you will join us for this day of service!

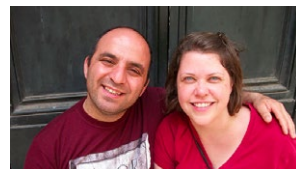
Hurricane Recovery Mission Trip: June 16 - 21

Youth (14 and above) and adults are invited to join us for a week in the eastern part of the state, helping a family as they rebuild following the devastation of Hurricane Florence. The exact location will be determined closer to the trip.

We will be working with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR has been on the scene since the waters receded. They have full time staff who will be on site with us each day and guide the work we do. UMCOR provides tools and work materials.

CBF Field Personnel with whom Oakland Partners:

Janée Angel lives and serves in Antwerp, Belgium, working particularly among the Arabic speaking community. To learn more about Janée’s ministry and ways you can pray for her, visit seasonedwithspice.wordpress.com.



Butch and Nell Green serve in and around Houston, Texas, ministering to the Muslim community and engaging congregations in outreach with their Muslim neighbors, as well as combating human trafficking. To keep up with the Greens’ ministry and ways you can pray for them visit cbfinternationals.org.

We also partner with other area mission agencies such as:

Habitat for Humanity, Project HOPE, Children’s Attention Home and Connie Maxwell Home for Children

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!

Wednesday activities do not take place during the summer. They will begin again in September.

During the school year, Wednesday evenings find our building full of wonderful activities and opportunities. We begin with a meal before engaging in everything from Children's music, to our English as a Second Language ministry to Bible Study for all ages. Our final Wednesday night will take place on May 8 at which time we will recognize the good work that has taken place from our Mission Friends and Mission Movers. We will also say *Thank You* to all of our wonderful and faithful volunteers.



Wednesday meals and activities will begin again in September.

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.

Pizza & Ice Cream Party: May 8, 5PM - 7PM

We will have an evening of fun and fellowship! Our young friends will share some of the things they have learned about missions, as well as details about the service projects in which they have participated. We will also recognize our MANY volunteers who make all the great things at OBC possible.

We will enjoy a dinner of pizza and salad from 5PM-6PM. At 6PM we will begin our brief program and recognition, which will be followed by ice cream sundaes! If you have a child in Mission Friends or Mission Movers, we need you to be here! If you are a volunteer, in any capacity, we need you to be here! If you like to eat pizza and ice cream, we need you here!

Beach Bash: June 29, 4PM-7PM

We had so much fun last year, the Beach Bash is coming back! Invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers. We will gather in the backyard for games, music, food and fellowship.



Ice Cream Social: August 11

Following our special Night of Worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for homemade ice cream. As is the tradition, our Deacons will make and serve the ice cream.

Other Fellowship Opportunities throughout the year include: Youth Basketball Teams, a Fall Festival, Church outings at local sporting events, pot luck meals and more!

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

During the school year, we have a variety of opportunities for women to gather for study, fellowship and support. We have groups that meet weekly, as well as some who meet monthly. Below is a list of our women's groups:

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

Sue Ness Mission Group: Second Mondays, 3:00PM in the Parlor

Mission Group: First Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in Room 207

Tuesday Night Ladies Bible Study: Tuesdays, 6:15PM - 7:30PM in Room 207

Moms' Fellowship: Wednesdays, 10:30AM - Noon in the Parlor

2019 Women's Retreat:
October 18-20. SAVE THE DATE!!!

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. The cost is \$175 and includes lodging and all meals. Save the date. More information about signing up will be available in the Spring.



Men's Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, 7:30AM at Chandler Place
 During the school year, men from OBC gather at Chandler Place for breakfast, study and prayer each Tuesday morning.



Pastor's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 6:45PM
 During the school year, Pastor Jeff leads a Bible Study in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings. During the summer, rather than Wednesday Bible Study we will be offering a variety of classes, workshops and studies. See pages 8-11 for more information.

Merry Makers

This group is primarily composed of older and retired adults who meet monthly for a yummy pot luck lunch and program. During the summer they meet for meals and other fun outings.



Sunday School

Young Adult Class: Basement B5

This summer we will have a class for our college-age students. Whether you permanently live in the area, are home for the summer or have just graduated and are beginning a career, we hope you will join us as often as you can. Teacher: Leigh Reynolds

Williams/Lucas Class: Fellowship Hall 129

This class is made up of people, primarily, in their 30's and 40's. Some are single, some are married, some have children, some do not. If you aren't involved in a class, we've got a seat for you. Teacher: CC Williams and Ben Lucas

Wacaster Class: Room above the Gym

An active class of 30's and 40's with children ranging from newborn to late teen who gather to share life, love, support, learning, and serving together. We follow the Formations Study Guide and focus on the study of God's word and application of it to our lives. Teacher: Brian Wacaster

Mobley Class: Fellowship Hall 131

This class is aimed at the 45-60 age range. We use the Smyth & Helwys curriculum to study the Bible and apply those lessons to our individual lives and the corporate life of our church. We enjoy developing relationships and supporting each other through the challenges and joys of this stage of life. Individuals and couples are always welcome to join us! Teacher: Judy Mobley

Snyder Class: Fellowship Hall 127

This class generally consists of single and married adults between the ages of late 50's to mid 70's, many of whom are grandparents, empty nesters, widows/widowers, etc. The setting is a circular style, not classroom or lecture seating, designed to encourage comfortable but important conversation about topics and scripture to help us navigate the task of "living in this world, but not being of this world." We use Formations material as our basis of topics and scripture. Nothing, however, keeps us from reaching out to one another during class in Christian love when a classmate is experiencing any of life's struggles. Teacher: Frank Snyder

J. Johnson Class: Fellowship Hall 120

This class is made up of middle aged adults, singles and couples from the mid-50's to mid-60's (some of us do spend time talking about grandkids, but it is not a requirement!). We offer a casual, relaxed conversational and opened-ended class atmosphere in which everyone's opinion is welcomed and all are valued. We use Formations literature as a basis for teaching and discussions. We care about each other and our community and welcome new folks, young or old, to join us as we seek a closer walk with our Lord. Teacher: Jimmy Johnson

Robinette & Williams Class: Fellowship Hall 123

We are late career and early retirement couples and singles who bring mature and varied experiences in Christian growth to weekly open discussions of how our faith does and/or should impact our daily lives, our families, OBC, and the broader community. Our class discussions are facilitated by two rotating teachers with uniquely different teaching styles and anchored by respect, support, and a true sense of “church family” for all members of the class.

Teacher: Gary Williams & John Robinette

Caring Class: Parlor

The Caring Class is especially for women, ages 30 and up, who want the opportunity to share with women of all ages, experiences and nationalities. We care for our class members and others, so we are named for what we do. We use Smyth & Helwys curriculum. Come sit and share at our table. Teacher: Joyce Wright

B. Johnson & Vipperman Class: Room 141

We are an intergenerational class of Princesses and Paupers, wise men and fools, all students of Christ, sharing the news - - arm-in-arm, hand-in-hand, on the journey together to the promised land. Teacher: Barry Johnson & David Vipperman

The Friendship Class: Room 207

This made up of mature ladies who study the scriptures and use the Connections literature to lead us. We minister to and pray for one another through care groups. We make monthly contributions to local ministries as well as foreign causes and use our additional funds for needs that arise in our church and Community. Teacher: Eddie Ramsey

Grady Lane Class: Fellowship Hall 128

The members of the senior men’s Sunday school class (ages 65 and up, but anyone is welcome) come from various backgrounds and talents, but are melded into a body of believers and are eager for dialogue. The literature used is from Lifeway. The class feels strongly that the purpose of Sunday school is to study the Holy Scriptures and strive to find application in everyday living. Teacher: Richard Sealy

Faithful Followers Class: Room 206

We are a class for active men/women senior adults age 60 and above. Currently our lessons come from the Formations Adult Bible Study series, with a teaching style that encourages members to actively participate. Our class is made up of a caring group of individuals, many of whom minister not only to each other, but also to the Rock Hill community through a number of opportunities for service offered by OBC. If you are looking for a Sunday school family, we have a place for you! Teacher: Mack Jones

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 & Two Year Olds: Room 105, Three & Four Year Olds: Room 101, Five Year Olds & First Graders: Room 205, Second & Third Graders: Room 204, Fourth & Fifth Graders: Room B3.

Wednesday Night Activities:

During the school year, on Wednesdays, we offer an extensive music program for children, which includes participation in worship and a Christmas Pageant. We also have classes for children in 3K-5th Grade which focus on local, national and global missions. Through special speakers and a variety of mission projects, children will become familiar with mission work and learn to become the hands and feet of Christ.

Oakland Day School

We aspire to help every Oakland Day School student personally know the lavish love of God while developing spiritual, social, and cognitive growth. As a preschool, we have the enormous privilege of meeting children at the beginning, supporting their foundation for learning and loving. By creating environments that foster God's love and grace, we provide safe places for our students to learn and grow.

Oakland Day School is a nonprofit preschool serving 1-4 year olds Monday- Friday from 8 AM to 2 PM. For more information visit oaklanddayschool.com.



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Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend VBS this year. It's going to be a "Roar"ing good time! VBS will be June 24-28, from 9AM-12PM each day. There will be groups for children who have completed 4K -5th grade. Younger groups are available for children of volunteers.



God of Wonders Music & Arts Camp

Children who have completed K5 - 5th grade are invited to join us for a week of discovering God's wonderful world through worship, music, drama, art, chimes, and games. Camp will begin at 9AM each day and end at Noon, except Wednesday afternoon when we go watch the Lion King movie. We will end our time on Thursday with a "Camp Demo."



The cost is \$50 which includes a t-shirt, snacks and a movie ticket. You may sign-up through our website (oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up) or by clicking the link in your Weekly Update. Registration is limited.

Camp McCall (boys) & Camp La Vida (girls): July 8 - 12

What could be more fun than going to camp with your friends from church? Mark your calendar for the week of July 8. Registration for Camp McCall goes through the church as the cost is covered by the Kendall Endowment. To register for Camp La Vida, visit their website.

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.

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 we will be using the Smyth & Helwys curriculum called Intersection. This summer we will talk about being disciples, we will dig deeper into key teachings from the Old Testament and we will think about how we can prepare ourselves to succeed as Christians.



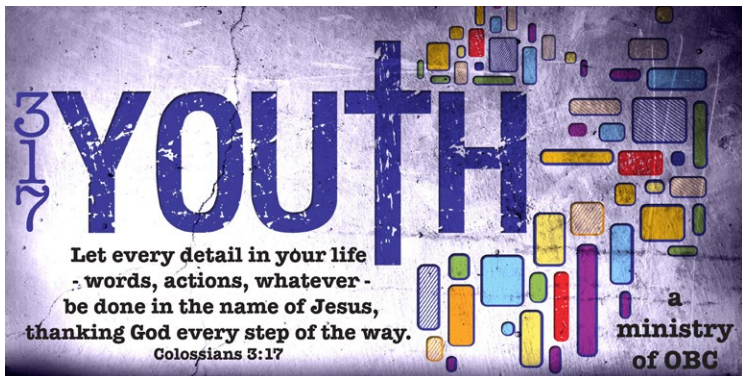
Sunday Nights:

During the school year our youth gather for handbells, choir and youth group on Sunday evenings. This is a great time to make a joyfully noise and then study, fellowship and serve. Youth Group ends each week with dinner.



Wednesday Nights:

During the school year we meet on Wednesday nights for a time of Bible study, prayer, mission projects and fellowship. This is a great opportunity in the middle of the week to take a break from school work and focus on our relationship with Christ and each other.



This year as we *Live Intentionally*, we will seek to embody the words of Colossians 3:17, letting every detail in our lives: words, actions and everything else, be done in the name of Jesus, thanking God every step of the way.

Summer Mission Opportunities

Hurricane Recovery: June 16-21

Youth (14 and above) will spend a week in the eastern part of the state, helping a family as they rebuild following the devastation of Hurricane Florence. The exact location will be determined closer to the trip. We will be working with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR has been on the scene since the waters receded. They have full time staff who will be on site with us each day and guide the work we do. The cost of this trip is \$75.

Youth Mission Trip: July 28 - August 2

Back by popular demand, we will spend a week serving our neighbors in Charlotte, NC. We will stay at Myers Park Presbyterian Church and each day we will serve at two different mission agencies, doing things like packing and delivering meals, tutoring children, serving food to those who are homeless, singing and playing games with nursing home residents and more. At the end of the week we will have served those who are hungry, homeless, elderly, disabled and children. The cost of this trip is \$175.

Save the Date

Movin' On Up Retreat: August 16-17

Our rising 6th graders will spend a night at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center. Through games, bible study, worship and fellowship we talk about how we can faithfully follow Jesus in Middle School. The cost of this trip is \$40.

Fall Retreat: September 27-29

Our 6th -12th graders will spend the weekend at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center in York, SC. We will play, pray, worship, study and enjoy time together. The cost of this retreat is \$100 which includes all food, lodging, and a t-shirt.

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 2019

Mack Bailey, Liz Bridges, Alice Davis, Jimmy Johnson, Caroline Krueger, Jerry Lucas, Larry Sanderson, Erica Smith, Frank Snyder, James Turner

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

Chair: Carl Compton, **Vice Chair:** Susan York

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: Jeff Hayes
- **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 Ringers
- **Day School** – Staff Liaison: Megan Paat
- **Educational Financial Aid** - Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Facilities** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes and Marty Mobley
- **Finance** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **Flowers/Decoration** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Grounds** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **History and Records** – Staff Liaison: Leigh Reynolds
- **Lord’s Supper** – Staff Liaison: Jeff Hayes
- **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

May 5: Youth Sunday
May 8: Last Wednesday meal and Recognition service
May 15: Church-wide Fellowship
May 19: Deacon Election
May 23: Pastor's Class
May 26: Coffee with the Pastor, Worship with Marion Aldridge
June 2: Baccalaureate Service
June 9: Pentecost, Faith and Film
June 10-13: Spirituality of Aging
June 10-12: Staff Planning Retreat
June 12: Bible Study
June 15: Habitat for Humanity
June 16: Baptism Sunday
June 16-21: Hurricane Recovery Trip
June 16-23: Family Promise
June 17-21: CBF National General Assembly
June 23: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM
June 24-28: Vacation Bible School
June 25: Selfies, Snaps and WhatsApp
June 29: Big Summer Beach Bash
June 30: Religious Liberty Sunday
July 7: Homecoming Worship, ONE Worship
July 8 - 12: Camp McCall
July 9 - August 13: Divorce Care
July 14: Faith and Film
July 17: Bible Study
July 22-25: Music and Arts Camp
July 25: Pastor's Class
July 28-August 2: Youth Mission Trip
July 28: Coffee with the Pastor
August 3: Caregiver Seminar
August 7: An evening with Janee Angel
August 11: Night of Worship, Ice Cream Social
August 14: Bible Study
August 17: Marriage Enrichment
August 18: Baptism Sunday
August 25: Coffee with the Pastor
September 1: Worship with Butch and Nell Green
September 19: WOBC Dinner
October 18-20: Women's Retreat



If you are having a meeting please let Missy know so we can ensure that doors are unlocked, heat/air is on and the room you need is available. You may contact her by calling 803-328-3864 or emailing obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com.

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

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