

Building a Vision

at Oakland Baptist Church



We are a church that values:



relationships



spiritual growth



missions

HOW WILL YOU BE INVOLVED?

As a church we are indebted to the members of the Vision Team who have given so much of their prayers, time, and energy to discern God's vision for Oakland. The same can be said for our staff and the many individuals who contributed to the vision process over the past year. What an opportunity this has been to learn and grow with each other and with God! Still, this vision is only in the beginning stages.

Now is the time to implement the vision!!!

Over the next three months of March, April, and May we will form Implementation Teams. These teams will prioritize the goals and strategies that have been laid out by the Vision Team and enlist individuals to help make these goals a reality. Although Oakland has a current committee structure, the Implementation Teams will not come out of those committees. Implementation Teams will be guided by a group of individuals who have a passion for those particular areas of need, opportunity, and ministry. They will facilitate the implementation of each goal and make recommendations to the larger church.

Implementation Teams will be led by members of the Vision Team, ministerial staff members, and individuals from the congregation. Implementation Teams will begin organizational meetings during the summer months and by September we anticipate Implementation Teams bringing our goals and strategies into reality.

If you have a PASSION for RELATIONSHIPS, SPIRITUAL GROWTH, OR MISSIONS, let your passion be known by signing up on our website:
www.oaklandchurch.com/visioning

March



March Missions Madness

Everyone loves the NCAA basketball tournaments and this year we are using both the men's and women's tournaments to promote giving to missions! From now until March 13 you can claim a seed in either tournament with a donation of \$25 per seed. Each seed will be randomly drawn with 100% of your donation going to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. We will use the full 64 teams from both tournaments and once the teams are announced on March 13, we will keep track of which seeds advance in each tournament. Whoever holds the winning seeds at the end of each tournament will be treated to lunch on April 10! Pastor Jeff will treat the winner of the men's tournament and Suzanne will treat the winner of the women's tournament. Go team!



Feeding the Soul and the Stomach

Every night of the week, 365 days a year, Bethel Men's Shelter provides dinner for approximately 40 men. We have Sunday School classes serving dinner at Bethel Men's Shelter on March 15 and 29.

As a church that values missions, we are making it a goal to serve dinner once a week during the summer months. This is an easy project that meets the most basic of needs for a group of grateful men. It is also a project that can be participated in by people of **all ages!**

If you are willing to help this summer, please let us know by contacting the Church Office or using the link in the *Weekly Update*. By signing up you are indicating willingness, not committing to a specific date. A member of the Missions Committee will contact you to arrange the details and assign a date that works for you. This is a simple but extraordinarily important ministry.



VBS Kick-Off: Sunday, March 6

Parents, children, eager volunteers - join us in the gym after worship for a preview of all the excitement that is awaiting us during our week of Vacation Bible School. The theme will be introduced, and volunteer opportunities presented. This event is for the whole family. Lunch will be served. **VBS is taking place June 13 - 17.** Registration will open following the March 6th kick-off!

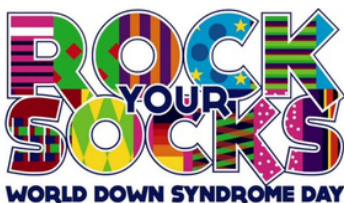


3-2-1 Serve: Saturday, March 12, 9AM-Noon

Join your church family for a morning of service projects. We will meet at the church and then scatter all over the community. Sign-up for this event in the *Weekly Update* or by calling the Church Office.



World Down Syndrome Awareness Sunday: March 20



As a church that values inclusion, we want to celebrate the beauty each of us possesses. World Down Syndrome Day (March 21) is a global awareness initiative to signify the beauty of the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. Every year on this date people wear brightly colored,

mismatched sock. Socks were chosen because the karyotype of DS chromosomes actually looks like mismatched socks! **On Sunday, March 20, we encourage you to wear brightly colored socks, long socks, printed socks, 1 sock, even 3 socks for 3 chromosomes.** Also, that evening our children will gather at Miracle Park at 5PM for a lesson on acceptance.

Lent & Easter

Good Enough Lenten Worship Series

Embracing the Imperfections of Life and Faith

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility—climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives. This worship series is based on Kate Bowler’s new devotional book *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*.



Ash Wednesday Worship: March 2, 6PM

Join us in the sanctuary for a worship service that will include the imposition of ashes. A children's Ash Wednesday worship experience will take place at the same time in the chapel.



Good Enough Lenten Worship: March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

As part of the Children's Time each Sunday during Lent we invite children to bring a specific item which is listed below. These items will become a visual representation of being "Good Enough."

March 6: a fruit or vegetable; **March 13:** a small potted plant; **March 20:** a pack of flower seeds; **March 27:** a single faux flower stem; **April 3:** your choice of one of the following - wrapped snack, juice box, cozy blanket, or tissue box.



Easter: April 17, 8:30AM & 10:30AM

There will be an informal opportunity for worship at the outside cross from 8:30-8:50. Bring your own lawn chair if you desire a place to sit. From 8:50-9:15 donuts and coffee will be available in The Gathering Spot in front of the sanctuary doors. Also, during this time you are invited to flower the cross. At 10:30AM we will have a celebratory Easter worship service in the sanctuary.

Wednesday Night Conversations about Mental Health

During Lent, as we consider what it means to be “Good Enough,” we invite you to participate in a series of conversations on mental health. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for these are important conversations.

March 9: Kati Durkee with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will lead a conversation on "Mental Health 101." She will help us recognize warning signs, find free services, and get help. She will also provide some tips for de-escalation and communication.

March 16: Kati Durkee and Judy Rauppius with NAMI will lead a conversation on maintaining mental wellness in children and adolescents. They will discuss the warning signs, the differences in what may be seen at home versus school, and how to be a trusted adult.

March 23: Andi Fisher from Silver Morning Counseling will lead a conversation on anxiety, bullying, and depression among adolescents.

March 30: Andy Yung, Director of Church Engagement with Fuller Youth Institute, will lead a discussion on the conversations that need to be taking place with children and adolescents about mental health.

April 6: Dr. Sara English, Director of Gerontology at Winthrop University, will lead a conversation on the mental health challenges of senior adults, including strategies for coping with change.

April & May

Deacon Nominations and Election

Throughout the month of April, we will be asking you to prayerfully submit names of members of OBC to serve as Deacon. The slate of individuals who agree to serve if elected will be presented to the congregation on May 15. Our Deacon election will take place on May 22.



Let's Help Back the Packs

We will be collecting snacks throughout the month of April which will help local students who find themselves without food during the summer months.



Baptism Sunday: April 3

If you or your child has recently made a faith decision and desires Baptism, please contact Pastor Jeff.

Be Part of the Vision!



Round Table Conversations: April 20, 27, May 11

Each of these Wednesdays we will have round table conversations about each of the values contained in our Vision Team Report. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and discern which area you feel God nudging you to be involved. **April 20:** Relationships; **April 27:** Spiritual Growth; **May 11:** Missions



May Missions Emphasis Month

Throughout May we encourage you to give to our Offering for Global Mission. Our goal for this year is \$25,000.



Youth Sunday: May 1

Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30AM as our youth lead us in a special worship service.



Supporting Sullivan Middle School: May 4

We will assemble goodie bags for the faculty and staff of our partner school, Sullivan. This is also Teacher Appreciation Week.



**SULLIVAN
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



Children's Sunday and Youth Spaghetti Luncheon: May 15

Join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30AM as our children lead us in a special worship service.

Following worship, you are invited to enjoy a spaghetti luncheon in the gym. Our youth will be helping serve this meal. There is no charge for lunch, but we invite you to make a donation which will be used to offset the cost of our summer youth mission trip.



Baccalaureate Worship: May 22

We will celebrate and honor our high school graduates during worship.

Save the Date



June 13-17: Vacation Bible School
July 10: 72nd Anniversary Worship and Lunch Celebration
June 19 - 24: Youth Mission Trip in Raleigh, NC
July 5-8: Children's Passport Camp at Montreat
July 18-23: Youth Passport Camp at Greensboro College
August 21: Deacon Ordination

March - May at a Glance

March 1: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

March 2: Ash Wednesday Service (6PM)

March 6: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship (10:30AM), VBS Kick-Off Luncheon (11:30AM), Youth Choir (5PM), Youth Group (5:45PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

March 8: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM), Pastor's Class (6PM)

March 9: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Mental Health Conversation (6PM)

March 12: 3-2-1 Serve Day (9AM-Noon)

March 13: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship (10:30AM), Youth Choir (5PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

March 15: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM), Bethel Men's Shelter Meal (5:30PM)

March 16: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Mental Health Conversation (6PM)

March 18: Children's Pajamas and Pancakes (5:30PM -8:30PM)

March 20: Sunday School (9:15AM), World Down Syndrome Awareness, Communion, Worship (10:30AM), Youth Bells/Choir (4:15PM/5PM), Children's Mission Movers (5PM), Youth Group (5:45PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

March 22: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

March 23: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Mental Health Conversation (6PM)

March 25-27: Youth Spring Retreat

March 27: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship (10:30AM), Children's Mission Movers (5PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

March 29: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM), Bethel Men's Shelter Meal (5:30PM)

March 30: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Mental Health Conversation (6PM)

April: Deacon Nomination month

April 1: CBF/SC General Assembly in Charleston

April 3: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship, Baptism Sunday (10:30AM), Youth Bells/Choir (4:15PM/5PM), Children's Mission Movers (5PM), Youth Group (5:45PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

April 5: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

April 6: Mental Health Conversation (6PM)

April 10: Sunday School (9:15AM), Palm Sunday Worship (10:30AM)

April 12: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

April 14: Maundy Thursday Service (6PM)

April 15: Good Friday Service (Noon)

April 17: Easter Service at the Cross (8:30AM), Refreshments in the Gathering Spot/Flowering the Cross (8:50AM), Sunday School (9:15AM), Easter Worship Service (10:30AM)

April 18: Church Office Closed

April 19: Ladies Bible Study (9AM, 6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

April 20: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Relationships Roundtable (6PM)

April 24: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship (10:30AM), Children's Mission Movers (5PM), Youth Sunday Practice (5:00PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

April 26: Ladies Bible Study (9AM/6:15AM), Men's Group (8AM), Quilts of Valor Luncheon (Noon)

April 27: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Spiritual Growth Roundtable (6PM)

May: Missions Emphasis Month

May 1: Sunday School (9:15AM), Youth Sunday Worship (10:30AM), Children's Mission Movers (5PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

May 2-6: Sullivan Middle School Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3: Ladies Bible Study (9AM/6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

May 4: Dinner (5PM), Children's Choirs (6PM), Sullivan Middle School Service Project (6PM)

May 8: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship with Communion (10:30AM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

May 10: Ladies Bible Study (9AM/6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM), Pastor's Class (6PM)

May 11: Dinner (5PM), Children's Sunday Practice (6PM), Missions Roundtable (6PM)

May 15: Sunday School (9:15AM), Children's Sunday Worship (10:30AM), Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser (11:30AM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

May 17: Ladies Bible Study (9AM/6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

May 22: Sunday School (9:15AM), Baccalaureate Worship (10:30AM); Deacon Election, Children's Mission Movers (5PM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

May 24: Ladies Bible Study (9AM/6:15PM), Men's Group (8AM)

May 29: Sunday School (9:15AM), Worship (10:30AM), Adult Choir/Bells (5:45PM/7PM)

May 30: Church Office Closed

Stay Connected!

Check out our Weekly Update each Thursday for current events.

If you do not currently receive electronic communication from us, contact Missy Snipes or Thereasa Crabb in the Church Office (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com) so you can be receiving our Weekly Update, Prayer Guide, and other special announcements.

Please keep your contact information up to date. If you move, get a new number or new email address, let us know. **Breeze allows you to update your own picture and contact information.**

If you are traveling, take us with you! Join us online for our worship services at youtube.com/obcrockhill.

The Church Office will be closed on the following days in 2022: January 17, April 18, May 30, July 4, 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

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the presence of Christ at the crossroads of life