





OAKLAND
BAPTIST CHURCH
SUMMER 2021

MINISTRY GUIDE

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Dear Oakland Family,

Summer is finally here! This has been a unique year and I am grateful that we are beginning to return to some sense of normalcy. This summer gives us the opportunity to do some of the things we have been missing.

I encourage you to read through this guide and mark your calendars now for the many happenings at Oakland. We realize you may not be able to do everything, but please join us when possible. I speak for the entire staff in saying we have missed you and want to spend as much time as we can with you!

Thank you for remaining patient as we navigate these waters. Should you have any questions, concerns, or just need a listening ear, do not hesitate to call, text, or email us. We are here for you!

Prayers for a safe and wonderful summer, Pastor Jeff



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Type zoom.us into your favorite browser

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

Enter 713 378 3329 as the meeting ID

Click Join

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

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From any phone, using audio only:

Dial 1-929-205-6099

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

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

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

Connecting with OBC on Social Media



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Breeze is our Church Management Software which provides access to our directory. **If you need to be connected to this app contact Missy Snipes (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com).**



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



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SUMMER SUNDAYS

During the months of June, July, and August we will have one worship service. **Join us each Sunday in the sanctuary at 10:30AM for Worship. Sunday school will begin at 9:30AM.** Each Sunday includes a special emphasis throughout the summer months. Even if you are out of town, we hope you will worship with us via LiveStream (youtube.com/OBCRockHill/videos).

June 6: Children's Sunday

June 13: Communion

June 20: Baccalaureate

June 27: Movie Night (see details on page 12)

July 4: Communion & Prayers for our Country

July 11: 70+1 Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon (see details on page 6)

July 18: VBS and Youth Mission Trip Commissioning

July 25: Christmas in July to benefit the Ministry Center (see details on page 11)

August 1: Communion and 5th Anniversary Recognition of Eddie Ramsey

August 8: Hymn/Song Service and 5th Anniversary Recognition of John Posey

August 15: Back-to-School Blessing and Celebration of Sullivan Middle School's Success

August 22: Deacon Ordination

August 29: End of Summer Bash (see details on page 13)



TAKE OBC WITH YOU AS YOU TRAVEL

Join us for worship on Sunday mornings
at 10:30 via livestream.

YouTube

youtube.com/OBCRockHill/videos

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facebook.com/OBCRockHill

Many Sunday school classes still have a Zoom option. Contact your teacher for more information on how to connect with your class.





Last year we planned a celebration of our 70th anniversary, but due to the pandemic we were unable to gather in-person as one body for this milestone in the history of our church. This year we are coming together to celebrate 70 years plus 1! Join us for this special worship service which will be led by our Vision Team.

*We will remember our past, give thanks for our present,
and prayerfully prepare for our future.*

Celebrating 71 Years!

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Worship: 10:30AM

Lunch: 11:45AM

Following worship we will gather in the gym for boxed a lunch meal. To sign up for lunch [**CLICK HERE.**](#)



DISCIPLESHIP



3rd Congregational Vision Meeting

June 2: 6:30PM-8PM

Join us in the sanctuary at 6:30PM for our 3rd Congregational Meeting as we discuss a vision looking toward the future.

Childcare will be available during this meeting, but please let us know if your child will be present by [CLICKING HERE](#) or contacting Kim Shaw (kshaw@oaklandchurch.com).



Worship Wednesdays at the Lake

June 16, July 14, August 11: 6PM-7PM

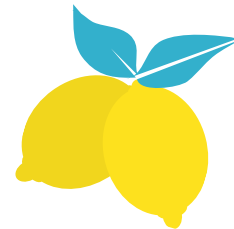


Join us from 6PM-7PM at Ebenezer Park. Bring your own picnic and enjoy the beautiful view while fellowshipping with friends. We will begin our time of worship at 6:30PM. There is a fee of \$5/car to enter Ebenezer Park.

Grief Support

June 14, July 12, August 9: 6:30PM-7:30PM

Rev. Suzanne Ringer and Jim Ringer, LMSW will lead a grief support group throughout the summer. To sign up [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Suzanne (sringer@oaklandchurch.com). This will be a hybrid meeting. You may participate in-person (Room 206) or via Zoom.



Sip and Share Vision Dialogue

June 8: 10AM-Noon @ Knowledge Perk

July 6: 1PM-3PM @ Knowledge Perk

August 24: 6PM-8PM @ Millstone



You are invited to join Pastor Jeff on any of the dates listed above for a conversation about our vision process. These will be informal opportunities to discuss anything related to our visioning year.

SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

"You don't find vision when you search for vision. You find God's vision when you search for God." -Dan Southerland

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
Jeremiah 29:13*



holy discontent - noun

ho·ly | \ 'hō-lē

dis·con·tent | \ dis-kən-'tent

A nagging sense that there is something more ahead: a calling, a hope, a change somewhere around the corner. It's the "what's next?" question.

Change often has negative connotations; however it is change that leads us to growth in our faith. This has certainly been true for Oakland Baptist Church. The feeling of uneasiness and the need for action has led our community of faith to act throughout our history.

- Holy discontent birthed Oakland Baptist Church in 1950 as the need arose for a church in this area of Rock Hill.
- Holy discontent led us to establish to a Day School when a need arose to educate young children.
- Holy discontent motivated us to become part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship to allow more ministry opportunities with likeminded Baptists.
- Holy discontent led us to ordain women into positions of leadership, recognizing that God calls all people into service.
- Holy discontent led us to recognize the significance of other's baptisms outside of immersion.
- Holy discontent led us to embrace new ways of being church in the midst of a global pandemic.
- Holy discontent will lead us in this visioning year to adopt God's vision for Oakland's future.



We invite you to use the summer months to seek God with all your heart through prayer, holy listening, and scripture reading as outlined below. As you engage in these disciplines, make sure you pay attention to uneasiness you might feel. This uneasiness is the work of the Holy Spirit encouraging change or action.

Prayer & Holy Listening

"How can we possibly expect anyone to find real nurture, comfort and consolation from a prayer life that taxes the mind beyond its limits and adds one more exhausting activity to the many already scheduled ones?" - Henri Nowen

- Allow yourself to move from communication (primarily words) to communion (primarily beyond words). Spend time in silence. Spend time listening. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak.

"Eventually, when we stop the flow of our own words, another gift comes to us, quietly and imperceptibly at first: we find ourselves resting in prayer. Rather than working so hard to put everything into words, rest from the noise and stimulation." -Ruth Haley Barton

- Silence can be difficult and awkward. It takes practice. Use the summer months to transform your prayer life from one that is predominantly filled with your words to one that allows space for the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

Scripture

Read scripture using the method of Lectio Divina.

Prepare: Spend a moment in silence, removing distractions from your mind.

Read: During the first reading of the passage, read slowly listening for the word or phrase that stands out to you.

Reflect: During the second reading of the passage, read slowly considering why that word or phrase stood out to you.

Respond: During the third reading of the passage, read slowly considering how God is shaping your life / what God might be calling you to through this scripture.

Each time you read the passage listed below do so using the steps above. Consider writing your thoughts and reactions in a journal so you can see how God is working in your life through these scriptures. As you spend time with each of these throughout the month, read them from different Bible translations and paraphrases.

June: Matthew 14:22-32

July: Jeremiah 29:10-14

August: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31



MISSION MEET-UPS

Many of us have missed having opportunities to do hands-on mission work. Throughout this summer we are offering the following opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ to our community. Join us for one or join us for ALL!!!

Bethel Men's Shelter Meals **June 13, July 12, August 12**

We will be serving dinner at Bethel Men's Shelter from 5:30PM - 7PM on each of the dates listed above. COVID protocols limit only 4 servers per night but we also need people to help provide food. To sign-up to serve dinner or provide part of the meal [CLICK HERE](#).

Clean the Earth **June 26, 9AM - 10:30AM**

Join us in the church parking lot at 9AM for a morning of litter pick-up. We will walk to surrounding areas and gather trash to make this corner of Rock Hill a more beautiful place. All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves.

Christmas in July Load-up **July 26, 9AM - 10AM**

It is like the morning after Christmas clean-up. Meet us in the sanctuary at 9AM to sort and load all of the Christmas in July donations. We will then take them to the Ministry Center and prepare them for distribution.

The Ministry Center's Middle School Uniform Distribution

We will need 5-6 volunteers for each day of this important event that will take place in the Fellowship Hall! [CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up.

- Set-up on August 5 at 10AM
- Distribution on August 6 from 5PM - 8PM
- Distribution on August 7 from 9AM - 12PM

Sullivan Middle School Back-to-School Goodie Bags **August 9, 10AM - 12PM**

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and assemble goodie bags and write cards for the teachers of Sullivan Middle School. Bring your favorite pen and help us encourage these wonderful teachers. See next page for Mission Collections.

MISSION COLLECTIONS

Middle School Uniform Collection

July 1 - August 1

Each year our Ministry Center sponsors a middle school uniform distribution. Please donate any of the following new or gently used items:

- polo type shirts with no logo (all colors and sizes)
- long pants, shorts, and skirts in khaki, navy, or black (all sizes)
- belts (all sizes, styles and colors)

Christmas in July Collection

July 26

We invite you to bring socks and underwear to church on July 26 as our Christmas in July Ministry Center offering. If you are not going to be present on the 26th you can drop them off at the blue boxes outside of Church Office or Gym anytime in July.

Sullivan Middle School Goodie Bag Collection

As you shop or place your Amazon orders we encourage you to purchase a few of the items listed below. We will be assembling back to school goodie bags for teachers at Sullivan Middle School. You can drop off your donation to the blue boxes outside of Church Office or Gym anytime between now and August 8.

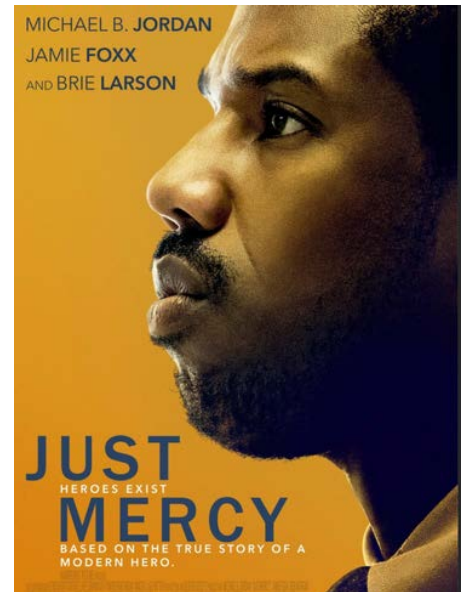
- sharpies
- dry erase markers
- colorful pens
- post-it notes
- hand sanitizer (2oz bottles)
- chapstick
- candy
- pocket size packs of tissues

FELLOWSHIP

Indoor Movie and Discussion for Adults and Youth

June 27: 6PM-8:30PM

Adults and Youth are invited to join us in the gym for popcorn and a movie on our new big, inflatable screen! We will be showing "Just Mercy" on the big screen and following it up with a conversation. This movie is a powerful and thought-provoking true-story about a young Harvard grad's battle for justice. It is rated PG-13. Popcorn, snacks, and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring dinner with you.



Indoor Movie for Families

July 23: 6PM-8:00PM

As the culmination of a fantastic week of Vacation Bible School, join us in the gym to watch "Frozen 2" on our new big, inflatable screen. Snacks and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring dinner with you.



FELLOWSHIP

End of Summer Bash

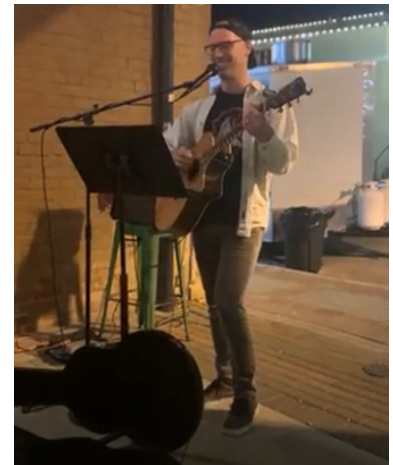
August 29: 5PM-6:30PM

Join us in the grassy lot for an evening of fun and food for all ages! There will be inflatables, yard games, and yummy food. If you plan to eat please [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.



ALSO...

Wesley Runyan will be playing and singing some of your favorite songs.



Bring a chair (and a friend!) and join in the fun.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Vacation Bible School
July 18-22, 2021
6PM-8PM

Along the way in VBS, your Knights will discover how God's strength empowers them to accept the call to wear the Armor of God as they live out a call for truth, justice, peace, and a life of faith in God. You may register your children by contacting Kim Shaw at kshaw@oaklandchurch.com.

To maintain a safely controlled environment, our registrations will be limited.

We need volunteers to make VBS happen, please consider volunteering in one of many areas during the week.



Stay tuned for more information about other opportunities.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Tuesday Talks June 29-August 3, 7PM-7:45PM

Whether you are at the beach, in the mountains, or in your room, join us on Tuesdays on Zoom for prayer and devotion. Meeting ID 713 378 3329.

Lunch and Laughter

Join Leigh for a tasty lunch and a whole lot of laughter on the patio of the restaurants listed below. Please bring money for your meal.

High School Youth:

Wednesday, June 30 @ 12:30PM at Burgers and Barley.

Middle School Youth:

Thursday, July 1 @12:30PM at McAlister's Deli (Herlong).

Worship Wednesdays at the Lake June 16, July 14, August 11

We will be gathering at the large Ebenezer Park picnic shelter from 6PM-7PM on each of the dates listed above for dinner and worship (additional details on page ???).

Youth are invited to come a little earlier for fun and fellowship. Wear a swimsuit and cool off in the lake or sit on the shore and chat with your friends. We will meet at the picnic shelter at 4:30PM. Don't forget a towel, sunscreen, and a bottle of water.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Mission Trip July 18-23

We will spend the week in Asheville, NC serving with a variety of organizations. Throughout the week we will sort food, play with children, garden, serve meals, and so much more.



Summer's Last Hurrah August 10, 1:30PM - 5PM

Join us for an afternoon of fun at Mr. Putty's Fun Park. We will play Mini-Golf and tackle the Challenge Zone. Please bring \$10 + money for a snack.



Floating Down the River August 22

School may be back in session but that doesn't mean the fun has to end. Join us for a fun-filled and lazy afternoon floating down the river. Save the date. More details to come. If you do not have a "river tube," Academy and other sports stores sell them but they will likely sell out, so purchase early. Or find a friend who will let you borrow theirs.

Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of Jesus, thanking God every step of the way.

**Weekly Youth Group will
resume after Labor Day!**

save
the date...

2021 Women's Retreat

All adult women of OBC are invited to spend the weekend together in Montreat, NC at Montreat Conference Center. The weekend will include fellowship, rest, renewal, Bible study and worship, while surrounded by the NC mountains.

We will be staying in the beautiful and historic Assembly Inn, enjoying the food, shopping, and nature that makes Black Mountain special, making new friends, strengthening relationships with old friends, and most importantly growing in our faith. The retreat will be led by Leigh Reynolds. The cost of this retreat is \$150/person.

Date: November 5-7, 2021

\$50 Deposit due by August 1 to reserve a spot.

If you write a check, please earmark it with "Women's Retreat." If you pay electronically, please add "Women's Retreat" to the notes box .

***Space is limited. Sign up early to ensure a spot!**

[Click here to sign up.](#)

[Click here to pay electronically.](#)



SUMMER 2021 AT A GLANCE

(See body of the Ministry Guide for all the details!)

June 1 - August 8: Sullivan Middle School Goodie Bag Collection
June 2: 3rd Congregational Vision Meeting, 6:30PM-8PM
June 6: Children's Sunday
June 8: Sip and Share Vision Dialogue, 10AM-12PM
June 13: Communion; Bethel Men's Shelter Meal
June 14: Grief Support, 6:30PM-7:30PM
June 16: Worship Wednesdays at the Lake, 6PM-7PM
June 20: Baccalaureate Worship Service
June 26: Litter Pick-up, 9AM-10:30AM
June 27: Adult and Youth Movie Night, 6PM-8:30PM
June 29: Tuesday Talks with Youth, 7PM-7:45PM
June 30: High School Lunch, 12:30PM
July 1: Middle School Lunch, 12:30PM
July 1 - August 1: Middle School Uniform Collection
July 1 - July 25: Christmas in July Socks and Underwear Collection
July 4: Communion & Prayers for our Country
July 6: Sip and Share Vision Dialogue, 1PM-3PM; Tuesday Talks with Youth, 7PM-7:45PM
July 11: 70+1 Anniversary Celebration & Luncheon
July 12: Grief Support, 6:30PM-7:30PM; Bethel Men's Shelter Meal
July 13: Tuesday Talks with Youth, 7PM-7:45PM
July 14: Worship Wednesdays at the Lake, 6PM-7PM
July 18: VBS and Youth Mission Trip Commissioning
July 18-23: Youth Mission Trip
July 18-22: Vacation Bible School
July 20: Tuesday Talks with Youth, 7PM-7:45PM
July 23: Family Movie Night, 6PM-8PM
July 25: Christmas in July to benefit the Ministry Center
July 26: Christmas in July Load-up, 9AM-10AM
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August 6: Middle School Uniform Distribution, 5PM-8PM
August 7: Middle School Uniform Distribution, 9AM-12PM
August 8: Hymn/Song Service and 5th Anniversary Recognition of John Posey
August 9: Back-to-School Goodie Bag Assembly, 10AM-12PM; Grief Support, 6:30PM-7:30PM
August 10: Youth Outing to Mr. Putty's, 1:30PM-5PM
August 11: Worship Wednesdays at the Lake, 6PM-7PM
August 12: Bethel Men's Shelter Meal
August 15: Back to School Blessing
August 22: Deacon Ordination; Youth Tubing Trip
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