

Vision Team Slate

Below is the Vision Team Slate created by the Nominating Committee. This team will be working with our staff and the entire congregation to discern God's vision for our church in the years ahead. We asked each individual to tell us a little about themselves, including how many years they have been a part of Oakland, what they love about our church, and what makes them laugh. This slate will be voted on for approval on Sunday, February 14th. You will vote "YES" or "NO" for the entire slate.



Sadie
Bridges

I have been at Oakland my whole life (13 years). My favorite thing about this church is the relationships I have made. Some of my hobbies are playing the ukulele and guitar, and doing artsy things like painting or doodling. The things that make me laugh the most are inside jokes. Just knowing something outrageously funny that no one else understands can crack me up for days.



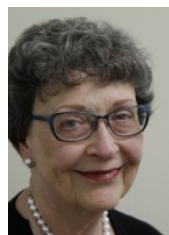
David
Cason

I have been at Oakland for 3.5 years. My favorite thing about OBC is our Sunday School class, as well as the wide range of views throughout the congregation. I enjoy playing golf and spending time with family and friends. I laugh most when my kids do something that reminds me of my wife Brandy or myself.



Dan
Cox

I have been at OBC for 4 years. I was drawn to the inclusive atmosphere and friendly people who immediately made us feel so welcome, as well as the focus on music. OBC is a special place. My hobbies include anything creative, especially cooking and creating with fabric, and since trying out the coloring pages in the Advent bag, coloring is now an activity in the evening while watching TV. I also enjoy reading and travel. Anything absurd and goofy, especially visual comedy makes me laugh.



Edie
Dobbins

I have been at Oakland for 30 years. I love the inclusiveness and sweet spirit of the people who make up the church, and the openness of the staff to reach out to church members and the community as a whole. The love of God and desire to seek his will permeate everything. I enjoy getting together with friends, spending time in the NC mountains, reading, and solving Sudoku puzzles. Things that make me laugh are people being their true selves, puppies, and sharing jokes with good friends.



Angie
Dumsha

I have been a member of Oakland for 2 years. I love that OBC is a welcoming and strong congregation with a heart for serving each other and the community. My hobbies include reading and gardening. Things that make me laugh are my grandkids, funny movies, and whimsical things.



Karen
Emmerton

I have been at Oakland a little over 4 years. I love the diversity of the people, the commitment to missions, and the strong children's program at OBC. My hobbies include travel, hiking, any outdoor adventures, and decorating. The spontaneous and unprompted comments my children make that showcase their quick wit and humor make me laugh.



Kunsiri
"Pum"
Grubbs

I have been at Oakland for 1 year and love how warm and friendly this congregation has been to me and my family even during these challenging times. I enjoy my Sunday School class and am so happy that there is an active youth program at this church. It makes me feel great that my children have made Christian friends. I love gardening. I spend all of my free time growing plants and flowers. They make me feel happy. I always laugh when I see funny stories and memes on my Facebook feed.



Miller
Hoffman

I have been at Oakland for 23 years. My favorite thing about Oakland is our drive to be an active church 7 days a week, not just on Sunday and Wednesday. I enjoy playing golf, riding dirt bikes, and pulling for the Clemson Tigers. I laugh the most when I'm around my friends and family as we tend to poke fun at each other.



Heath
Hudson

I have been a part of OBC for my entire life (16 years). I love the family atmosphere that is found at OBC. When not at school I enjoy playing basketball and soccer. As a newly licensed driver I also enjoy driving. I spend a lot of time laughing at funny Instagram posts.



Amanda
Ledford

I have been at Oakland for almost 19 years! While growing up at Oakland, my favorite things have been Sunday School and the Music Ministry. I've enjoyed attending Sunday School and participating in choir and handbells. Before Covid-19, I loved to travel. Recently, I have been trying out new recipes to cook. I laugh the most when I spend time with my mom and our dog, Lilly. I have been blessed to have made so many memories with them during 2020 while we were staying at home.



Frank
Snyder

I have been a member of OBC for 43 years with a 2 year interlude to help launch New Kirk Baptist, OBC's mission church. I love the friendliness and devotion of the members at this church. My hobbies include golf, spending time with my family, Newberry College involvements, and Winthrop Basketball. My grandchildren, our 16 year-old dog, and friends make me laugh the most.



Jim
Vining

I have been at Oakland for 38 years. My favorite thing about this church is how it tries to adapt to changing times. I am retired, therefore my hobby is doing whatever I want to do! I laugh at anything that is funny but not offensive to any group.



Meredith
Westbrook

I have been at Oakland my entire life (41 years). My favorite thing about OBC is the people. My hobbies include hanging out with my family and golf. My six year old daughter keeps me laughing.



Rick
Wetherell

I have been involved at OBC for 3 years. I love the true sense of family at OBC. This congregation legitimately cares about each other and is not scared to show it. I enjoy reading about history, watching documentaries, and learning about new industries and technology. I love laughing with my daughter who is a goofball that is in love with "dad jokes" and strives to make people laugh.



Jimmy
Williams

I have been at Oakland for 20 years. I appreciate the relationships I've formed and the friendships I've made at OBC. My hobbies include guitars (playing and building), reading, and hanging out on the back porch or around the fire pit with friends and family. Funny stories with family, things my kids do, and dad jokes make me laugh!



Susan
York

I have been a member of OBC for 38 years and love the pervasive mix found here. We blend young and old; serious and fun; work, educational, and leisure experiences; focus on structured spiritual growth of members and ongoing help for community in need; and shared responsibilities between staff and membership. I enjoy travel, reading, food with friends, decluttering just about anything, and surprising my grandchildren. Verbal sparring with close and extremely tolerant friends and family makes me laugh.