



**For a full list of events taking place this
winter, visit our website:
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ALL WE WANT
FOR CHRISTMAS
IS... YOU!



The season of Advent is an invitation. For many it is an invitation to get into the Christmas spirit by decorating our homes and reviving nostalgic traditions. This year we offer you another invitation—the invitation to come back in person to worship and your community of faith. Livestream worship is good. It would have been difficult to survive the past twenty months without it, but we desperately need to be physically present with each other if we are to be spiritually shaped by one another. Our faith doesn't grow in isolation. For those of you who haven't been to Oakland in a long time, you are invited to join us this Advent! For those of you who have already rejoined us in person, we encourage you to invite others this Advent! Let's join together in this holy season as we anticipate the birth of the Christ-child!

Throughout Advent, we will provide daily emails to help you focus on the season. If you are not on our email distribution list, now would be a great time to sign-up (www.oaklandchurch.com/sign-me-up)



**Beginning
November 28th:
9:15AM Sunday School
10:30AM Worship**



November 28: First Sunday of Advent

Worship with a joyful baby dedication.

December 1: Dinner (5PM), Devotion and Service Project (6PM)

For the first two Wednesdays of December, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a brief devotional followed by a service project of preparing goodie bags for our Homebound members, Sullivan Middle School, and Bethel Men's Shelter. Christmas music will be on the speakers and a holly jolly time will be had by all!

December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

Coffee, Cocoa, and Christmas Cookies - prior to Sunday school, refreshments will be available in the Gym. Invite someone you haven't seen in a while to join you for Sunday school and worship. **Worship** with special music from our Youth Choir.

December 7: Merry Maker Christmas Luncheon (12:30PM)

December 8: Music & Movement (10AM), Dinner (5PM), Devotion and Service Project (6PM)

December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

BYOB-fast! - Bring your own breakfast (covered dish or brown bag) to Sunday School and invite people you have not seen in a long time to join you for Sunday School and worship. Maybe bring breakfast for those persons you invite—what a great incentive to join you for worship! **The Winter Rose** Christmas Cantata during worship, **Children's Christmas Pageant** in the Gym (5:30PM)

December 15: Dinner and a festive Christmas attire contest (5PM), Christmas Caroling (5:45PM)

December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Worship with special music from our bell choir and the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus, Gingerbread Bash for children and youth (5PM)

December 21: Service of Remembrance (5:30PM)

December 23 & 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Worship (5:30PM)

December 26: At Home Christmas Worship Experience

We are giving our staff, volunteers, and Sunday School teachers a Sabbath and offering them opportunity to spend time with family. A recorded worship service for this Sunday will be sent via email. We encourage you to gather with family and worship together in your home!



We invite you to bring *new socks and underwear* for the Ministry Center throughout December. You can leave them under one of the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary.

January 2: Epiphany Worship

January 4: Children's Slip, Slide and Serve (10AM-3PM)

On the last day of winter break, our OBC children will start our new year off with a service project, lunch and ice skating downtown Rock Hill.

January 9: State of the American Church

Dr. Bill Wilson, founder of The Center for Healthy Churches, will teach a joint Sunday School on the current state of churches in America. He will also preach in worship on how we can reverse the trends that can be felt across the country.

January 5 and 12: No Wednesday Night Activities

January 14 - 16: High School Retreat in Blowing Rock, NC

January 16: Rev. Eddie Ramsey Preaching

January 19: Taize Prayer Service

As we anticipate the completion of our Vision process, join us for a special prayer service in the sanctuary at 6PM. This will kick off a 40-day prayer journey culminating in a Vision Commitment Service on February 27. There will be a special service for children in the chapel.

January 26: Annual Business Meeting (6PM). Children's choirs resume.

A Vision for the Future of Oakland Baptist Church

The past year has been one of prayer, listening, and discernment for the future of our church. Where is God leading us? How will we get there? During this time the work of the Vision Team will be presented to the church through a series of sermons based on the Vision Team Report.

January 23: State of the Church Sermon including Final Vision Team Report

January 30: A Vision of Clarity and Focus

February 6: We Are a Church that Values Relationships

February 13: We Are a Church that Values Spiritual Growth in Christ

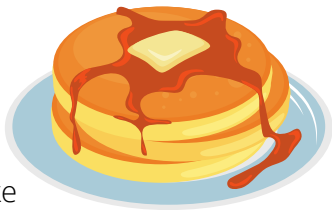
February 20: We Are a Church that Values Being Missional

February 27: Committing to God's Vision for Our Future; following worship there will be a church-wide luncheon

Pancakes & Pajamas for Children

February 25, 5:30PM - 8:30PM

This fun evening for our children will include a pancake dinner, activities, and a Movie! Wear your favorite pajamas and bring a pillow and blanket for this fun parent's night out activity.



Wednesdays in February

Dinner (5PM), Programs (6PM)

Adults and Youth:

- ***What does the Lord require of you but to do justice?***

But what is justice for the "Black Race", the "White Race", the "Red Race", the "Yellow Race"... the HUMAN RACE? We will spend Wednesday nights in February discussing those questions. Join us after dinner for this important conversation led by Mack Bailey

- ***The Game of Life***

Need help setting priorities? Organizing your time? Using board games as a metaphor, this study will help you focus on what matters most. Each Wednesday in February we will play a board game and "Connect Four" important lessons on getting the most out of our life with God. Led by Pastor Jeff Hayes.

Children:

- Cherub Choir (3 & 4 year olds) Room 205
- Young Singers (Kindergarten - 2nd graders) Room 207
- Young Musicians (3rd - 5th graders) Choir Room

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Save the Date:

March 2: Ash Wednesday
April 3: Children's Sunday
April 10: Palm Sunday
April 14: Maundy Thursday
April 17: Easter
May 1: Youth Sunday
May 22: Baccalaureate Worship
June 20-24: Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trip in Raleigh, NC
July 5-8: Children's Passport Camp at Montreat Conference Center
July 18-23: Youth Passport Camp at Gardner-Webb University



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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: January 17, April 18, May 30, July 5, September 6, November 25-26, December 23-24, 27, 31.

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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