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September-December

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

Your guide to the ministries of
Oakland Baptist Church



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- 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 (obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com) so you can begin getting our Weekly Update, Weekly Prayer Guide, and quarterly Outlook which will be full of stories about life and ministry at OBC.
- 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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- Coming Soon, a newly designed website with up to date information, at oaklandchurch.com.

The Church Office will be closed for the following holidays:

New Years Day

Martin Luther King Day

Easter Monday

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day and Friday

Christmas Day and the following two days

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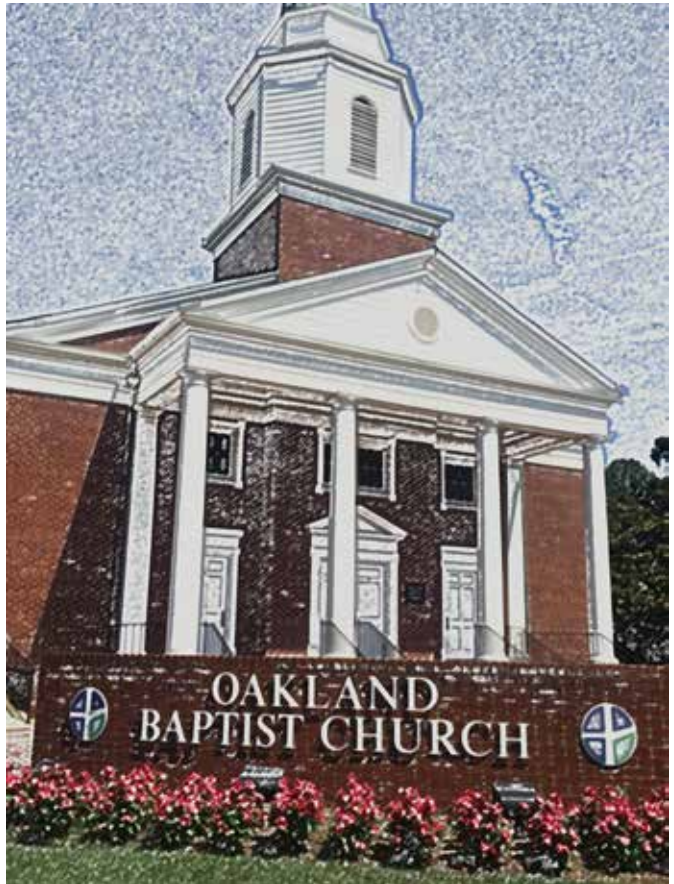
Creative Worship Service Musician

Allison Timmons

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.

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. Often worship will include various multimedia elements, creative ways to pray and participation from children. 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, Christmas in July and special celebrations.

Special Services

This Fall, on October 7, we will celebrate World Communion, a day when our congregation as well as congregations across the globe all experience Communion as one body of believers in many contexts.

On November 11, following Worship, our Military Task Force will honor Veteran's during a special luncheon.

On November 18, we will join with other churches in the community for a service of Thanksgiving.

On the evening of December 24, we will gather for worship and communion. This is a service that people look forward to every year. We conclude the service singing "Silent Night" by candlelight.

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:
September 20, November 15, January 24, March 28, May 23

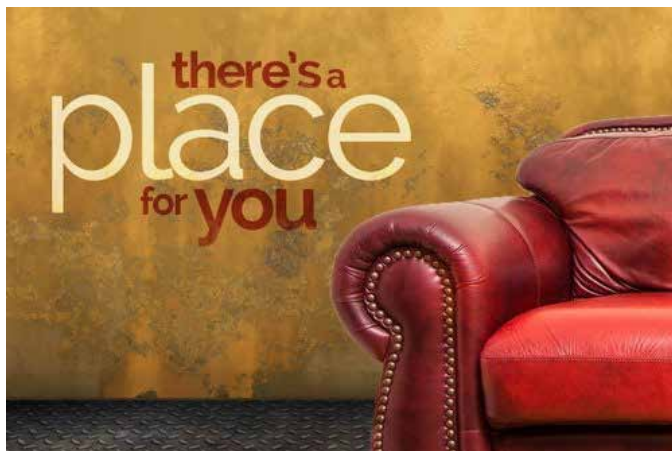
Baptism Sundays are scheduled on the following dates:
October 21, December 9, February 17, April 21, June 16

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:

October 28, November 25,
December 23, January 27,
February 24, March 24,
April 28, May 2, June 23



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.

Music for Preschoolers

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

Our Time (18 months - 2 years)

Kim Shaw, director, and Beth Haile, assistant



Imagine That! (3 and 4 year olds)

Julie Johnson, director, and Shelby Howle assistant, Alice Williams, substitute

Young Child I (5 year olds)

Heather Turner, director, and Julie Wacaster, assistant

Music for Elementary

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

The Singers (1st - 2nd grade)

Allison Odom, director, and Faye Lucas, assistant



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

Becky Sanderson, director, and Kay Neal, assistant. Peggy Williams, accompanist

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

(4th - 5th grade)

Suzanne Ringer, director

Music for 6th - 12th grade Youth

Jubal Ringers: Sundays, 4:15PM - 5:00PM

Suzanne Ringer, director

Youth Choir: Sundays, 5:00PM - 5:45PM

Suzanne Ringer, director. John Posey, accompanist



Music for Adults

Chancel Choir: Sundays, 6:00PM - 7:15PM
 Suzanne Ringer, director. John Posey, accompanist

Oakland Ringers: Sundays, 7:15PM - 8:15PM
 Suzanne Ringer, director

Early Service Musicians, under the direction of James Smart, practice on Wednesdays at 6:30PM. If you would like to sing or play with this group, contact Suzanne or James.

Upcoming music events!

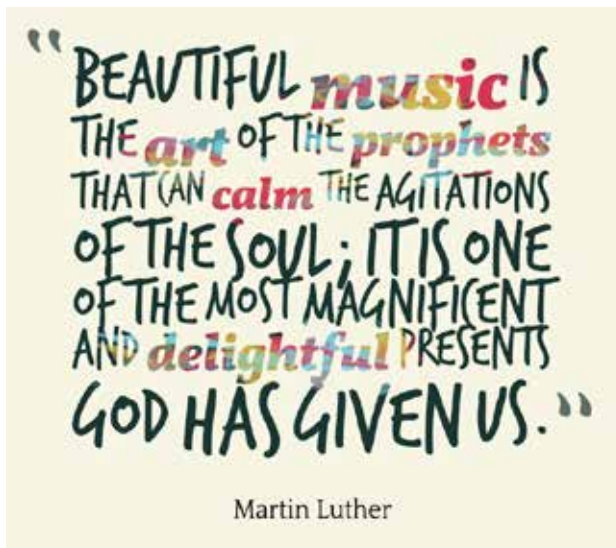
York County Choral Society Concert at OBC
 Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4:00 pm - (check their website for tickets)

Children's Christmas Pageant
 Sunday, Dec 9 at 5:00PM

ONE Worship Christmas Cantata
 Sunday, Dec. 16 at 10:30AM
 THE INCARNATION by K. Lee Scott
 presented by the Chancel Choir,
 Brass Ensemble, Timpani and Organ

Adult Festival by the Sea
 Charleston, SC
 January 25 - 27, 2019

Youth Festival by the Sea
 Myrtle Beach, SC
 March 1st – 3rd, 2019



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 (a few blocks from the church), the Ministry Center provides clothing, household items, toiletries and help with utilities for those who are in crisis situations. At the end of every worship service where we celebrate Communion, ushers stand at the doors collecting monetary donations for the Ministry Center. 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.

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. We will host Family Promise October 7-13, December 30-January 5, March 24-31, and June 16-23.

Habitat for Humanity

Join OBC for a morning of fellowship and service as we complete a Habitat for Humanity Group Build on Saturday, September 22. All skill levels are welcomed as we help plan the interior of the home for a deserving family in our area. More information and a link to sign up is available in the weekly Update.

Mission Months

During October and February we place an even stronger emphasis on Missions, particularly in worship. During these two months we seek to raise funds to support our CBF field personnel.

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 combatting 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! After dinner there are children's music classes, Bible Study for adults and mission opportunities for children and youth .

Dinner: begins at 5PM

To ensure we have enough food, please sign up for dinner each week by Monday at Noon. You can sign up by calling or emailing the church office (803-328-3864/obcoffice@oaklandchurch.com), completing a card found in the back of each pew or by using the link in the Weekly Update.

Pricing for dinner:

Adults: \$6.50 (6th grade and above)
 Children: \$3.50 (5th grade and under)
 \$25 max per family



Menu for the Fall:

September 12: Spaghetti, salad bar, bread, dessert
 September 19: Taco bar, refried beans, chips & salsa, salad bar, dessert
 September 26: Baked chicken, mac & cheese, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert
 October 3: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad bar, bread, dessert
 October 19: Ham, potato salad, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert
 October 17: Baked Spaghetti, salad bar, bread, dessert
 October 24: Chicken in white sauce, rice, green beans, salad bar, bread, dessert
 October 31: No Wednesday Night Meal or Activities

English as a Second Language

Volunteers are always welcome to help with ESL. More information is listed on page 10, in the Missions Section.

Pastor's Bible Study

Join other adults in the Chapel from 6PM - 6:45PM for a time of prayer and study. Bible Study topics for the Fall are listed on page 15.

Children and Youth Activities

Wednesday evenings also include music for children and mission related programs for children and youth. Detailed information can be found on pages 8, 18 and 20.

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.

Fall Church Family Fun

Sunday, October 14: 5PM-7PM

Join us in Fellowship Hall for a fun evening with your church family! There will be board games around the tables, pumpkin painting for children, BBQ and a caramel apple bar.

Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 19: 6PM

Following our Wednesday Night Meal we will visit nursing homes and homebound members to spread Christmas cheer, as we join our voices together singing those classic Christmas carols.

Basketball

We offer basketball teams for children ages 5 - 18. Sign ups will begin in October. Practices and games begin in December or January.



Other Fellowship Opportunities throughout the year include: Summer Beach Blast, 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.

Women of OBC

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

This group of women meets in the Parlor on Mondays (September - May) from 9AM - 10:30AM. The topics studied vary and are chosen by the group. This is a great opportunity to start your week off with Bible Study and Fellowship! Bible Study will be led by Leigh Reynolds.

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

Join this group of women the second Monday of each month to learn more about faith in action. Their study varies, but is based on missions, using the quarterly CBF publication. For more information contact Jeanette Gregory.

Westminster Towers Bible Study: First Tuesdays, 2:30PM - 3:30PM

Shirley Bailey and Jeanette Gregory lead a Bible Study for residents of Westminster Towers the first Tuesday of every month. For more information about getting involved with this group contact Shirley or Jeanette.

Bible Study and Missions Group: First Tuesdays, 10:30 AM in the Parlor

This group of women meets on the first Tuesday of each month to study scripture and the Mission Update. For more information contact Libby Gilbert or Judy Heustess.

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

Shirley Bailey and Patti Robinette lead a weekly Bible study. If you are interested in taking a break from your to-do list to study and fellowship, contact Shirley or Patti for more information.

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

Moms, grandmothers, guardians or caretakers are invited to join in conversation regarding parenting and raising young people in Godly, Christ-centered ways. This group will meet weekly beginning September 12. If you need childcare, please contact Kim Shaw. For more information, contact Krista Hayes.

Women's Dinner: Thursday, September 20, 6:00PM-7:30PM in the Gym

All ladies are invited to attend a fall dinner to celebrate and fellowship with each other. Suzanne Ringer, our Associate Minister of Music and Community Involvement will be our speaker. Cost is \$10 per person. Tickets will be available in the church office through September 16. Join us for fellowship, information about women's activities, fun and door prizes. This dinner is organized by Shirley Bailey, Alice Davis, Jeanette Gregory, Caroline Krueger, Donna Murray, Deana Peterson, Patti Robinette & Libby Gilbert.

Women's Retreat: October 19-21

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 retreat is being led by Leigh Reynolds, and together we will seek to give up that which we fear, as we claim the promises of Isaiah 41:10. The cost is \$175 and includes lodging and all meals. If you would like to attend, please let Leigh know ASAP!

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** Tuesdays, 7:30AM at Chandler Place

All men are invited to join other men from OBC at Chandler Place for breakfast, study and prayer each Tuesday morning.

Pastor's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 6:00 PM - 6:45PM

September 12: Introduction course to our guest speaker Tim Moore.

September 19 -October 10: Tim Moore will be leading a Wednesday night course in the chapel based off of his recently published book, *Practicing Midrash*.

October 17-24, November 7-14: Faith Connect: a series of studies that will help us bridge life and faith.

November 28-December 12: In anticipation of the celebration of the birth of Christ, we will prepare ourselves with an Advent study.

December 19: Church-wide caroling.

Merry Makers

This group is primarily composed of older and retired adults who meet monthly for a yummy pot luck lunch and program. Programs range from guest speakers who focus on safety or health related issues to musical entertainers. The Merry Makers also periodically go on "field trips." Anyone is welcome to join the Merry Markers, regardless of age.

Sunday School

Young Adult Class: Fellowship Hall 130

This class provides a place for those who are college-age or just beyond that to study scripture and discuss its application to their lives. This is a place for Winthrop and York Tech students, and young adults just beginning careers to gather regularly, as well as our OBC students who attend college in another city to come to when they are home. Teacher: Ben Lucas

Wacaster Class: Room 302

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

Friends and Faith: Room 126

This class primarily made up of couples with children. The average age is mid-30's through 40's. Lessons are discussion-based with the teacher being the facilitator. Our class enjoys socials and get-togethers. Come join us! Teacher: Rotating

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 attracts single and married adults in their 50's and 60's (many are grandparents) who enjoy studying God's Word in an alternative fashion to the traditional Formations material. We also enjoy occasional visits to our class by grown children of class members, in order to lower our average age. The format is discussion, not lecture, with humor and concern for one another. 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

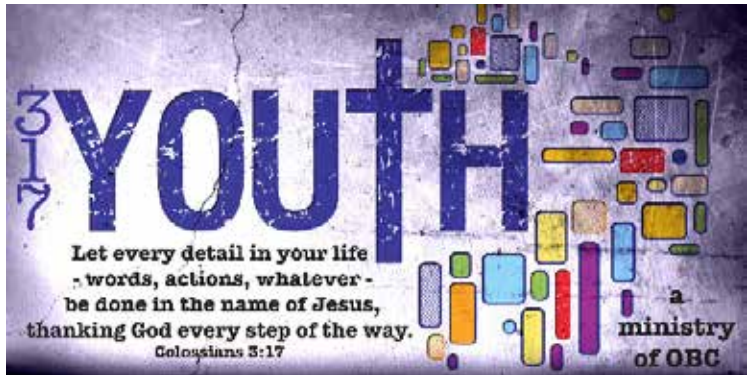
The members of the senior men’s Sunday school class (ages 65 and up, but anyone is welcome) come from various backgrounds and talents, but are melded into a body of believers and are eager for dialogue. The literature used is from Lifeway. The class feels strongly that the purpose of Sunday school is 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

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.

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.



Wednesdays at OBC

Wednesday Nights: Mission Possible, 6:00PM-7:10PM

We meet in the Youth Room on Wednesday evenings at 6PM during the school year before embarking on our mission project. Some weeks we will serve at Project Hope, the Ministry Center, the Children's Attention Home and other local agencies. Other weeks we will stay at the church for mission-related activities.

Fall Retreat: November 2-4



We will spend the weekend at Camp Cherokee, enjoying the outdoors and getting to know each other better as we seek to continue to grow in our faith. There will be opportunities to canoe and kayak, rock climb, hike, play basketball and volleyball and more! We will also participate in a team-building activities. Please let Leigh know if your child(ren) will be attending by September 16.

Other Opportunities

Winter high school retreat, summer mission trip, special fellowship opportunities like pool parties and movie nights, and mission projects

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. Over the Fall months we will study First Peter, Jonah and Micah. Through conversations, games and a variety of activities we will learn more about these books of the Bible as we apply their wisdom our lives.

Handbells: 4:15PM - 5:00PM

All youth are invited to participate in Youth Handbells, regardless of musical ability. This group periodically plays in the Traditional Worship service. Led by Suzanne Ringer.

Choir: 5:00PM - 5:45PM

Youth Choir is a great place to join with friends and make a joyful noise and a beautiful sound. This group periodically sings in both the Creative and Traditional Worship services and participates in Festival by the Sea each Spring. Led by Suzanne Ringer.

Youth Group: 5:45PM - 7:00PM

Each Sunday, all youth will gather in the Youth Room for an introduction to our lesson for the evening. We will then break up into small groups where we will dig deeper into the lesson. Small group time will also include time to check-in with one another and pray together.

At 6:30 we move to the gym for dinner and basketball. Dinner is provided each week by parents of youth and other church members. If you are willing to provide a meal for our youth, please contact Leigh.



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 Year Olds: Room 105, Two Year Olds: Room 106, Three & Four Year Olds: Room 101, Five Year Olds & First Graders: Room 205, Second & Third Graders: Room 204, Fourth & Fifth Graders: Room B3.



Choir and Handbells

We offer an extensive music program for children, which includes participation in worship and a Christmas Pageant. Details can be found on page 8.

Mission Friends & Mission Movers: 6:35PM-7:10PM

On Wednesdays we 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.

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.



Other Opportunities:

Lock-ins, Movie Nights and special outings for fellowship and discipleship.



OAKLAND DAY SCHOOL
rooted in love

Oakland Day School

Oakland Day School exists to provide a stimulating yet secure environment in which a child can grow socially, physically, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually in a Christian atmosphere.

The main emphasis is on the child's social growth and acceptance and on the development of a positive self-image.

R.E. Dewey has written , "A child's moral upbringing has an effect upon him which will remain largely untouched by anything that happens to him thereafter." Therefore, we feel that the church has an important role to play in educating the child and molding their character.

Spiritual and enrichment goals for the child will include:

Developing an appreciation for God's greatness as our creator, and for the beauty of all God's creations, experiencing successful achievements, understanding the law and order of the natural world, and developing a sense of kindness, cooperation, and loyalty.



Oakland Day School which was founded in 1980 has provided an enriched learning environment that has helped countless students get ahead. This year we have over 100 students and 15 teachers eager to learn, create and grow together. We have two, three and five day classes for one year olds - three year olds and a five day class for four year olds.



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: Suzanne Ringer
- **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
- **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: Suzanne Ringer
- **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

September 12: Wednesday Night Activities Begin

September 16: Communion

September 20: Pastor's Class 6PM

September 20: Women's Dinner

October Missions Month

October 7: Communion

October 7-14: Family Promise

October 14: Fall Fellowship

October 19-21: Women's Retreat

October 21: Baptism Sunday

October 28: Reformation Sunday; Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

November 2-4: Youth Retreat

November 4: All Saints Sunday Recognition; Committee Elections

November 11: Veterans Lunch 12PM

November 15: Pastor's Class 6PM

November 18: Communion; Community Thanksgiving Service

November 25: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

December 2: York County Choral Society Concert

December 9: Baptism Sunday; Children's Christmas Pageant 5PM

December 16: Chancel Choir Cantata; ONE Worship

December 19: Church wide Caroling 6PM

December 20: Service of Remembrance 6PM

December 23: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

December 24: Christmas Eve Service 5:30PM

December 30-January 5: Family Promise

January 4-6: High School Retreat

January 9: Committee Night

January 13: State of the Church Sunday, One service and potluck lunch

January 13: Annual Business Meeting 5PM

January 16: Wednesday night regular activities resume

January 24: Pastor's Class 6PM

January 25-27: Festival by the Sea (Adults)

January 27: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

February: Missions Month

February 3: Souper Bowl Sunday

February 17: Baptism Sunday

February 24: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM

March 3: Children's Sunday

March 1-3: Festival by the Sea (Youth)

March 6: Ash Wednesday Service 6PM

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.



March 12: Lenten Lunch
 March 19: Lenten Lunch
 March 24: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM
 March 24-31: Family Promise
 March 26: Lenten Lunch
 March 28: Pastor's Class 6PM
 April: CBF SC General Assembly
 April 2: Lenten Lunch
 April 9: Lenten Lunch
 April 14: Palm Sunday
 April 18: Maundy Thursday Service 6PM
 April 19: Community Good Friday Service
 April 21: Easter Worship in the Garden (8:30 AM); ONE Worship (10:30AM); Baptism
 April 28: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM
 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 6PM
 May 26: Coffee with the Pastor 9:45AM
 June 2: Baccalaureate Service
 June 9: Pentecost
 June 10-12: Staff Planning Retreat
 June 16: Baptism Sunday
 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 29: Big Summer VBS Blast
 July 7: Homecoming Worship, ONE Worship



Wednesday Night Activities will not take place on the following evenings:

- October 31 (Halloween)
- November 21 (Thanksgiving)
- December 26 (Christmas)
- January 2 (New Year's)
- January 9 (Committee Night)
- March 6 (Ash Wednesday)
- April 17 (Spring Break)

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

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