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From the Pastor's Pen

"What a fellowship, what a joy divine," are words that we have sung many, many times. I can truly say that the first six months of ministry has been a "joy divine" because of the fellowship that Oakland Baptist Church is! Thank you for being an integral part of a joy revolution in my life. You make it easy for a pastor because of your faithful commitment of service and ministry.

Recently, I read a little book for the second time called Making Vision Stick by Andy Stanley, the pastor of North Point Community Church. You may know his daddy, the same guy who's on TV every week, from First Baptist Atlanta, Dr. Charles Stanley. In the book, Andy suggests that celebrating the good things related to your vision is very important to achieving your vision.

Every week, the back cover of our bulletin states our Vision Statement, Elements of the Vision, and our Goal as a church. It may be overlooked... but it is accomplished regularly. "Oakland's purpose is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through praise and worship, guiding lost souls to Him, developing committed disciples, and ministering in His name to all people." We do it with "4 G's": **Gathering, Growing, Going, and Giving**. We **gather** in worship; we **grow** as disciples through study and fellowship; we **go** to others while sharing Jesus; and, we **give** of ourselves and our resources as we minister to the needs of others.

We need to celebrate a couple of things related to our purpose as a church! Let's rejoice 1- in surpassing our Christmas Offering for international missions; 2- our gifts to purchase a horse and riding gear for a missionary in Panama were more than necessary; 3- our service to the Lord and His people as you ministered to the family and community friends of Mabel Behrens during her memorial service and fellowship. It blessed my heart to see the church warm, spruced up, and staffed with smiling faces ready for ministry!

We need to prayerfully anticipate a few things coming this month: Our Fish Fry on March 5th and our children's spring consignment sale the last week of March. These two events are **HUGE** in what they do. If they were simply "fund raisers" I wouldn't be excited. They are so much more as indeed the proceeds go to mission projects, but the **FUN and fellowship** is what makes them special. People from near and far have called the church in recent days concerning the consignment sale. People in the community have asked me about the Fish Fry. I can hardly wait! It's almost like opening day of baseball, deer season, or Nascar.

The MOST EXCITING opportunity for me in March will be the privilege to introduce Bruce and Erin LePoint, currently in training at the International Learning Center in Rockville. They are preparing to relocate to the country of Turkey and share hope to a people who are searching for fulfillment in life. I had the joy of meeting Erin and her family while serving at Onancock Baptist Church on the Eastern Shore. She grew up with a heart for God and longing to live her life in service to Him. She has been a Journeyman in the Asian Rim and now, along with her husband and children will be moving to new ventures of service. **DON'T MISS SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, or you will miss an incredible experience of faith and obedience.**

Add to your prayer list: Easter Opportunities, Carpenters for Christ trip to Tennessee, Youth Mission Trip to Greenville, SC, Vacation Bible School, Revival, and Stop Hunger Now offering where our change will change lives.

**God is good... all the time, and All the time, God is good!
Truly it's a joy to serve Jesus as your pastor!**

Rev Kev



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Keep in Touch!



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Please keep in touch with Gabe while he is deployed:
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C/O USS Kearsarge
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Remember our Nursing Home Members:

Evelyn Grimes, Envoy at The Meadows, 2715 Dogtown Road
Goochland, VA 23063

Ellis Holloway, Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Health Care,
1601 Broad Rock Blvd., Room 123, Richmond, VA 23224

Bernice Peasley, Parham Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center,
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Eunice Walton, Envoy at The Meadows, 2715 Dogtown Road,
Room 212, Goochland, VA 23063



It's almost here! Our Spring Children's Consignment Sale.

Mark your calendar now:
Sale Dates: March 25 & 26

This sale is a great ministry for our church. We need everyone's help to set up, work the sale, and clean up after the sale! Please see Sandy Harper to sign up! Thank you for your continued support.



YOUR OBC website

is constantly being updated. Please check it often for updated information: www.oakland-baptist.com and please click the "contact us" to give us any suggestions on what you'd like to see included.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Deadlines:

Newsletter – 18th of each month
Bulletin – 12 noon of each Thursday

Submit **articles** to

communication@Oakland-Baptist.com

Prayer requests should be e-mailed to communication@Oakland-Baptist.com or call the church office and leave a message (804) 556-3550.

Website requests should be sent to: webmaster@Oakland-Baptist.com

NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE #, BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CHANGES:

Please notify YOUR DEACON with ANY CHANGES to your personal information. This will assist in assuring birthdays and anniversaries are correct and included in the newsletter at the appropriate time. The changes include: name, address, phone # changes, new births, deaths, weddings and divorce information for name changes or anniversary deletions to keep the church database updated for newsletter and other mailings to members and non-members. When we don't have your correct mailing address, your mail is returned to the post office and the church is charged return postage.

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If you would like to receive information by e-mail from Kevin, our pastor, email him to be added and you will be added to his Oakland Church list.



David Bailey	3/1
William Hees	3/1
Robert Grooms	3/5
Eddie Bradshaw	3/7
Gerry Strobel	3/7
Brandon Klaty	3/8
Ruby Gentry	3/9
Vicki Kellison	3/9
Dan Summitt	3/9
Kathy Wade	3/9
David Atwood	3/10
Kyle Dabney, Jr.	3/11
Jessie Pleasants	3/12
Gabe Edwards	3/13
Wayne Ware	3/13
Brenda Snead	3/14
Rhonda Lloyd	3/15
Charles Wagner	3/15
Joshua Kellison	3/16
Robert Cutchin	3/17
Kyle Dabney, III	3/17
Becky Edwards	3/17
Noel Brooking	3/18
Elizabeth LaSavage	3/22
Freeman Walton	3/22
Tennis Bradshaw	3/24
Ember Franklin	3/24
Ali Marks	3/24
Louise Parrish	3/25
Nancy Franklin	3/26
Thasha Renee Luck	3/26
Riley Saunders	3/26
Daryl Smith	3/26
Edith Wheedleton	3/26
Jerralyn Sherrill	3/27
Jeremy White	3/27
Amber Bowmaster	3/28
Melinda Gammon	3/28
Amanda Powers	3/29
Janet Jones	3/30
Breanne Berlin	3/31
Deborah Ware	3/31

Happy Anniversary!

Freeman & Eunice Walton	3/4
David & Debbie Ware	3/16
Robert & Debbie Cutchin	3/17
Keith & Christy Mason	3/18
Harry & Martha Barlow	3/20
Bubba & Kim Rosson	3/25



WHAT'S UP WITH THE YOUTH THESE DAYS?

YOUTH BASKET BONANZA

March 5, 2011

The OBC Youth will be facilitating a prize basket event at the Fish Fry on March 5. Participants are invited to buy tickets to be put toward the prize of their choosing. After the tickets have been cast, a winning ticket will be drawn by the Youth. Donations for tickets will be put toward tuition for Mfuge, our summer mission camp.

TALENT SHOW

April 16, 2011

1 Corinthians 12:4 states, "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit." To me, this means that we are all given a talent by God and we should let those talents shine. All will be given the opportunity to let their talents shine at the Youth-hosted talent show on April 16th. Previous to the show at 5:00pm participants, audience included, are invited to share in fellowship through a potluck. The show will start at 6:00pm.

While the show may seem far away, the time to sign up to showcase your talent is fast approaching. There will be a sign up sheet for talent and potluck posted on March 2. All church members are invited to enter as talent for the show. The audience will cast their vote for the winner by donation. Donations will be put toward Mfuge.

This is sure to be a lot of fun!

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who supported the Youth through the Souper Bowl Luncheon. Your support amazes me every day.

Many Blessings,
Ali

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunger Mission Project: Perkins Baptist Church is assisting families in our community that are in need of food. Once a month, they distribute food bags that contain items that will help prepare several meals for the people. Please bring canned or boxed foods so that we can participate in a Goshen community missions event—suggested items include:

packaged meals	mac and cheese	dried beans	canned veggies
canned spaghetti sauce	oatmeal	grits	pasta
rice	crackers	canned meats & fish	cookies
pancake mix	syrup	peanut butter	
jams, jellies(store bought)	cereal	soup	

Things to make a meal

For more information, please contact one of the Goshen representatives or WOM member. Thank you!



Panama Partnership
WE DID IT! Many, many thanks to everyone who participated in this project. Because of YOU, the Gospel will be spread to rural villages in Panama.

What can you do to help the leadership have an effective ministry at Oakland?

1. Encourage the pastor, youth minister, deacons, and other leaders
2. Be involved in ministry
3. Pray regularly for our leadership
4. Speak well of your leadership; pastors, youth minister, deacons, and others.
5. Get to service on time and also be regular in attendance and be attentive.
6. Remember that worship time is just that; you should be attentive, cell phones should be turned off, and you should wait until you are dismissed to leave the sanctuary.
7. Call your leaders by name; Rev Kev, Ali, etc.
8. Bless them with the gift of your time.
9. Honor the pastor's and youth minister's days off.
10. Accept and support the vision for their ministry at Oakland.
11. Be sensitive to financial need if and when it arises.
12. Have fun with your leaders. Get to know them.
13. Give them the benefit of the doubt with confidential decisions.
14. Allow everyone to minister as their gifts and time allow.



FISH FRY – We will have our 9th Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, March 5, 2011, 3:30-6:00pm. This is an outreach to our community and we need to the help of everyone to make this day a success. Tickets are now available – see Gerald Pleasants or Betty Fields. Ladies, Hilda needs your help and your baked goods. Flyers are available for distribution and letters are available for vendors. If you are able to work at the Fish Fry, a sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall or you may call Jerri Sherrill (556.3643). Thank you in advance for your continued support.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY - feeding children in Coeburn located in Southwest Virginia. We will be collecting items to be donated to Friendship Baptist Church in Coeburn, VA that provides lunches during the summer months for children. Items needed: Peanut butter, jelly, juice boxes, NABS, chips, single serving fruit cups, cookies, candy, popcorn, paper products, new socks, & new underwear. Place items in hallway by **Wednesday, March 30.**

NOTES, MISSION OPPORTUNITIES and ANNOUNCEMENTS - continued

Notes from Women on Mission



Spring Missions Celebration on **April 3rd at 3pm** at Zoar Baptist in Locust Grove where the emphasis will be on Moldova. Our very own Lesley Alford will be speaking, along with John Miller, Amy Lacy, and Nancy McDaniel. Lots of information and fun for everyone. Signup sheet for Church Bus ride on bulletin board in Sunday School hallway, or contact Teresa Groome for a ride.

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Did you miss the first Stop Hunger Now packing event? Mark your calendar now so you won't miss this time.

October 9 at 3pm at Craigs Baptist All ages needed—especially Youth to help carry things, Adults to help pack, Seniors to weigh and seal the packets, Musically inclined to sing along, and everyone who can enjoy fellowship and a good time. The best part is that you will be helping hungry people receive a nutritious meal. The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packets. Each meal costs only 25 cents. The food stores easily, has a shelf-life of five years and transports quickly.

To prepare for the Stop Hunger Now event, WOM will sponsor collection of Quarters (and any other monies) to purchase the supplies during March to August. Goal for Goshen is to purchase \$10,000 worth of supplies. **Let's see if OBC can help contribute by sending \$1,000 to purchase 4,000 meals!**

Baptist Buzz...

Excerpts from Virginia Baptist E-Newsletter "Advance Notice" February 2011

News from the Goshen Baptist Association, Virginia Baptist, & WMU...

Calling All Cooks!

Recipes Needed for Virginia Baptist Cookbook

Good food is something we, as Baptists, can all appreciate! We have plenty of opportunities to show off our cooking talents between fellowship time, potluck dinners, and Sunday afternoon luncheons. It's a chance to either experiment or use the same, time-honored recipe. So why not share our good cooking with others?

The Virginia Baptist Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia are seeking a few good recipes to go into a new Virginia Baptist Cookbook to be available at the November BGAV Connect: 2011 annual meeting in Richmond. All proceeds will go toward a specific Virginia Baptist hunger-related ministry. If each of our 1,400 BGAV churches submitted a recipe, think of the possibilities that could be at our fingertips! Please submit your recipes (as many as you like!) to Paige Peak, paige.peak@vbmb.org by July 1.



Baptist Joint Committee (BJC) - Essay Contest

High School juniors and seniors have an opportunity to win a \$1000 scholarship from the BJC by writing about religious liberty. Visit the BJC website (www.bjconline.org/) for the topic, entry forms, and details.

Building for the Future

We are in the midst of a paradigm shift where it's no longer about building bigger church buildings and trusting that people will come to them. It's about becoming missionaries in our own communities and going to them rather than expecting them to come to us. What does it look like to refocus our energy from buildings to community? Join the Fresh Expressions conversation: www.freshexpressionsus.org or contact [Ben Jamison](#), coordinator, Fresh Expressions, at 800.255.2428, ext. 6280.



A Time of Self-examination

1 Cor. 11:27-28 (NKJV)

Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. [28] But let a man examine himself,

I had a friend named Bill Osborne. Bill was seventy seven when he died. He was a sweetheart of a guy. He couldn't hear with-out his aide and he could only see a few feet directly ahead. He really loved the Lord and did whatever he could for His church. This included cutting grass, raking leaves, collecting trash and even some painting.

Bill became very ill. He was given one month to live. He was terminal with cancer in two places. He was well aware of the situation and one day he said to me, "Pastor Dan, do you think I am worthy to be saved and go to Heaven? After all, I was seventy two when I was saved and I didn't live a good life at all."

I replied, "Bill, in some way we are total opposites. I'm seventy two now and have tried to serve the Lord my whole life. In a sense when my mother birthed me it was in a church nursery. But now we are equals." I related to Bill the parable of the workers found in Matthew 20 (please read). „I told him the little-know pastor who labored a life-time with only 30 fold in his church can have the same welcome in Heaven as a Billy Graham." I quoted 1 Cor. 4:2 **it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful.** I said Bill, "Salvation has nothing to do with what you or I have done. It has everything to do with what God has done, his love and His mercy.

I could see tears in Bill's almost blind eyes as he thanked me for reassuring him. He never again brought up the subject but had peace concerning his life and impending death.

The word unworthy means base, worth-less, dishonorable, lacking in value. Some Christians at Corinth were treating the Lord's Supper in a careless frivolous manner. The apostle Paul warns against this. He says we are to examine ourselves. We do not scrutinize one another. We are not delegated to be God's FBI. The work of conviction is an operation of the Holy Spirit.

Examine means to test our lives. Are we conducting ourselves like Christians at home, work, school and in relationships? Does our language glorify Christ? I don't refer only to swearing (although to my sorrow I have heard Christians do that) but to nasty hurtful, offensive or foolish words. Do we watch ungodly filth on TV? While doing pulpit supply in a church a few years ago, I was told of a woman who watched suggestive and racy movies on TV. She rationalized her actions by saying she always asked God for forgiveness. We may smile but we too, can have a lax attitude toward sin.

Are we reading question-able things or do we read good books that will broaden us and enhance our witness? Do we waste our lives on computer games? Many adults as well as youth do. Is our life a pretense or are we truly endeavoring to serve the Lord? Are we faithful to our spiritual obligations?

Are we Christ-like in our relationships? Is there an apology we need to make? Do we harbor ill-will towards one who has wronged us?

We do not need the world's most powerful microscope to examine ourselves. We do need to open our hearts to the faithful Holy Spirit. If there is a problem we can believe 1st john 1:9 for our need. **"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**











We can never be worthy of the mercy and grace of God. But we can show our appreciation by seeking to always bring glory to God. Are you striving to live daily for God's glory? Am I? That is my prayer and that is a good way with which to begin each day in the New Year.

Used with permission from Pastor Dan Immordino, New Monmouth Baptist Church

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Deacon of the Week</i>	<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Extended Session</i>
06	Frank Smith	Edith Wheedleton	Michelle Alford
13	Ricky Harper	Shirley Bowyer	Sandy Harper
20	Jerri Sherrill	Agnes Grant	Cheryl Klaty
27	Gerald Pleasants	Carolyn Grant	Kim Rosson



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> 6 pm Wednesday Night Supper 7pm Youth, CIA's, & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice Fish Fry Set Up	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Fish Fry 3:30-6:00pm 
<u>6</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 12:30 – Deacon's Meeting	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 6 pm Wednesday Night Supper 7pm CIA's, Youth, & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>10</u> Consignment – Rack Set up 6:30pm  7:15pm WOM Evening Group	<u>11</u> Consignor Drop Off 6:30-8:30pm 	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> Daylight Savings Time 9:45am Sunday School 11 am Worship Consignor Drop Off 1:00-3:00pm 	<u>14</u> 10am WOM Morning Group Consignment – Rack Set up & Sort 6:30pm 	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> 6 pm Wednesday Night Supper 7pm Youth, CIA's, & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>17</u> Happy St. Patrick's Day! 10:00am Seniors at Oakland Consignment – Rack Set up & Sort 6:30pm 	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u> 8am Men's Breakfast 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship 11:15Children's Worship	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u> Consignor Preview Night 6:30-8:30pm 	<u>23</u> 7pm Youth, CIA's, & Bible study 8pm Choir Practice	<u>24</u> Consignor Preview Night 6:30-8:30pm 	<u>25</u> Consignment Sale 6:30-8:30pm 	<u>26</u> Consignment Sale 9:00am-12:00pm 
<u>27</u> 9:45am-Sunday School 11am Worship	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

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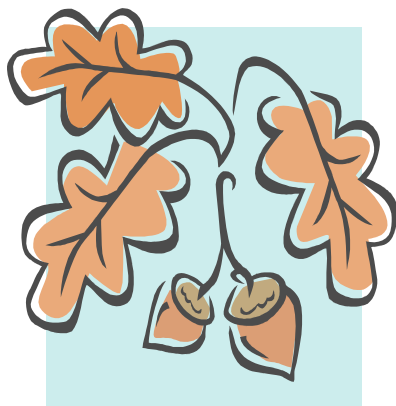
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Steve & Lesley Alford
Lillian Armstrong
Robert Atkinson
Robin Battle
Family of Mabel Behrens
Gail Brooks
John Clayton
Ruth Coleman
Lucy Cook, Sandy Harper's mother
Family of Jane Dillon
Virginia Dorey
Family of Glen Duke
Gabe Edwards, Out on Deployment
Sully Edwards, Out on Deployment
Fields Family
Margie Gonzalez & her sister
Velma Goodwin, Shirley Bath's mother
Agnes Grant
Grayson Grant
Daniel Gregory, Afghanistan
Pat Groome & her brother in law, Ralph
Faris Hamrick
Family of Margaret Hix (Bill Groome's
Aunt)

Bo Holloway (Alma Walton's brother)
Ellis Holloway
Sally Hope (Betsy Young's Cousin)
Christopher Humphrey-Afghanistan
(Danette's nephew)
Betty Jarrell, Tammy Brooking's
mother
Cary Kincaid
Bruce & Erin LePointe
Jim Lear
Ruby Lent
Aerial Moen
Angela Montgomery (Shirley Bath's
niece)
Frank Moran
Hazel Morgan
Josh Myers, Rhonda Lloyd's friend
Gladys Nester & her great grandson,
Cameron
Marie Nester's son & granddaughter
Shirley Patterson (Bartley's friend)
Gerald Pleasants
Roger Roller & Family in the loss of his
mother & mother in law
Monty Rose

Mike Sherrill
Daisy Showalter, Shirley Bowyer's niece
Preston Snead, Bobby Fields'
cousin's son
Betty Stanley
Kathy Wade's niece-Julie
Dana Wallace (Sam Pleasant's co-
worker
Tiny Willis

Fish Fry, Children's Consignment
Sale, Master Gardeners,
Carpenters for Christ, & MFuge.

*Note: In order to keep the prayer
concerns current, please notify us of
any updates or changes. Thank you!*

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