

**AUGUST
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GOOD TIDINGS NEWSLETTER
OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC
"Celebrating 150 years of Faith, Hope, and Love"
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10AM



E-mail is a wonderful tool. I didn't know that I could enjoy having at my fingertips such quick access to people in my life. At least those who have e-mail addresses, and I have them in my expanding e-mail address book.

In an instant, I can send a person a card, a note, a letter, a joke, a picture, anything, almost. I have some people in my church who suggested that I do my sermons by e-mail and on Sunday just send them one. I sort of agreed to this on one condition. I would send them my sermon by e-mail if they would send me their offering, not by email, but direct to my postal mailing address. As of this date, I haven't seen any offerings in my mailbox.

Something I have learned about e-mailing is the information goes only to the person to whom it is addressed. It is a direct, straight, connecting on the money, so to speak, line. E-mail to me is much like prayer. The heart of the matter goes direct to the source.

We can e-mail God anytime we want. Like now, I am praying that all who get this letter will cultivate your prayer life, that you will pray for me, the work of your church, the needs in your own life. God has received this prayer.

Prayer is much like e-mail. When we think about someone, have need to connect with someone, want to say a word to someone, feeling warmth in our heart for someone, we click on e-mail and send it. Prayer is the same. We just open up our hearts, minds, and click send.

Prayer is like e-mail too in another way. The more I e-mail a world that I never dreamed about and all its possibilities began to open up to me. This letter is being composed on my word processor. The first time I did this, sometimes a word would be underlined in red. I thought this computer was underlining key words because they were so well chosen. But many words began to become underlined; then, I realized all those words were the ones I couldn't spell. So, you see, the more a tool is used, the more you learn how to use the tool, and the more you learn how to use the tool, more of the possibilities of what that tool can do for you becomes more evident.

Prayer is the tool by which we can access our Heavenly Father faster than we can say e-mail me. Jesus spent much time in prayer. There Jesus was in the realm of His Father who directed His life and gave him strength for His tasks. Like Jesus, may our e-mails to God increase; then watch, wait, to see what new things God will do for us and with us.

PS - I sure would, appreciate if you would send God a few e-mails on my behalf.

~Eddie



Paul Putnam - Minister of Music

Music Corner

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"How Firm a Foundation" is a hymn traced back to 1787. Its most common musical setting is to the tune, FOUNDATION, although it can also be used with the tune, ADESTE FIDELIS (O Come all ye Faithful). The tune FOUNDATION is part of the book of melodies published in the This hymn speaks to the faithfulness of God and leads us to our faith in Christ Jesus.

We are so fortunate to have melodies and texts that have stood the test of time and are so rich in theology. Can you imagine what church must have felt like in those days of early America? Most churches did not have instruments such as pump organs or pianos. All the music was sung a cappella (no accompaniment). Because of this, the melodies developed and composed were tune-ful and easily sung and remembered.

As I write this, we are preparing to journey to Connecticut for a couple weeks of vacation and time with family and friends. May you also take some time this summer to retreat and relax a bit during these dog days of summer.

Be blessed!
~Paul

Dear Oakland Family,

Thank you all so much for your cards and caring thoughts on the loss of my mother. Dad and Mom were married on June 10th 1950 and she passed on June 13th 2022 marking 72 years of marriage. We will miss her but it's a comfort to know she is at peace.

Thank you

We appreciate the help from Rev. Eddie Walker and Connie. Your caring ways meant so much to our family.

Love,
Robert Smith
Cindy Cowan
Jeanette and Bill Smith



AUGUST CALENDAR

August 2 Tuesday 9:30 am to 12 pm Mah-jongg - CLC
 August 2 Tuesday 10 am to 11 am Loaves & Fishes – Fellowship Hall
 August 4 Thursday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm - 6 pm Mat Yoga - CLC
 August 7 Sunday 9am Sunday School, 10 am Worship
 August 7 Sunday 2:45 pm –Leave church for Tides Baseball Game
 August 9 Tuesday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Mah-jongg - CLC
 August 11 Thursday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm - 6 pm Mat Yoga - CLC
 August 14 Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship
 August 15 Monday 6 pm Sister Cities - CLC
 August 16 Tuesday 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Mah-jongg - CLC
 August 16 Tuesday 7 pm Jewels - CLC (Hosts Sadie Boyer and Connie Edwards)
 August 16 Tuesday 7 pm Men's Fellowship – Sal's Pizza
 August 19 Friday 6 pm to 8:30 pm Youth Group "Friday Friends" Fellowship Hall
 August 18 Thursday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm Chair Yoga 5 pm - 6 pm Mat Yoga - CLC
 August 21 Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship
 August 23 Tuesday 9:30 am to 2 pm Mah-jongg - CLC
 August 26 Friday 5 pm to 9 pm Private 50th Wedding Anniversary – Sanctuary & CLC
 August 27 Saturday – 8 am to 4 pm Women's Group - CLC
 August 28 Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship



Jonathan Putnam	1
Barbara Bainbridge	4
Kathy Bounds	5
Chris Hathaway	5
Suzanne Langston	7
Sharon Burton	10
Diane Saunders	10
Bill Felton	10
June Felton	11
Connie Burgess	13
Corey Blanchette	13
Clare Mitchell	17
Faye Daniels	20
Sandy Butler	20
Mary Anne Biggs	20
Cheri Babler	21
Frank Spady	23
Larry Bounds	23
Betty Rhodes	23
Sandy Barton	25
Larry Riddick	28
Alicia Phillips	29
Chanel Eaton	30

OCC FRIDAY FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP!

PIZZA (MAKE YOUR OWN) & MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022

(6:00-8:30 p.m.)

GRADES PK-5



Please RSVP to Connie Burgess
at jesseandconnieburgess@gmail.com
or 757-635-8710 before 9:00 p.m. by
Wednesday, August 17, 2022.



BOCE Announcements

Calling all Sunday School teachers! We are looking for teachers for all ages. Please contact Dani Howell (757-651-9521) or dani.howell@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.



September 11

Reminder Church Time Change

**Starting September 11
Worship at 11 am**

Returning to the church's historical time appears to offer the most opportunity for success with the Sunday School program. Thus, the BOCE made the request. Council carefully considered and unanimously voted in favor of the change in worship time. Oakland's aim is to provide a spiritual home for all ages and promote multi-generational worship. We appreciate your willingness to help us reaffirm our Sunday School program and continue building our church family by accommodating this change.

Please join us on Sunday, September 11, 2022, @ 10:00 am before church for Rally Day activities and for our introduction of the Sunday School classes, including devotionals and churchwide Bible Trivia. Then join us @ 11:00 am Sunday Worship!

Worship will be followed with a luncheon!

September 11



Church provides fried chicken and drinks.
Please bring a dish to share!

The following Sunday, September 18, 2022, will mark the first Sunday of our new Sunday School program. The program will include separate classes for youth Pre-K-12th grade and two adult classes - continuing with a Lecture Based class, as well as, offering a revamped discussion based class. Please be on the lookout for more information on the Sunday School classes and opportunities to volunteer in the different programs.



~~ Men's Fellowship Group ~~

August 16th—7:00 pm

Sal's Pizza

815 Godwin Blvd in Suffolk

All are welcome

please join us!

If you have any questions please contact:
Roger Burton 757-373-2817 or 757-373-4080



~~ JEWELS ~~

Sisters in Christ

Third Tuesday of every month

August 16th—7:00 pm

We will have our gathering in the CLC

Hosted by

Sadie Boyer and

Connie Edwards

All are welcome

please join us!



Church Potluck Lunch was held on July 10th
and it was truly a blessing as we gathered
around the table and enjoyed good fellowship!



Kendall and Helena attended John's River Valley Camp
in July and had a great time!
They are already looking forward to
going back next year!



Pam and Carole making pies!

Returning visitors are welcomed in
many ways from a welcome greeting
on Sunday, to a visit during the week,
to a phone call or email, and pies!

Fresh made and frozen

Knights of North Castle ~ Vacation Bible School 2022



Thanks to Larry Bounds
for building us a castle!



Thank-you to Kimmy Curliss, our Queen!
Who lead us on our Quest

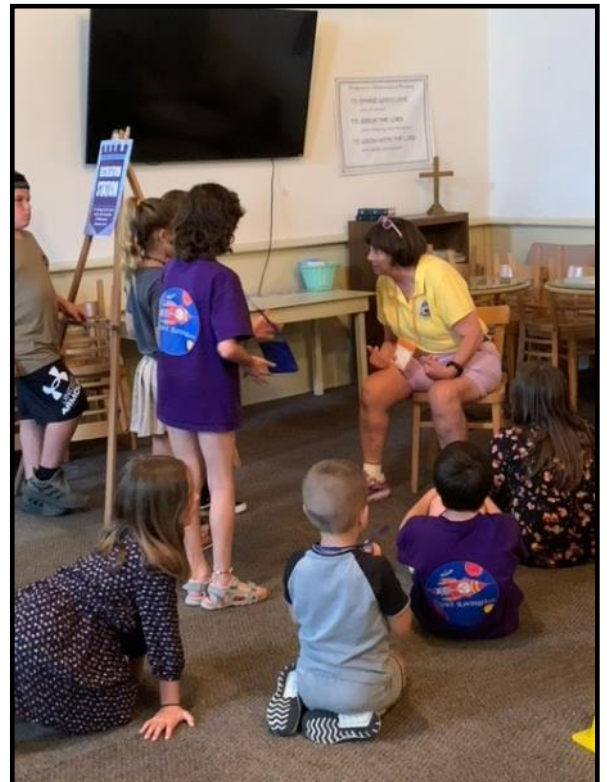


Vacation Bible School 2022



The Search for the King's Armor

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power - Ephesians 6:10





There was a lot of fun and laughs at VBS this year. Thank you to all the volunteers who came together with meals for vacation Bible school, what a wonderful special way to show our love. Blessing to all ~ Susie Eaton

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JOURNEY

CELEBRATING 150
YEARS

OUR ROOTS ARE
PLANTED FIRMLY
ON FAITH, HOPE,
AND LOVE

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We Welcome You

If you believe that God is calling you to be a member of this congregation, please let us know with a call to our church office. We can help you join by baptism or profession of faith, as a transfer, or by reinstatement.

It would be wonderful to have you in our Church Family!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To share God's love with all people,
To serve the Lord with humility and kindness,
To grow with the Lord in wisdom and strength.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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