

**AUGUST
NEWS**

**GOOD TIDINGS NEWSLETTER
OAKLAND CHRISTIAN UCC
AUGUST 2023**



1 Peter 4: 8-10

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. “

“The first time I came here, it felt like home.”

I recently heard this comment from a visitor who will be joining our church in the covenant of membership. It's likely, if you've been here for a minute or two, you've either heard that sentiment expressed before, or have felt it yourself. If not immediately, it surely doesn't take long for Oakland to feel like home.

Church, I'll be brief this month in the newsletter, keep doing it! Keep making this feel like home for those who walk through the doors. That may mean different things to different folks. Time, generations, culture, and life experiences all make hospitality a different thing for different people. Still, it is in this area that we are clearly gifted, and can evolve in becoming even better as time goes on.

Keep doing it! It is right. It is good. It pleases God.

Amen.

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Rev. Jason Stump





Paul Putnam - Minister of Music

Music Corner

It's My Desire – Horace Boyer

It's my desire to be like the Lord, It's my desire to live like Him.
It's my desire to show that I care, to be a friend doing my full share,'til the end
Though it is so rare through rain and wind.
To kneel in prayer, It's My desire to be a soldier
Yes, it is, for His great cause., To live my life as he did His
It's my desire to be like the Lord, It's My desire to live like Him.

I learned this song, "It's My Desire" at summer music church camp years ago when I was a teenager. A number of years later, I was in college with Dr. Boyer as my music theory professor who had written this song. His impact has continued to be felt all these years later. After finding out Rev. Wayne Gardner had passed on to be with Jesus, it was in a conversation with Judy that I found out how much this song meant to Wayne. After sharing this anthem at his funeral and again on Sunday, I will never sing this song without thinking about Wayne and the tremendous impact he has had on my life. Rev. Wayne's example as a prayerful soldier for Jesus is one for all of us.

Looking to join the Chancel Choir or the Bell Choir? A great time to step in and try it out is when we get started again in September. Do you need to read music? This is a question I get all the time. This is complicated because each person has a slightly different idea about reading music. Being able to follow the movement of the notes and the beats of each note will be extremely helpful. Most of all, we ask that people come because they want to serve God by being part of the music ministry at Oakland. We will officially kick-off the new season on Thursday, September 14th. Stay tuned!

Questions about the music ministry at Oakland. See Paul on Sundays, or send him an email at peputnam@yahoo.com

It's my desire to
be like Him,

~Paul



- Aug 1 Loaves & Fishes meeting - Fellowship Hall (10am)
- Aug 6 Worship (11am) Adult Sunday School (10am)
- Aug 6 Tides Ball Game (4pm)
- Aug 7 Stewardship Meeting - CLC (6:00 pm)
- Aug 7 BOCE & Activities Meeting - Godwin Mtg. Room (6:30 pm)
> VBS volunteers are invited to attend as we debrief on this year's Camp Oakland
- Aug 13 Worship (11am) Adult Sunday School (10am)
- Aug 15 Jewels CLC - Hostess, Sharon Creekmore and Peggy Walker (6pm)
- Aug 15 Men's Fellowship - George's Steakhouse (6pm)
- Aug 17 Loaves & Fishes Food Drive Thru - CLC (11am)
- Aug 20 Worship (11am) Adult Sunday School (10am) New Member Sunday
- Aug 23 Council Mtg - Godwin Mtg Room (6pm)
- Aug 27 Worship (11am) Adult Sunday School (10am) Blessing of the Backpacks

 **AUGUST**
Birthdays

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

BOCE Announcement - We will meet Aug 7 at 6:30pm

> VBS volunteers are invited to attend as we debrief on this year's Camp Oakland

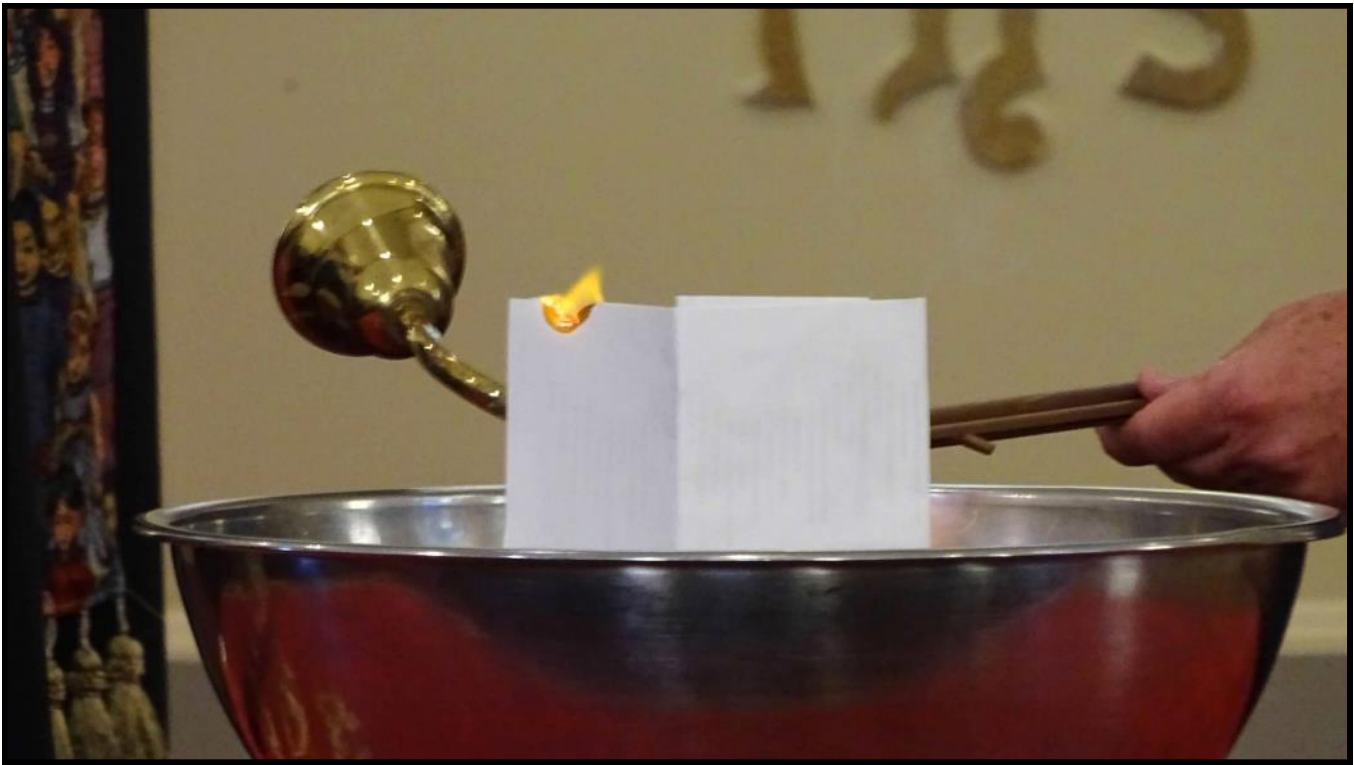
HOLY SMOKES! We did it!

The CLC is now paid in full.

This is almost unheard of, to pay off a loan of close to a million dollars in less than six years.

Y'all are the greatest, and we are grateful for every pledge and contribution.

We had a wonderful celebration and hope you were there.



Thomas Woodward, Towne Bank Regional President presented us with the note, and Rev. Jason Stump, Rev. Mary Ann Biggs, and Ralph Howell, performed the ceremonial note burning.

For the foreseeable future, every time there is a 5th Sunday in a month we will have the children walk through the sanctuary during worship and collect loose change in containers they've decorated in preparation for this ministry.



Our first Sunday collection for change collected \$430.0 on July 30th.

Water Project We provide the Change

It is to benefit Church World Service efforts to provide water to those who lack access. There isn't a better use for you to "provide change" in helping others.



Back To School



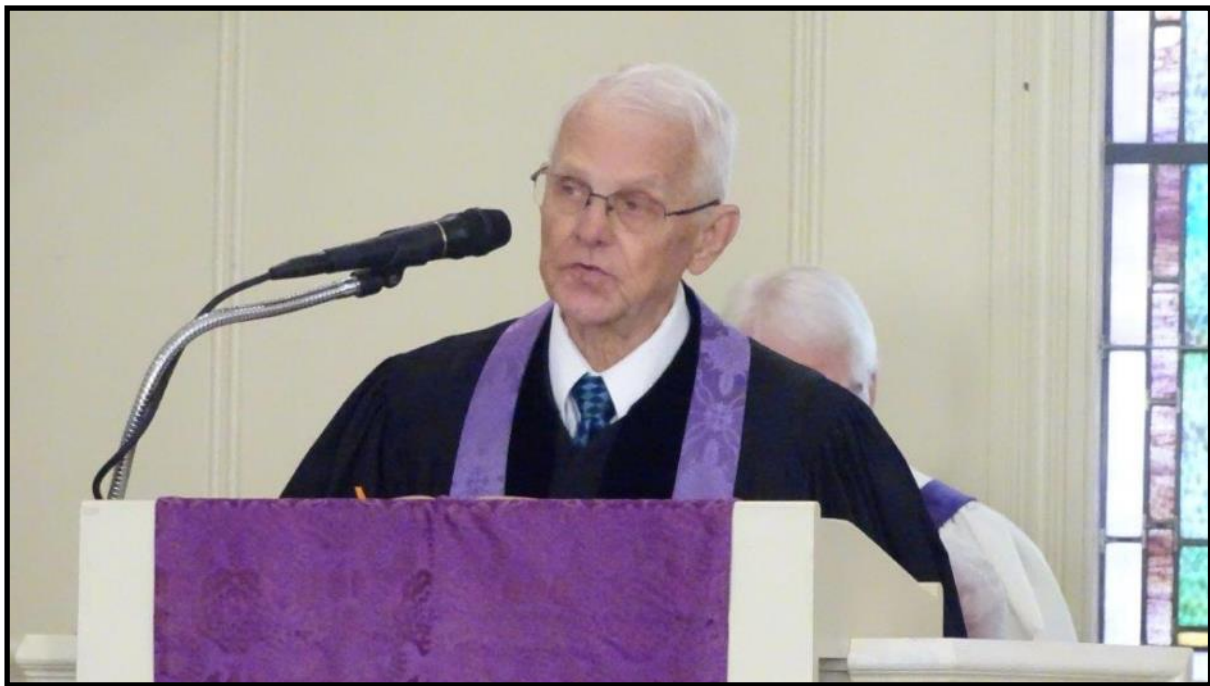
Oakland Elementary School Supply List 2023-2024

Please drop off supplies in the Fellowship Hall
We are collecting thru August 27th

Index Cards, Crayola Crayons
Colored Pencils
Markers
Dry Erase Markers
Glue Sticks

Headphones
Tissues
Clorox Wipes
Water
K-Cups
Zip-loc bags (all sizes)

Wayne Allan Gardner Oct. 26, 1940 - July 23, 2023



Wayne you will live on in our memories



Saying Goodbye to our
Nursery Attendant!

Thank you Arianna for tending to
our kids!

It's that time for Arianna to head on
to college. Her last Sunday will be
August 15th.

Congratulations and best of luck in
your future.



Of Course we celebrated in the Community Life Center after the note burring. We can't miss an opportunity to gather for good food and fellowship!





Men's Fellowship
August 15th @ 6:00 pm
George's Steakhouse
1260 Holland Road

Please join us!

Questions:

Roger Burton 757-373-2817 or 757-373-4080



JEWELS
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
August 15th @ 6:00 pm

We will gather in the CLC
Hosted by: Peggy Walker & Sharon Creekmore

All are welcome
Please join us!



Oakland
Kids



Camp Oakland Vacation Bible School 2023



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Vacation Bible School 2023



Camp Oakland Thanking All Our Volunteers!



Camp Oakland



JOIN US ON LIFE'S JOURNEY

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

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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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