

GOOD TIDINGS

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN CHURCH



"Celebrating 140 Years of Faith, Hope and Love"

Issue 2—2012

8:45 and 11 a.m. Worship Services

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

Youth Ministry Calendar, February

Joyful Noise Fellowship (Kindergarten – 2nd grade)

February 12th, Valentine Distribution. We will take the bus and have lunch at Subway. Each child should bring \$5 to cover the cost. The children will then go to Lake Prince Woods and deliver the Valentines they made at the previous meeting to the residents in assisted living. They should return approximately at 2:30pm.

PLEASE help the Joyful Noise Fellowship collect socks for all ages and genders, for ForKids. This collection will run through February 12th and will be delivered on Monday, February 13th. ForKids assists the homeless in the area. Questions, please see Carol Johanningsmeier.

Amazing Grace Fellowship (Grades 3 – 5)

February 26th 12:15 - 2:15. GAME DAY! Bring your favorite board game, and Ms. Kendall has some new active games too! We will also continue with "Learning to Use My Bible", so bring your own Bible. We are looking for 2 parents to help provide lunch, beverage and dessert. Speak with Kendall or Kirsten Wise if you can help. Game ON!

Parents, please assist your youth in earning some extra cash during Lent, as Amazing Grace is trying to purchase blankets through Church World Service at \$5 a piece. These blankets serve multiple purposes...warmth, a shelter, a stretcher, a table to eat from, etc. They really enjoyed working with Church World Service on the Hygiene kits and asked to do these blankets. A collection will be made during both church school and youth fellowship meetings, now through Easter.

God's Promise Fellowship (Middle School)

February 12th - Regular Youth with Chimes (5:30-7:30)

February 19th - Regular Youth , NO CHIMES (5:30 – 7:30)

February 26th - Regular Youth, NO CHIMES (5:30-7:30)

The God's Promise Fellowship would like to give a huge "THANK YOU!" to our Oakland church family for the "Extreme Makeover" of our upstairs lounge. We are especially grateful to Denise Spady, Larry Bounds, Deena Scintilla and Wendy Billue for the time you spent painting our room & making it look nice for us when you could have been doing something else. We LOVE the upgrades to our room which include paint, new furniture, a funky lamp and a great flat screen TV. They make us feel so happy & comfortable that we are right at home while we are enjoying our fellowship time together.

PLEASE let Cheryl know ASAP if you are able to attend the retreat on March 2 – 5. This is a wonderful program held at the UCC Seminary in Lancaster PA, each year.

Messengers of Faith (High School)

February 12th; 5:30 – 7:30pm. There will be an important PARENT MEETING for all Messengers of Faith participants. Agenda items include future programs, fundraisers and outings, retreats, church school, and general scheduling issues. Please make every effort to attend, for the successful and smooth running of this special fellowship group. Refreshments WILL be served!



Potato Bar Helpers: Anne Barden Spady, Erin Whitley and Daniel Brower.

Second Youth Fellowship Retreat Fund “fundraiser” Save the date...St. Patrick’s Day Dinner at Oakland.

Exact menu and price to be announced, but mark your calendar. March 17th, 5 pm. Thank you to all who supported the potato bar. \$376 was earned for this fund to support retreats, mission trips, special events, etc. not part of the normal programming of youth fellowship.



February Birthdays

Celia Coughlin	1
Connie Truitt	1
Ashlyn Newberry	1
Linda Dennis	2
Kent Gwaltney	6
Tammy Howell	6
Vivian May	6
Christie Creasy	6
Victoria Archer	7
Carolyn Smith	7
Alana Garner	8
Shelly Helms	8
Frances Davidson	9
Lynn Knight	9
Dave Davidson	10
Larry Butler	10
James Burnett	11
Philip McKinley	14
Dori Mitchell	14
Kimberly Curliss	15
Brooke Williams	16
Lee Lovell, Jr.	16
Don Newberry	16
James Wiggins	17
Whit Saunders	18
Win Winslow	20
Kelly McCann	20
Ginny Duke	20
Joshua Harrell	20
Justin Franklin	21
David Nelms	22
Lauren Billings	23
Richard Howell	23
Nicole Kelly	23
Justin Duke	24
Bill Knapp	25
Randy Rowell	26
Bryan Gayle	27
Gayle Duplain	28
Matt Smith	28
Peyton Wise	28
Meredith Spain	29



OUR FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES TO HELP A NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN BRINGING IN DONATIONS, **PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATES AND DO NOT DONATE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED OR ARE EXPIRED**—WE MUST DISCARD ANY ITEMS THAT ARE OPEN OR OUT OF DATE. Thank you all for your help.

Congratulations to Anne Barden Spady for her win in the Nansemond-Suffolk Academy Spelling Bee. Please tune in to watch her on live TV (WHRO) on Saturday, February 11 at 2:00 pm for the regional spelling bee! **Good luck, Anne Barden!**



T.O.P.S. (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Thursdays at 10:00 am. Yearly dues are \$28 (which includes a magazine subscription and monthly dues are \$4.00 per month. There is a resource book that is normally \$10.00 but is \$8.00 if you buy it the day you sign up; which means to join is either \$28 (without book) or \$36 (with book). Come and join us!!

RELAY FOR LIFE - OAKLAND’S RELAY TEAM



Deborah Harrell and Debra Britt have agreed to be Co-Captains for Oakland’s Relay for Life team. The Relay is 6pm-6am May 18th-19th at Bennett’s Creek Park. Captain meetings are usually the 1st Mon. of each month at the Suffolk Firehouse on King’s Fork Rd. (with next one being Feb. 6th at 7pm).



Photography Class with David Sawyer to return: February 20th, in the Godwin Room. Class will run from 6 to 8 PM with shoots on Saturdays, (AM), weather permitting. Cost \$30, for a 6 week period. Some of the subjects that will be covered will include composition, (this will be one of the key subjects), proper camera use, digital images and computer enhancement, technical discussion on film speed and flash use, lens types and making most of the equipment the individual user has. David says, “I will bring other subject matter up as I determine the experience level of the class”.

Easter Cantata News

I know it seems like we have just put away our wonderful Christmas Cantata, but it is time to be thinking about this year's Easter Cantata. We will be learning and sharing "**Once Upon a Tree**" on Palm Sunday which is **Sunday, April 1st. There will be one service @ 10:30AM on that morning.**

"Once Upon a Tree" is a cantata the Oakland Choir last performed in the spring of 2005. In looking through the books, I think there are only 8 current choir members that learned the cantata at that time. There are Full Performance CD's available for you to take on the piano in the choir room. Unfortunately, there are not part-dominant CD's available for this one.

Rehearsals for the Cantata will be woven into our Thursday evening rehearsals as well as a few Sunday evening rehearsals. Please mark your calendar now for the following Sunday evenings:

Sunday, February 12th - 6:30 - 8:00PM

Sunday, March 4th - 6:30 - 8:00PM

Sunday, March 11th - 6:30 - 8:00PM

Sunday, March 18th - 6:30 - 8:00PM

Sunday, March 25th - 6:30 - 8:00PM

"Dress Rehearsal" - Thursday, March 29th - 7:30PM

Please invite a friend to come sing with us!!

Paul Putnam, Director



Calling all 7th Graders to the **Confirmation Class, 2012**. Classes will be held on SUNDAY, at 9:45 am (during church school) in the Messengers of Faith room, beginning February 26th. Parents are invited to a meeting regarding this class on Sunday, February 19th, same time, same place. The service of Confirmation will be held on June 3rd. Participants are encouraged to attend the Confirmation Retreat, March 2 - 3, at Lancaster Theological Seminary, if possible. Please see Cheryl Watters for more information on that. Questions regarding Confirmation and these classes may be directed to Bonnie Dinges.

Charm for Lil' Miss:

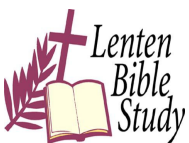
Sat. Feb 25th, March 3, and March 10

10 - noon, Girls ages 7 - 12, FREE

This class consisting of self improvement tips, manners, grooming, and much more.

The class will be led by our own Ms. Jackie Saunders and her able assistant.

Sign up in advance, please.



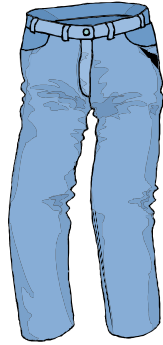
Lenten Bible Studies: Check the church bulletin for the announcement and signup availability for both a Tuesday evening and Wed. morning study group. Childcare can be available for the morning group. More later....

Lenten Devotional Booklets: A Booklet written by Oakland members will be available Sunday, Feb. 19th. A separate booklet written for use by families will be available as well. Hoping these resources will help enrich your personal season of Lent.

February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Polar Plunge in VA Beach</i>
5 Communion Boy Scout Sunday 8:45/11 am Worship 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 12:15 Joyful Noise & Amazing Grace Roller Skating 2:00 pm God's Promise & Messengers Ice Skating NO Evening Fellowship	6 Meals on Wheels: Ron Henderson & Randy Rowell 10:00 Yoga 7:00 pm Boy Scout District Meeting	7 <i>9:30 Girl Scouts</i> <i>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</i>	8 <i>6:00 pm Order of Arrow</i> <i>7:00 pm Roundtable Mtg. Boy Scouts</i>	9 <i>10:00 am TOPS Mtg.</i> <i>5:00 pm Yoga</i> 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	10	11
12 8:45/11 am Worship 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 12:15 pm Joyful Noise Outing 5:30 Youth Fellowship & Messenger Parent Mtg. 6:30 pm Cantata Rehearsal	13 Meals on Wheels: John Gayle <i>10:00 Yoga</i> <i>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</i> 6:30 pm VBS MTG.	14 <i>6:30am Girl Scouts w/ Cheryl Watters Kitchen</i> 6:30 pm Beekeepers— FELLOWSHIP HALL 7:00 PM Vision & Planning Meeting (CHOIR ROOM) <i>7:00 pm Cub Scouts – GODWIN ROOM</i>	15 7:00 pm Policies & Procedures Mtg.	16 <i>10:00 am TOPS Mtg.</i> <i>5:00 pm Yoga</i> 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chancel Choir	17	18 Cub Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner
19 Mardi Gras Sunday—one service 10:30 am Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Confirmation Parent Mtg. No Youth Fellowship	20 Meals on Wheels: No Delivery Holiday—Office Closed <i>10:00 Yoga</i> 6:00 pm Photo Class	21 <i>7:00 pm Cub Scouts</i> 7:00 pm Welcoming Committee Mtg.	22 Ash Wednesday	23 <i>10:00 am TOPS Mtg.</i> <i>5:00 pm Yoga</i> 6:30 Hand Bells 7:30 Chancel	24	25 <i>10:00 am Charm Class</i>
26 8:45/11 am Worship 9:30 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation Class 12:15 pm Women's Ministry Organizational Meeting 12:15 pm Amazing Grace 6:30 God's Promise Mtg.	27 Meals on Wheels: Dolores & Samuel Coles <i>10:00 Yoga</i> 6:00 pm Photo Class <i>6:30 pm Girl Scouts</i>	28 <i>9:30 Girl Scouts</i> <i>6:30 pm Cub Scouts Pack Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)</i> 7:00 pm Vision & Planning (Godwin Room)	29			
						6:00 pm Girl Scout Overnight Leave at 10:00 am

God's Promise and Messengers of Faith Special Lenten Project **TEENS FOR JEANS!**



Many third world teens would give anything for a pair of American jeans..and I know many of us have several pair...some might even be designer jeans, that we no longer can or choose not to wear. Beginning immediately and continuing until Easter, there is a box in the fellowship hall to place gently used or new jeans in sizes for teenager boys and girls. Please ask your friends to help us fill the box to the brim! Did someone say 2 boxes?



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!

THE NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS **FEBRUARY 21ST!**

If you have something that needs to be included in the church newsletter for MARCH—I will not be taking **anything** past Tuesday, February 21st. Please make sure you have your articles in.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
The Editor

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