

The Oakland Acorn

Newsletter of Oakland Presbyterian Church
Pastor Dr. Steve Aschmann
Established in 1858



Dear Friends,

August 29th was a grand day in the life of our congregation. I choked up Sunday afternoon during our Service of Dedication when I watched our elders and scouts carry in the altarware and flags from our old sanctuary. It was at that very moment that I fully appreciated what we have accomplished together. Special thanks to Jeff Langston who led our Building Team, members of the team, and

all who made this vision possible. However, I have some difficult news to share with you. The building project remains incomplete, and it is unclear when if ever, we will see its completion. The issue is not money. You continue to be very faithful stewards. Nor do we have serious problems with our contractors and sub-contractors. All have worked diligently to produce beautiful and functional buildings and grounds. In fact, the bricks and mortar portion of the project is complete.

You ask, what's incomplete? What needs to be finished? What is the on-going building project? Look in a mirror. The answer is before our eyes. We, the people, the members of the Oakland family, still need more than a little work. In his letter to the Ephesians, the Apostle Paul writes, that "to each one of us grace has been given, . . . to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." When Paul spoke about church building, he wasn't referring to structures, but to people, for he recognized that building the church, the community of faith, the body of Christ, is a continuing process.

Under the guidance and direction of God's Spirit, we have shown what we can do when we work together. When we share our ideas, our resources, our time, and our energy we can do great things for God. Because we have trusted one another and made sacrifices for one another, we now are about to enjoy a whole new environment for worship, fellowship, and study. But the walls and the roof are not the church, they only shelter the church. We are the church. Here, Paul reminds us that teamwork is the key to building up a strong and faithful community. The key words are "to each one of us grace has been given." He anticipates that as God has favored each of us, we in turn will join our gifts and our talents to "build up" the ministry and the mission of Oakland.

So the building effort isn't finished, but this isn't something to lament. It is a reminder to us that there is work to be done in every generation, and the work is growing. Paul is confident that in our love for Christ and in our love for one another that the church will build up its strength to tackle whatever challenges the Lord places before us.

Your pastor,
Steve



2010

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Please remember in your thoughts and prayers . .

Gene Abbott – Jim Abbott’s brother, head injury
 Shelia Adams
 Vernie Mae Adams
 Glen Baker – Rudy Baker’s brother
 Grant Bleeker & family – young OPC Cub Scout with tumor
 Daniel Broadwell – healing from bike accident
 Otis Corbitt – Nat’l Guard chaplin in Iraq
 Robin Davis – auto accident, daughter of Gene & Hap Davis
 Gerri Dotson – Cheryl Kirk’s mother, recovering from surgery
 Jane Ellington - cancer
 Barbara Taylor Ennis – cancer
 Baby Fialkowski – friend of Corbetts, preemie in March
 Charles Hassell – Joy Williams father, recovering from surgery
 July
 Tracy Jane – friend of Paige Kuppler, cancer
 Dr. Thomas Johnson – brother of Mary Williford, at UNC hospital
 Carl Jones
 Charles King – Paige Kuppler’s father, COPD
 Sam King – Paige Kuppler’s cousin, cancer
 Richard Linger – friend of Jim & Pat Tabler
 Robert McIsaac – Rob’s father, severe COPD, cancer
 John McPhail
 Lucy McPhail – John McPhail’s mother
 Kay Medlin
 Denise West Smith – cousin to Kelly Luter, cancer
 Brooke Thompson – friend of Annice Broadwell, young mother with cancer.
 Jessica Williams
 Sonja Yarborough – sister of Don Williford
 Corene Yelvington’s great-granddaughter – premature
 Please also remember our homebound and nursing home folk.
Prayers Answered: Kevin Jones – grandson-in-law of Caskey’s, Marine returned from Afghanistan

Our condolences and prayers to:

☞ **Bret and Kelly Luter**, son Thomas on the passing of Bret’s grandmother, Gladys Clemens in New York on August 6.
 ☞ **Tammy and Richie Boyd**, on the passing of Tammy’s brother, Tim Holt of Princeton, on August 5.

Fiscal Report - July & August 2010

General Fund

2010	Budgeted	Offering	Difference
July	\$ 16,761.58	\$ 14,583.18	(\$ 2,178.40)
August	\$ 16,761.58	\$ 20,934.65	\$ 4,173.07
YTD	\$134,092.64	\$136,080.91	\$ 1,988.27

Capital Campaign

2010	Offerings
January	\$ 37,435.00
February	\$ 25,970.00
March	\$ 4,038.00
April	\$ 3,055.00
May	\$ 15,705.03
June	\$ 7,399.31
July	\$ 9,385.00
August	\$ 27,309.72
YTD	\$130,297.06
2009 Giving	\$191,589.19
Campaign - YTD	\$321,886.25

Building Fund Memorial Giving: \$270.00
 Pickle Jar: \$157.71
 One Great Hour of Sharing: \$380.11



PFC Richard Andrew Boyd completed the U.S. Army Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, SC. He graduated July 29th with "B" Company, 1st Battalion of the 34th Infantry Regiment. On August 2nd, he began his Advanced Individual Training at Redstone Arsenal Army Base in Huntsville, AL. He is the son of Richard & Tammy Boyd of Garner and Heather & Norwood Strickland of Four Oaks. He is the grandson of Richard & Margaret Boyd of Garner and Ken & Mary Neighbors of Benson.

Drew’s address:

PFC Boyd, Richard
 C Co. 832nd ORD.BN, 2nd PLT.
 Redstone Arsenal, AL 35897



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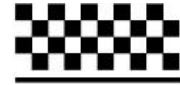
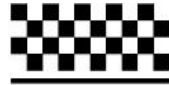
**CHURCH FAMILY
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*** Join Us! *****

Sunday, September 19

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

White Deer Park in Garner

Join us at White Deer Park for Oakland's church family picnic. Bring picnic items to share. Beverages will be provided. Enjoy the wonderful amenities offered at White Deer Park. Organized games will be offered. Tables, covered pavilion and restrooms are all right there. All we need is YOU!



Growing Together 2010

**White Memorial Presbyterian Church
1704 Oberlin Road, Raleigh, NC 27608**

Saturday, September 18, 2010

9:00 am — 3:30 pm

SPONSORED BY THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE

Morning Session Offerings

- AM 1 *JOURNEYS THROUGH REVELATION: APOCALYPTIC HOPE FOR TODAY* – Joyce MacKichan Walker
- AM 2 REFORMED THEOLOGY (Part 1) – Martha Moore-Keish
- AM 3 EVOLUTION AND PRESBYTERIANS – Ronald Ash
- AM 4 OUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES OUR ALTITUDE – Janel Dixon
- AM 5 FOR THE ART OF WORSHIP – Carmel Tinnes
- AM 6 PARENTING IN FAITH 101 – Mary Todd Peters
- AM 7 DISCOVERING THE BIBLE: A NEW GENERATION - A *KERYGMA* STUDY – Boyd Lien
- AM 8 GRIEF AFTER SUICIDE – James Rissmiller
- AM 9 THE INEXHAUSTIBLE RICHNESS OF GOD'S LOVE – Anna M. Brown
- AM 10 SIGNS OF HOPE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – J. Mark Davidson
- AM 11 BUILDING THE BODY OF CHRIST BYTE BY BYTE – Durham/Chapel Hill Youth Ministers
- AM 12 WHAT IS *ENOUGH?* – David Huffman

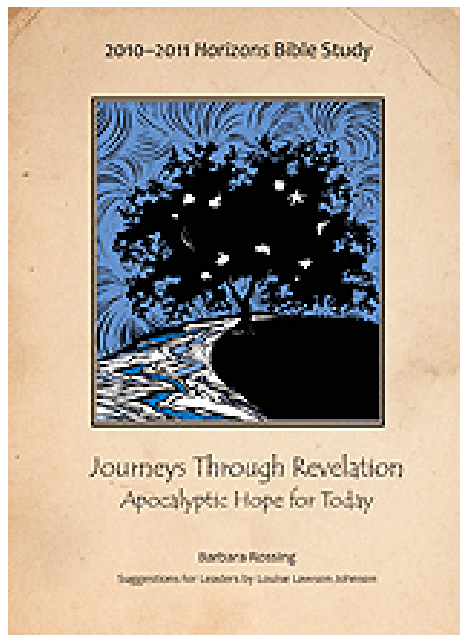
Afternoon Session Offerings

- PM 1 *JOURNEYS THROUGH REVELATION: APOCALYPTIC HOPE FOR TODAY* – Joyce MacKichan Walker
- PM 2 REFORMED THEOLOGY (Part 2) – Martha Moore-Keish
- PM 3 EVOLUTION AND PRESBYTERIANS – Ronald Ash
- PM 4 OUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES OUR ALTITUDE – Janel Dixon
- PM 5 THE ART OF EDUCATION – Carmel Tinnes
- PM 6 YOUTH MINISTRY: FROM PROGRAMS TO PEOPLE – Mary Todd Peters
- PM 7 FROM JOURNEY TO PILGRIMAGE – Boyd Lien & Sarah Lien Finnerty
- PM 8 PATHWAY TO TRANSFORMATION – James Rissmiller
- PM 9 WWW.HELP.GOD – Anna M. Brown
- PM 10 FROM HOSTILITY TO HOSPITALITY: IMMIGRATION AND THE PC(USA) – Chris Lui-Beers
- PM 11 TEACHING ELEMENTARY CHILDREN – Sherri Miller

Registration forms are available in the church office. Registration fee: \$20 (lunch provided) Deadline to Register: September 8. Church Scholarship Deadline is September 3. The church will pay the registration/lunch fee for church members. You must register through the church office by September 3rd, to receive the scholarship. Late registration Fee: After September 8th - \$25 (No confirmation or refunds will be send after deadline date.)

Presbyterian Women

Our Presbyterian Women's Bible study begins on September 8. What a great and exciting study this will be on the Book of *Revelation!* It's twenty two chapters contain a message of hope. Hope is the message that has sustained many Christians during times of war and oppression throughout the ages. The vision of hope in *Revelation* also speaks to us today in a time of war and economic depression. *Revelation* also takes us on a journey into the heart of God's own dream for our world.



Revelation gives us some history back to 2,000 years to get to know the struggling churches in the bustling cities of the Roman Empire. The good news at the end of the *Revelation* journey is that God comes to live with us on earth. God's will is for the healing of the nations, and the healing of our wounded world. We are all in need of encouragement and hope to strengthen us in the midst of the crisis we face today.

Our Bible study begins Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:00pm which is our joint meeting. In October our two circles will meet as regular, morning at 10:00am and night circle will meet at 7:00pm. Childcare is provided.

Please come and join us as we take this journey through the Book of *Revelation!*

Margaret Boyd, Moderator

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER GOES BIG

An enthusiastic crowd of 125 people gathered on Wednesday, August 18th, for the first Fellowship Supper in the new fellowship hall. The room was bright and spacious, and everyone enjoyed chicken pastry (aka dumplings, slick, etc), green beans, tropical fruit, rolls, dessert, tea, and lemonade. The food team is: Grace Davis, Karen McIsaac, Jim Tabler, Elgie Wells, and Don and Mary Williford. Cashier was Carol Benson. Table set-up was done by Paula Wahl's team. Those attending did a great job of getting the hall to its original condition. The meal was followed by an excellent video given by Brent, Jennifer, and Dalton Langston on their mission trip to Ecuador. Our next Fellowship Supper is Wed., October 20. Watch the church bulletin for the menu.

2010-2011 *Presbyterian Women Bible Study*

Journeys Through Revelation

Apocalyptic Hope for Today

by Barbara Rossing

Suggestions for Leaders

by Louise Lawson Johnson

In the 2010-2011 *Horizons Bible Study*, *Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*, Barbara Rossing guides us on a journey to meet the crucified Lamb, Jesus. In a journey reminiscent of the ancient Israelites' exodus from slavery, we are led from an unjust empire and its system of domination, through mythic battles and plagues, until, ultimately, we find ourselves in a renewed creation where God comes to live with us on earth. This brilliantly hope-filled vision speaks to us in the midst of the urgent crises of our day. In a time when all of creation stands at a turning point, a *kairos* moment, *Revelation* can help guide the choices we make each day as we seek to live into the renewal that God has for the whole world.

Small Group Fellowship Suppers Are Back for 2010!



In May, the Small Group Fellowship Supper program concluded another enjoyable year of informal fellowship with a simple meal. Groups met in homes and restaurants, but all group facilitators reported success in getting to know members better in an informal setting. Therefore, registrations for our *sixth year* of small group fellowship suppers for adults will begin this fall. Groups of 7 or 8 will meet for a meal 4 times each year between October and May. Each group decides dates, locations, and hosting duties, and is encouraged to keep meals simple. Previous participants may expect to be assigned to different groups, as the main idea is for church members to get to know each other better in an informal setting. Registration will run the month of September. For more information contact Carol Benson at 934-1466.

YES! I (*we*) want to be part of the *2010-11 SGF Suppers for adults.*

Name(s): _____

Phone #: _____

An **organizational potluck** will be held to allow group members to meet and to set dates and locations for upcoming suppers. The date of the potluck will be announced.

PC(USA) Mission Offerings

☛ PENTECOST OFFERING

Our annual Pentecost Offering will be on Sunday, September 12 during worship service. The offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults. Oakland will keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. Our offering will benefit the House of Hope and the Barium Springs Home for Children.

The General Assembly's portion (60 percent) Will be used to provide leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and support children-at-risk programs at the national level. Since 1998, Presbyterians of all ages have raised over \$7 million for these ministries that benefit younger members of God's family.

☛ PEACEMAKING OFFERING

2010 is the thirtieth anniversary of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering, following the adoption by the General Assembly of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, which called for a new emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Held traditionally on World Communion Sunday, Oakland will participate in this offering on Sunday, October 3. This year you are asked to remember the peacemakers of years past — in your congregation, presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole. Make this year a time to renew your commitment to peacemaking as part of your calling as a follower of Christ, who not only taught us the ways of peace but is our peace.

25% of the offering will be donated to local needs. The Mission team has selected Harbor Inc. and Smithfield Rescue Mission to receive an equal portion. 25% is used by the presbytery and synod in peacemaking efforts and the remaining 50% is used by the General Assembly's Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

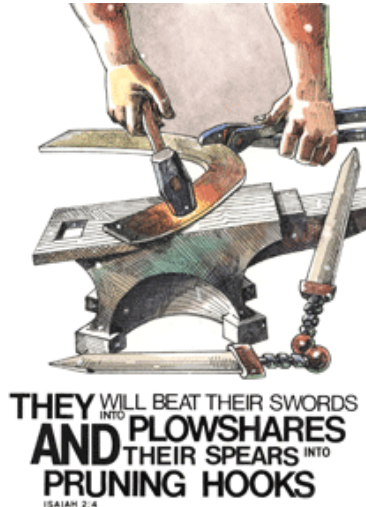
Sunday, October 3

WORLD COMMUNION

SUNDAY



Presbyterians have celebrated World Communion Sunday since the mid-1930s. At that time North Americans were experiencing the economic upheaval of the Great Depression, and many were concerned about the instability in Europe and the possibility of another world war. A



group of Presbyterian ministers met to pray and talk about the church's role in such a time. Rediscovering the unifying power of Christ in the Lord's Supper, they reaffirmed that in Christ all Christians are one, regardless of nationality, race, or ethnicity. From their meeting came the first World Communion Sunday in 1936. In the years that followed other denominations began to celebrate this special Sunday.

In the mid-1970s a later generation of Presbyterians, also experiencing a time of challenge following the country's defeat in Vietnam, revisited World Communion Sunday. Many members of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America were feeling a sense of urgency to work for peace. Thirty-one presbyteries sent overtures to the General Assembly asking that the church direct energy toward peacemaking. As a result, the 187th General Assembly (1975) commissioned the Advisory Council on Church and Society "to reassess the concept of peacemaking . . . in the light of our biblical and confessional faith." The Advisory Council created a special task force, chaired by William Creevey, then pastor of St. Peter's by the Sea, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, to study and prepare a report on peacemaking.

Members of the task force met, prayed, and studied, then came to the conclusion that peacemaking was central to the gospel and to the mission of the church, that it was at the heart of being a Christian, and that it ought to have priority in the church. Their work was a call directed at the inner life of Presbyterians to commit to work for peace individually and as a church. A commitment to peacemaking, though, would need to be reflected both in the structure and in the finance of the church so that it could be translated into action. The task force recommended creating a national peacemaking program and a special offering to fund the work of peacemaking.

According to Robert Smylie, one of the resource staff for the task force, Dean Lewis, director of the Advisory Council on Church and Society and another of the resource staff, saw that it was necessary to do something that had never been done with a special offering—recommend that the Peacemaking Offering's receipts be divided among every level of the church so that congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly's program could all find creative ways to work for peace. Congregations would keep 25 percent, synods and presbyteries would receive 25 percent, and 50 percent would go to the newly formed Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.

The task force agreed that World Communion Sunday, when Christians of all nations and peoples celebrate their unity in Christ, was an ideal time to receive the offering that would be used for peace work in the name of Christ.

The 192nd General Assembly (1980) adopted the task force's work, "Peacemaking the Believers' Calling." Thirty years later Presbyterians continue to work for peace and to receive the offering used to fund that work

Thanks to Robert Smylie, William Creevey, and Dean Lewis for insights into the development of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering.

From the PCUSA Website



New Teacher Packets – Mission Accomplished

The Mission/Outreach Ministry Team says THANK YOU to the congregation for your generous donations of teacher supplies. The outpouring of support for this annual project far exceeded our expectations. Due to the low number of new teachers in the community schools, we were able to send school supplies to Harbor House for the children living in its shelter. The area elementary schools welcomed 7 new teachers to either Cleveland, Polenta or West View school, and they received much needed school supplies. Thanks for the “love” you show to others.

Save Those Aluminum Tabs

The folks in the church office continue to collect aluminum snap-off tabs to raise money for the McDonald House. Save up a bagful then drop them off at the church office. Many thanks to all who continue to collect them.

Timothy Project – Youth Mission Trip

On Sunday, June 28th, a team of volunteers were commissioned and headed to Madison county to volunteer for the Timothy Project. Their project involved the repair of a home including putting in flooring, a bathroom, drywall, and a door in the home of a widow. Youth volunteers included: Melissa Wahl, Mary Margaret Boyd, Kristin Partin, Kasey Pleasants, Janie Langston, and Kris Dietrich. Adults leaders were Carol Benson, Sharon Arends, and Jody Pleasants.



DEDICATION

On Sunday, August 29, the determination and hard work of many at Oakland saw results. On the inaugural Sunday worship service held in the church's new sanctuary and followed in the afternoon, with the Dedication and Consecration service, those efforts were blessed by God. Blessed with a lovely facility in which to worship, study and fellowship, the altar ware and colors were carried from the old sanctuary into the new sanctuary. Barbara Campbell Davis, Executive Presbyter from New Hope Presbytery sent greetings. Jeff Langston, chairman of the building committee, and a daily one-man oversight committee, spoke of the efforts, and a dream realized. Many special guests including several ministers from area churches were also in attendance.

The church minutes show that initial discussions about the need to build new facilities began in 1990. In May of 2006, the Session developed and adopted a Vision and Mission Statement. It was the first revision of the congregations' goals since 1998. When the congregation met in 2007 to create a plan to meet their Mission Statement, the overwhelming consensus was the need for more space. The Growing on Faith campaign began in September 2008 and through God's providence and the faithfulness of the Oakland congregation, the hope came to fruition.

The new facilities contain 5 new classrooms, a Parlor and a Choir Room. There is a new and larger Nursery, a spacious kitchen, a fellowship hall that seats over 250 people and the beautiful new sanctuary. The former portico has been enclosed, the former fellowship hall has become the Youth Center and now offers two rooms for study and fellowship. The former nursery is a large classroom. Oakland has truly been blessed.





Growing on Faith
Presented to
Helen Stephens Thomas
In appreciation of your service as
Building Interior Committee Chairperson



Growing on Faith
Presented to
Jeffrey Rex Langston
In appreciation of your service as
Building Committee Chairperson

GROWING ON FAITH



In recognition and thanksgiving for faithful service
during the planning and construction of the new facilities

by

Oakland Presbyterian Church

Special Recognition and a certificate were awarded to:

Brenda Abbott
Jim Abbott
Rudy Baker
Annis Barbee
Karl Barbee
Troy Barber
Pat Barbour
Richie Boyd
Annice Broadwell
Rick Corley
Grace Davis
Brent Langston
Jennifer Langston
Denton Lee
Merle McNutt

Jody Pleasants
Elizabeth Schott
Becky Stover
Lanny Thomas
Callie Watkins
Don Wells
Elgie Wells
Jennifer Wells
Rudolph Wells
Don Williford
Ed Williford
Mary Williford
Joe Winslow
Preston Woods

CELEBRATION!

Thank you Presbyterian Women for the delicious and generous foods for the Dedication and Consecration Celebration. The buffet display, the beautiful flowers, and the wonderful service to the many, many in attendance were a delight on such a glorious day! You really outdid yourselves and we appreciate it.



Rock SOLID Rally Day

Special thanks to all of our teachers who attended our Training Workshop on August 15th. Marilyn helped each of us to better understand how to be successful. We look forward to a wonderfully attended Sunday School year while our children learn how to be *ROCK SOLID* in their faith.

Also, on Rally day August 29th, we were uplifted through song, entertained by the Dietrich's and had a wonderful time of fellowship. We honored Pat Barbour for her 49 years of teaching service, Jeff Langston for all his hard work in getting our classrooms ready, and awarded Exceptional Attendance certificates to Reece and Robin Braswell, Amelia and Edi Broadwell, Samantha Dietrich, Dalton, Mitchell and Wyatt Langston, Kasey and Brandon Pleasants, Angel Taylor, and Jamie and Joshua Williford. Congratulations to all of them for making Sunday School a priority in their life. In January, we will begin acknowledging all of our Sunday School class attendance achievements.

Jennifer Langston, Sunday School Superintendant



Langstons Return from Mission Ecuador

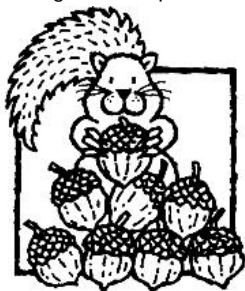
We had such a faith building experience while in Ecuador. We are so grateful to each person in our church family who supported us through prayer, words of encouragement and finance. It was an honor to give a presentation of our trip on August 18th at our first Fellowship Supper in our new space. We are working with Annis Barbee to get our video loaded onto Oakland's website so it can be a further testament of God's grace, mercy and love.

In His Hands,
Brent, Jennifer and Dalton Langston



New Children's Program

Begins in September



Starting September 12th we are launching a new program for children in grades 3, 4 and 5. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, from 5:00 until 6:30 pm, we will have an energizing experience of games, music and faith building. A planning calendar will be mailed to all children for September, October and November and we welcome the children's parents and family to join the group's Facebook page for more information.

Oakland Acorns

Growing in Christ

All children are invited to bring their excitement, a friend, and open hearts to learn about our prayer life and how we all have unlimited access to God.

Annice Broadwell, Jennifer Langston & Kelly Y. Luter



OAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Youth Planning Comm. 7:00 pm	2 Senior Saints 10:00 am Choir 7:00 pm	3	4
5 Youth Groups 5:00 – 6:30 pm	6 Labor Day Office closed	7 Christian Ed. Meeting 7:00 pm Scout Ldrs Mtg. 7:00 pm	8 Presbyterian Women Joint Mtg. 7:00 pm	9 Choir 7:00 pm	10	11  SEPTEMBER 11
12 Confirmation Pentecost Offering Oakland Acorns 5:00pm Youth Groups 5:00 pm Den 4 3:00 pm	13 Scout Troop Den 9	14 Mission Outreach Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Den 12	15 Holiday Bazaar Mtg. 7:00 pm	16 Choir 7:00 pm	17	18 Presbytery Growing Together White Memorial P.C.
19 Church Picnic White Deer Park 4:00 – 7:00 pm Den 4 3:00 pm	20 Scout Troop Den 9	21 Worship Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Den 12	22	23 Choir 7:00 pm	24	25
26 Oakland Acorns 5:00 pm Youth Groups 5:00 pm Private Party -FH 3:00 pm Den 4 3:00 pm	27 Scout Troop Den 9	28 Cub Scout Pack Mtg. FH – 7:00-8:00 pm	29	30 Choir 7:00 pm		

Save these dates in October: Oct. 6: Flu Shot Clinic; Oct. 7: Senior Saints; October 10: Oakland Acorns; October 11: Red Cross Blood Drive; October 20: Fellowship Supper; October 24: Oakland Acorns; October 30: Fall Festival; November 7: Harvest Day.

September Birthdays: 9/3 Lessie Blackmon; 9/5: Mitch Brewer; 9/7: Don Wells; 9/9: Paige Kuppler; Thomas Luter; 9/13: Keith Braswell; 9/15: Fiona Kirk; 9/18: Mark Hamer; 9/19: Anna Manning; 9/19: Linda Winslow; 9/23: Pat Tabler; 9/24: Daniel Broadwell, Jordan Douglas; 9/25: Adam Austin, Ed Watkins; 9/26: Mike Stancil; 9/28: Tom Dietrich
October Birthdays: 10/2: Elizabeth Hall; 10/4: Jennifer Wells; 10/6: Davis Wells; 10/8: Luby Morgan, Helen Thomas; 10/10: Denton Lee; 10/12: Amber Broadwell; 10/15: Brent Langston; 10/19: Merle McNutt, Jonathan Partin, Elizabeth Talton; 10/22: Ginny Price, Sherry Hall; 10/27: Michelle Dietrich; 10/28: Sandi Taylor; 10/29: Mitchell Langston; 10/31: Dillon Wells.

September Anniversaries: 9/10: Rob & Beth Braswell; 9/16: Karl & Barbara Barbee

October Anniversaries: 10/1: Duke & Ann Lee; 10/16: Joe & Linda Winslow; 10/19: Don & Mary Williford

OAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 2010

Worship Participant Schedule

Acolyte: Arianna Morgan

Liturgist: Sarah Abraham

Serving Communion: Paula Wahl, Rudy Baker, Ed Williford, Grace Davis, Michelle Dietrich, Daniel Broadwell

	Sunday, September 5 Communion Sunday	Sunday, September 12	Sunday, September 19	Sunday, September 26
Acolyte		Arianna Morgan	Arianna Morgan	Arianna Morgan
Flowers	Jimmy & Elaine Benson	Larry & Pat Barbour	Lanny & Helen Thomas	Joe & Vicki Austin
Ushers	Scott & Ginny Price Larry & Pat Barbour	Rob & Beth Braswell Paula & Amy Wahl	Brent & Jennifer Langston Biff & Angie Partin	Art & Melanie Watkins Brent & Jennifer Langston
Greeters	Sharon Arends Daniel Broadwell	Sharon Arends Daniel Broadwell	Sharon Arends Daniel Broadwell	Sharon Arends Daniel Broadwell
Conversation with the Children	Dr. Aschmann	Ed Williford	Cheryl Kirk	Denton Lee
Children's Church	Brent Langston	Annice & Edi Broadwell	Amy Corbett	Angie & Kasey Pleasants
Sunday School Nursery	Lupé Femat	Lupé Femat	Lupé Femat	Lupé Femat
Worship Service Nursery	Lupé Femat & Volunteer	Lupé Femat & Sandi & Angel Taylor	Lupé Femat & Annice & Edi Broadwell	Lupé Femat & Paige & Claire Kuppler
Lemonade & Fellowship	Jimmy & Elaine Benson	Becky Stancil & Pat Barbour	Angie & Jody Pleasants	Angie & Biff Partin

	Saturday, September 4	Saturday, September 11	Saturday, September 18	Saturday, September 25
*Golden Circle Bible Study Leader	Michelle Dietrich	Brent & Jennifer Langston	Jeff Swick	Helen Thomas

*Substitute Circle Leaders: Jennifer Langston, Rob McIsaac

NOTE: If you cannot fulfill your obligation for ministry, please contact another person on the list and attempt to exchange dates. Any changes should be called into the church office by Thursday noon for correction to the Sunday worship bulletin. Please call 934-5476. Thank you.



Youth Center Opened

The Youth Center was “officially” opened on Dedication Sunday, August 29. It features a foosball game, comfortable couches to relax and study, and plenty of room to gather for fun. Though officially opened, it is still a work in progress. Under the direction of the Youth Planning Team, the Youth Center will develop into a place where the youth can gather and call home. Stay tuned for future developments.



Oakland Bids Fond Farewell

It was with sadness that the youth, children and congregation bid farewell to Tay Brewer on Sunday, August 29th. Amid the joy of Oakland’s inaugural worship service there were also a few tears with our good-bys. Tay became director of youth and children services in 2007, and immediately began pouring love for the children of Oakland and love of God into the program. Having come from a career in juvenile justice, she enjoyed and rejoiced in every encounter, meeting, study, and outing, with the “wonderful” children at Oakland. She showed them that in God’s house they had found a safe place, a loving place and a family of peers. In so doing, they were learning that God loves and accepts each of them just as they are.

As she blessed the children with the joy of a loving God, she grew in that knowledge too. We will miss her kind heart, calming words, and her tender listening ears. It has been a blessing to know such a gentle soul and we will sadly miss her. We wish her peace, love and joy in whatever is her next endeavor.

We are still seeking games and equipment such as foosball, air hockey, table tennis, pool table, Wi game system, and a large screen TV in good to excellent condition to furnish our new Youth Center.

The space will also serve as a scout meeting area for Cub Scout Pack 33 and Scout Troop 33. To date we have three dens, and five patrols scheduled to use the facilities through out the week.

YOUTH CENTERSCHEDULE (For Grades 6th through 12th)

Sunday, September 5
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Study, Fun & Fellowship

Sunday, September 12
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Study, Fun & Fellowship

Sunday, September 26
5:00 – 6:30 PM
Study, Fun & Fellowship



The painting at left, done by Arianna Morgan, was gifted to Oakland. It hangs in the Youth Center. Go on line to the Oakland website to truly appreciate the beauty of this painting done by one of young children at Oakland.

Prayer Vigil

A 24-hour prayer vigil originally scheduled for Saturday, August 14 and Sunday, August 15, was rescheduled for Saturday, August 21, beginning at 7:00 pm through to Sunday, August 22, at 7:00 am. Prayer suggestions were provided though one prayer was answered just prior to the vigil beginning. The pews arrived! Many from the congregation participated in the vigil while the pews were being installed.

On September 13-14, 2009, the Prayer Committee of the Building Program organized a prayer vigil. During those 24 hours, nearly every member joined in praising God for his faithfulness and asking His direction and blessings on the new building program that was just beginning. God, in His mercy, answered those prayers and many more during these past months.

The committee requested and received approval from the Session to hold another prayer vigil focusing on Thanksgiving for this wonderful new facility.

In Luke 17: 11-17, Jesus tells the story of the miracle of the Ten Healed of Leprosy:

15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.

17 Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Let us not be like the nine lepers who did not take the time to thank God for the miracle. Let us all join together in thanking Him for all the miracles involved in getting this wonderful facility ready for use.

Jim & Brenda Abbott, Building Prayer Team Coordinators



Senior Saints

Fall is just around the corner, so its time to start thinking about our Senior Saints program. Geared for the more seasoned generation, opportunities for fellowship and occasional travel are offered. Our kick-off gathering will be held the Cracker Barrel at 40/42 on Thursday, September 2, at 10:00 am. Please RSVP to Becky Stancil at 934-4064, or the church office at 934-5476, by August 31st, to assure group seating.

This will be a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new. Please plan to join us for good food, great fellowship and fun times.

Becky Stancil, Moderator

Vacation Bible School

2010

*SonQuest Rainforest
HUGE success!*



Oakland featured SonQuest Rainforest for VBS this year. Over 70 children attended. Through the program, participants were engaged in learning about God's amazing love. Each day the children assembled in the Fellowship Hall for announcements, attendance, songs and relevant video pertaining to the day's activities. Then they rotated through centers which included a Bible lesson, exciting songs, fun crafts, active games, and delicious snacks. At closing they gathered again to recap the day's songs and activities.

To follow Jesus on a life-changing adventure the following Bible Points were discussed during VBS: Get It, Get Found, Get God's Love, Get Praying, and Get Going.

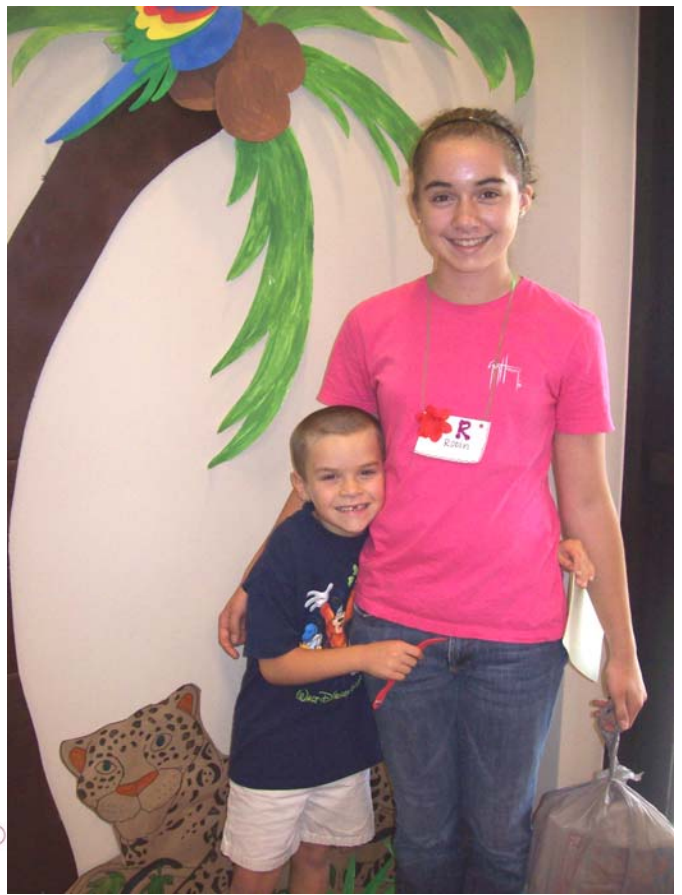
During VBS the children took on a mission project called the "Amazon Love Boat." The children were encouraged to fill the "Love Boat" with food, clothing, and household items for the Basic Needs Ministry, which serves the Cleveland community.

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who gave their time and talents to make Oakland's Vacation Bible School a memorable learning experience for the children.

Youth volunteers included: Robin Braswell, Katie Bolton, Chase Crafton, Jordan Douglas, Samantha Dietrich, Alexis Ivey, Fionna Kirk, Sarah Kirk, Dalton Langston, Janie Langston, Kristin Partin, Jonathan Partin, Brandon Pleasants, and Angel Taylor.

Adult volunteers assisting in the VBS program were: Brenda Abbott, Sharon Arends, Steve Aschamnn, Pat Baker, Carol Benson, Tay Brewer, Annice Broadwell, Amy Corbett, Grace Davis, Michelle Dietrich, Barbara Ivey, Jennifer Langston, Jessica Lower, Kelly Luter, Karen McIsaac, Cindy Miller, Emily Morgan, Sandi Taylor, Elgie Wells, Deborah Williford, and Regina Wright.





FLU SHOT CLINIC

At Oakland Presbyterian Church
Wednesday, October 6
7:15 - 8:30 pm

Dr. Lance Wheeler, owner of Medicap Pharmacy, will conduct a Flu Shot Clinic at Oakland on Wednesday, October 6, from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Blue Cross, State Employees, Medicare, and Medicare Advantage plans will be accepted; otherwise, the cost is \$25. The public is invited to participate. Call Mary Williford at 934-4949 with questions.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 20
8:00 am - 2:00 pm

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