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OAKLAND'S MISSION



**WE USE EVERYDAY
MOMENTS TO CONNECT
EVERY PART OF EVERY
LIFE TO JESUS.**

OAKLAND'S 4 KEY CONNECTIONS

what does spiritual growth look like?
what kind of people do we want to become?

A HEART CONNECTION THAT LOVES GOD EXTRAVAGANTLY.

Matthew 22:37 – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”

- When did I last connect with Jesus?
- When did God last blow my mind?
- What is Jesus teaching me?

A FAMILY CONNECTION THAT NURTURES FAITH.

Acts 2:39 – “The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

- When did I last connect with my family?
- When did we last connect with Jesus together?
- What did I do last to serve my family?

A CHURCH FAMILY CONNECTION THAT JOURNEYS TOGETHER.

Acts 4:32 – “All the believers were one in heart and mind.”

- When did I last connect with my church family?
- Do I have “drop everything” friends at church?
- How can I serve to create connections at church?

A COMMUNITY CONNECTION THAT MAKES JESUS FAMOUS NEAR AND FAR.

Acts 1:8 – “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- When was the last Jesus conversation I had?
- Am I close to someone far from God?
- Where is my mission field?



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OAKLAND'S VALUES

what values guide everything we do?
what creates the unique culture at Oakland?

PRESENCE OVER PERFORMANCE -

WE ARE PRESENT TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Hebrews 10:19-25 – “Let us draw near to God...and let us not give up meeting together.”

Demonstrated By:

- We show up but don't show off.
- Worship is about ushering people into God's presence, not performing a concert or a play to impress people.
- We are a fellowship church that enjoys being and eating together. When we are together, we want to bring our real selves not some inflated, fake person trying to win others' approval or attention.
- We do this because we are saved by Grace into God's presence, not by works or performance.

WE OVER ME - WE FOLLOW JESUS TOGETHER.

Psalms 78:2-4 – “I will utter hidden things, things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation.”

Demonstrated By:

- As a family of families, across generations and other divides, we follow Jesus together.
- We believe faith is best lived in community, especially across different ages. We need each generation to teach the others.
- We learn from each generation, including those long gone (tradition) in order to reach the next (legacy). Generational traditions work better than gimmicky trends.
- “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” We put the good of others in our faith family ahead of my own particular tastes. It is easier to be with people like me, but it is worth it to bear the burden of older and younger people's needs and tastes.

SERVICE OVER SELF - WE SERVE HARD

WITH CALLOUSED HANDS AND SOFT HEARTS

Mark 9:35 – “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

Demonstrated By:

- We don't HAVE to, we GET to.
- Oakland is the serving-est is church we've ever been a part of. People who don't like to work hard, don't last long.
- Oakland serves even when it's hard or expensive or inconvenient, because Jesus first served us.
- We reject the consumerism that teaches us to evaluate, “What did I get out of Church today?” Instead, we ask, “What did I give to others at Church today?”

SCRIPTURE OVER ALL - WE REALIGN OUR LIVES AROUND THE WORD

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Demonstrated By:

- We believe the Bible is God's Word to us and so is the ultimate authority for everything we do.
- God has given us everything we need for life and godliness in the Bible.
- The church is full of sinners and no one else, so we need the bible to correct our sinful thinking and acting.
- We priorities the preaching, singing, and study of God's Word to train us to do all else rightly.



WE VALUE
PRESENCE OVER PERFORMANCE
SERVICE OVER SELF
WE OVER ME
SCRIPTURE OVER ALL

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OAKLAND'S STRATEGY

how do we grow spiritually?
how can you participate at Oakland?

GETAWAY TO FOLLOW

Oakland provides resources for individuals and family to follow Jesus privately.

Including: Weekly Reading Plans, Family Worship Resources, Training on Spiritual Disciplines, etc.

GATHER TO WORSHIP

Oakland provides gatherings to join in worship.

Including: Sunday Morning Worship, Special Worship Services, Choir, Musicians, Liturgists, Media Team, Preaching, etc.

GROUP TO GROW

Oakland provides small group Bible Studies to foster spiritual growth.

Including: Sunday School, Presbyterian Women Circles, Youth Group, Pre-Teen Group, Senior Saints, Bible Training, etc.

GO TO SERVE

Oakland provides opportunities for people to serve their church and community.

Including: Serve Night, Ministry Teams, Local Outreach Partnerships, Mission Trips, VBS



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2%

 **5% LIFE**

1% OF YOUR DAY (15MIN) IN **GETAWAY TIME**
TO **FOLLOW** JESUS PERSONALLY

1% OF YOUR WEEK (1.5HRS) IN **GATHER TIME**
TO **WORSHIP** WITH MY CHURCH FAMILY

1% OF YOUR MONTH (7HRS) IN **GROUP TIME**
TO **GROW** IN SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

2% OF YOUR YEAR (7DAYS) IN **GO TIME** TO
SERVE OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY