



The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

June/July 2011 • Number 5

VBS is COMING SOON!



Come and explore the Bible as an exciting cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's Word at the Shake it Up Café!

By celebrating biblical festivals, the kids will:

- Be Ready for God!
- Give Happily to God!
- Believe Fully in Jesus!
- Remember Jesus Often!
- Celebrate God Forever!

Dates: June 27 - July 1

Time: 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Ages: 5 and up

Cost: \$10 (Includes dinner nightly and a t-shirt!)

Please register by visiting this link:

<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-café/OPCVBS> (Forms are also available outside the CE office.)

For more information, please contact Tiffany at 407-656-4452, Ext. 105 or tiffany@oaklandpres.org

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Please See Tiffany or call 407-656-4452 if you can give your time to this awesome summer ministry!



Join Us For An Old-Fashioned Bar-B-Que!

Sunday, July 3rd

in the CLC immediately following the 11:00am service. Along with great barbeque provided by the new 4 Rivers restaurant, there will be games for all ages. Plan to be with us and bring that new neighbor or friend you've been wanting to invite to church. A sign-up sheet will be outside the church office. Please make sure you sign up, so we will have enough for all.

Pentecost Celebration Sunday, June 5th

Join us in the CLC after the 11:00am service for a Birthday Luncheon! Meat and Desserts will be provided, please **bring an ethnic dish to share.**

Those attending are encouraged to wear something RED, as this is the liturgical color of Pentecost!

Please sign up on the clipboard in the lobby if you plan to attend!



Wear Red for Pentecost



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Join the Presbyterian Women of the
Central Florida Presbytery for their
Summer Bible Study Retreat:

“Blest To Be A Blessing”

The retreat will be held at the
Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park
Friday and Saturday,
August 26th and 27th, 2011
Speakers include:
Rev. Dr. Paige McRight
And
Melanie Ruta

If you are interested in attending, please contact
the church office for more information or
Kay Kennedy of North Lake Presbyterian
Church at 352-750-5729 or 352-406-0394.



**Flowers for
Sunday Worship**

*(To provide sanctuary flowers,
please sign up in the lobby or contact the
church office.)*

June

- 5 - Don & Peggy Lantz
- 12 - The Berrys & Anonymous
- 19 - Maury & Rowena Keith
- 26 - Charles & Martha Baldwin

July

- 3 - DeLena Koontz
- 10 - Barry & Connie King
- 17 - Herb & Kathryn Valdes-Ilgenfritz
- 24 - Paul & Sharyn Forney
- 31 - Warren Fisher

Ladies Sewing Group

Will continue to meet on the
3rd and 4th Mondays
of each month throughout the
summer. Though we have taken off previous
summers, we feel the need is great
in our community and we have decided to
continue to meet.



We can always use willing
hands and giving hearts!

~Summer Choir~

Join us for Summer Choir 2011! For the
months of July and August the
Adult Choir will be rehearsing
Sunday mornings at 10:15am.
This is your chance to give us a test drive!
For more information,
please contact Jennifer Hunt.
SEE YOU THERE!!



**Wondrous Wednesdays
are HERE!**

In this Mom’s Morning Out program,
children will get the opportunity to sing
zany songs, create imaginative crafts, play
silly games with friends and connect with
awesome Bible stories! Please sign up by
calling or emailing Tiffany Goggans at
407-656-4452 or
tiffany@oaklandpres.org

Dates: June 22nd
July 6th, 20th and 27th
August 3rd and 10th
Ages: 3 (must be potty-trained) and up
Cost: FREE!!

From the Pastor



Maybe you have heard the saying, “It’s not your father’s...” You can fill in the blank with any number of words.

It’s not your father’s Oldsmobile...math class... grocery store...television set, etc.

The phrase reminds us that the world around us is constantly and rapidly changing, sometimes in some rather significant ways. For those of us born in the earlier part of the 20th century, keeping up with these changes can be a challenge. (How does my TV know who is calling on the phone!?)

But there are some constants in life – like these:

- I will always choose the wrong check out line in the grocery store...
- We will always be out of milk when I want to have a bowl of cereal late at night...
- The Detroit Lions will always play football on Thanksgiving Day...
- And as Little Orphan Annie reminded us, the sun will come out tomorrow...

But perhaps the most important constant in life is the truth proclaimed in the letter to the Hebrews, where it tells us that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.” I understand that to mean that his love for me never wavers or fails. No matter what happens to me in life, I know, believe, and trust that Jesus loves me. Nothing can change that truth. There is nothing I can do that will make him stop loving me. There is nothing that others can do that can bring a stop to his love for me. That is the one constant for which I am eternally grateful.

So, when you are facing a challenge in adjusting to some of these changes that come our way (many of which we may not welcome), remember the one thing that does not change— Jesus loves you.

Thankful for a love that will not let me go,

Pastor Bob

Session Highlights

At its May meeting, Session took the following action:

- Had prayer for several members and friends of the congregation
- Discussed the change in the Book of Order that was passed by a majority of presbyteries (related to ordination) and asked the Pastor to make a statement from the pulpit expressing our intention to continue to operate according to Biblical standards on this issue.
- Discussed several requests for use of the building, denying one request, putting conditions on another, and approving several others.
- Approved the recommendation of the Youth Design Team that we move immediately to hire a part-time youth director. The search process will begin this summer, in the hopes that a new leader can be in place by the fall.
- Approved a letter of transfer for Steve and Debbie Hale, who now live in Pennsylvania.
- Heard about plans for our Pentecost celebration to be held June 5 (a week early)
- Reviewed the contract from Corvus, the company now cleaning our facility.
- Read the report that we had the highest average worship attendance for the month of April that we have ever had for that month in the history of our church.
- Approved the recommendation of the Property Committee that we accept the proposal from the town of Oakland regarding a financial settlement for the water main we were forced to install when we built the CLC. We will receive about \$17,000 from the town. This money will be put in a reserve fund to be used for future roof repairs.
- Reviewed the minutes of the Deacons, Preschool Board of Directors, and various committees of Session.
- Heard that our congregation will mark its 125th anniversary in 2012.
- Heard from the Mission Committee that Habitat is ready to build a new home in Oakland. Our capital campaign is supplying funds to pay for the materials. It is our intention to do as much of the work as we can as a congregation, to make this a special project of our church.





Listen to Pastor Bob's sermons on the OPC website. Pastor Bob's sermons are now being digitally recorded during the 11:00 am service and available on the church website: oaklandpres.org, just click on worship and then sermons.

UNBREAKABLE YOUTH

- 6/5 ~ Youth attend Pentecost Luncheon
(Wear something RED!)
- 6/12~ No Youth Fellowship
- 6/19~ No Youth Fellowship
(Do something nice for your Dad!)
- 6/26~ Youth Pool Parties:
~Middle School at Moyer's
Neighborhood
- ~High School at Nelson's House
- 7/3~ Youth attend Church-wide BBQ
- 7/10 - 7/15 Youth attend Passport Camp in
Macon, Ga. *Keep us in your Prayers!*
- 7/17~ Youth Dodgeball game with
Second Chance Fellowship (3:00pm)
- 7/24~ Youth Sunday Funday at
Alexander Springs!
(In order to attend, youth must be in Sunday
school and worship today. We will leave
right after the 11:00am worship service.)
- 7/31~ Youth Pool Parties
Look for more info to come!!!



Preschool NEWS

We have almost concluded our 2010-2011 preschool year. What an amazing year that we have had. The children are looking forward to their end of the year parties. On Wednesday June 8 at 6:00pm in the sanctuary we will be having a VPK graduation. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers this year. I had amazing teachers and staff that I appreciate so very much. We are ready to start working towards our 2011-2012 school year. Please keep your thoughts and prayers with us for the upcoming year. God Bless

*Blessings,
Kim Hyatt
Preschool Director*



Birthdays Will No Longer Be Listed in the Oakleaf

We recently inadvertently missed some of our members' birthdays in the Oakleaf. We apologize for our mistake. But this has led us to review the whole idea of including birthdays in our newsletter, the purpose of which is to promote events coming up in the life of the church.

We often have people on the list who no longer worship with us, who have moved away, or have no affiliation with our church. The office staff has been reluctant to remove these names for fear of offending someone. Therefore, we have made the decision that we will no longer include any birthdays in the Oakleaf. This will eliminate the need to edit the list and prevent us from accidentally slighting someone in the future. Bigger churches don't normally list birthdays for these reasons, and it's time we recognize we are, indeed, a bigger church.

To all who have birthdays in June or July, we wish you a very happy birthday!



**S.T.A.R.S. DONATIONS
IN JUNE**

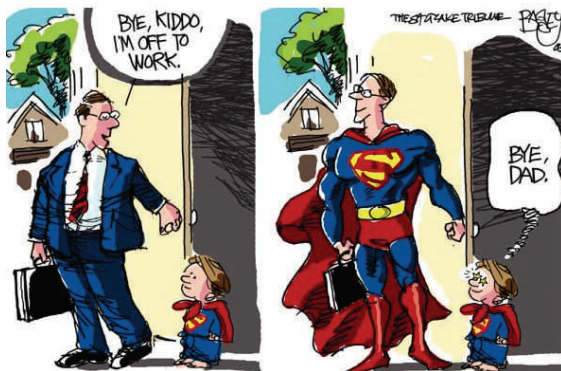
The Mission Committee will be collecting donations for S.T.A.R.S. (Supplies To Assist ouR Students) in the month of June. S.T.A.R.S. collects and distributes back-to-school basic supplies for public school students in need. We have found it is more cost-effective to give monetary donations so S.T.A.R.S. can purchase the supplies. A donation of \$10 can purchase a backpack filled with supplies. Please make your checks payable to OPC and we will send the donations to S.T.A.R.S. Thank you for your support!

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who donated food for the Christian Service Center in May. CSC serves lunch to over 200 people each week day, and is always in need of food supplies. Their corporate and restaurant donations have decreased significantly this past year, so there is a continuous need to replenish their supply of food. Please remember the "shopping bag" outside the church office is always available for additional donations throughout the year. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Hey kids, Discovery Kingdom Sunday school will still be going on this summer. Hope you will join us as we discover the Bible in new and exciting ways! During the month of June, we will continue learning about Jacob and forgiveness. In July, we will begin a new unit on Jesus' "I am" statements. During His time on earth, Jesus made seven statements teaching us about who He was. This rotation explores each of those statements in several different workshops. We will discover that He truly is the way, the truth, the life and so much more! See you in Sunday school!



Happy Father's Day ~ June 19th

OPC HABITAT HOUSE IN OAKLAND

West Orange Habitat for Humanity is awaiting the final approvals from the Town of Oakland to begin building the next Habitat home right here in Oakland. West Orange H4H will be the recipient of a significant monetary donation from OPC which we raised from our capital campaign. The land for the house was donated by the Bond Foundation and our contribution will pay for the materials. This new house will be sponsored by OPC, so watch for announcements in the Sunday bulletins for volunteer opportunities and the date of the ground-breaking ceremony where our donation will be presented. This is a great opportunity to get involved in a local mission!



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

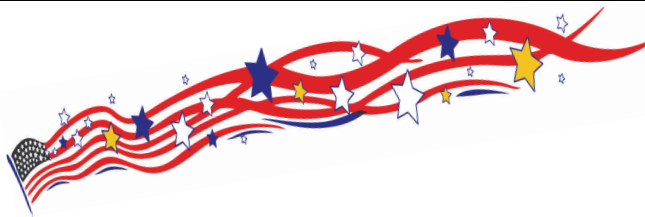
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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			6:30pm Praise Team			
5 Pentecost Celebration 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Birthday Celebration Luncheon (CLC)	6 6:30pm Cub Scouts	7 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	8 6pm OPC Preschool Graduation 6:30 pm Praise Team	9	10	11
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CUB SCOUT CAMP ~ CLC ~ 7:30am-5:30pm DAILY						
19 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship <i>No Youth Today</i> Happy Father's Day! 	20 9:30am Women's Sewing Group (FH) 5:30pm Staff Mtg.	21 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	22 Wondrous Wednesday 9am-12pm 6:30pm Praise Team	23	24	25
26 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship Time TBD: Youth Swim Parties 1:30pm LEGO Experience	27 10:00am Women's Sewing Group (FH) 6:30pm Deacons meet	28 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30pm Boy Scouts	29	30	Shake It Up Café ~ VBS ~ 5:30-8:30pm Nightly thru July 1st.	



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

 <p>Don't Forget! Church-wide BBQ on Sunday, July 3rd! <i>Ya'll Come!</i></p>					1	2
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P.O. BOX 38
OAKLAND, FL 34760

SUNDAY SERVICES
Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:45 a.m.

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
Paid
Permit No. 60003
Winter Garden, FL 34787

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Robert P. Hines, Jr. *Pastor*
Tiffany Goggans, *Director of Christian Education*
Julie Butler, *Administrative Assistant*
Jennifer Hunt, *Director of Music*
Diane Flagler, *Organist*
Daphne Miller, *Pianist*
Bonnie Litteral, *Director of Children's Choirs*
Kim Hyatt, *Director of Preschool*
Julie Dale, *Business Manager*
Derek Blakeslee, *Church Treasurer*

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www.oaklandpres.org

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Begins June 19th
"Great Praise and Worship Songs"

June 19, 2011
Psalm 96
Our God is Great
(How Great Is our God)

June 26, 2011
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
The Cross of Christ
(O Mighty Cross)

July 3, 2011
Revelation 7:9-17
Heaven
(I Can Only Imagine)

July 10, 2011
Colossians 1:15-20
The Supremacy of Jesus
(Above All)

**Two
New
Sermon
Series
for the
Summer!**

Begins July 17th
"Biblical Themes in Dr. Seuss"

July 17, 2011
Galatians 3:26-29
We are All One in Christ
(The Sneetches)

July 24, 2011
Luke 10:25-37
Helping Others
(Horton Hears a Who)

July 31, 2011
Joshua 24:14-18
Faithfulness Matters
(Horton Hatches the Egg)

August 14, 2011
Philippians 4:10-13; Exodus 20:17
Contentment vs. Envy
(How the Grinch Stole Christmas)