



# The Oakleaf

*Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida*

*March 2011 • Number 2*

## ~Church Workday Scheduled~

Mark your calendars for  
**Saturday March 19th**

from 9 a.m. until noon to help clean and make repairs to our beautiful campus. We'll be making a variety of repairs, including painting, working in the Memorial Garden, cleaning windows (and other things) and even moving around some pews in the Sanctuary to make room for more convenient wheelchair access.



We'll find a task for everyone regardless of your "handyman quotient", so come on out!"



March 5th will be our last Upward Basketball game and March 6th will be our Upward Sunday and Awards banquet. Our Basketball players and coaches will be in the 11am worship service that morning so everyone can see the faces of the children we've been praying for since the beginning of Upward Basketball.



Come out March 5th to our first ever Cub Scout Cruise in Car Show and Boy Scout Rummage Sale! Cub Scout Pack 978 and Boy Scout Troop 145 of Oakland Presbyterian Church are teaming up for a day of savings and fun at the church.

Starting at 8 AM, the Boy Scouts will open their rummage sale. Then, at 10 AM the Cub Scouts will open the Pack 978 Cruise In Car Show. Registration for vehicles will begin at 9 AM and is \$15 (including an event dash plaque!). The day will include a bake sale, 10 trophies for car entrants & live DJ entertainment. Food and beverages will be available for purchase as well.

Both events will run until 2 PM. Come on out for a good time and to support your local Cub and Boy Scouts!

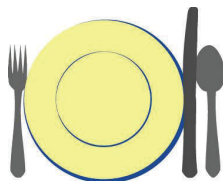
## Presbyterian Men's Dinner

Tuesday, March 22nd at 6:30pm

It's Ladies Night!!

Enjoy a great meal and entertainment by DivaJazz, an innovative vocal group that includes our own Jennifer Hunt!

It's sure to be a night to remember. All ladies are invited to join in the fun and meal.





## Oakland Coalition of Churches Planning a Town Clean-Up Day

On Saturday, March 19, the Oakland Coalition of Churches is holding its second annual clean-up day. Folks will be walking along Oakland Avenue (and maybe some other streets as well) to pick up the trash along the side of the road. Volunteers will gather at 8:00 a.m. at the Town Maintenance Building (across the street from the Town Meeting Hall). We will be done by 10:00 a.m. Folks are encouraged to bring gloves.



## Flowers for Sunday Worship

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

### March

- 6 - Carol Jaster
- 13 - Scott & Lulu Galle
- 20 - Frank & Suzanne Piccolo
- 27 - DeLena Koontz

### April

- 3 - Lee King
- 10 - Larry
- 17 - Ann Cordes
- 24 - Claude & Ann Adkins

## Ladies Sewing Group

All ladies are invited to join us

Monday, March 21st

9:30am-11:30pm

Monday, March 28th

10:00am - 2:00pm

We are currently working on quilts for Project Linus and STARS Preschool, making pillow-cases for Matthew's Hope from hotel bed sheets, and assembling dolls and bears for children at local hospitals!

We can always use willing hands and giving hearts!



## We welcome our new Nursery Staff

A big OPC welcome to Cassandra Leighvard, who recently joined our Sunday morning staff in the nursery. She is a sister-in-law of Opal McLean, who served us well for several years. We are blessed to have Cassandra on staff.

For those parents who may not know it, we staff the nursery for both our worship services and Sunday school. Parents are given a pager and can be paged if their child has a problem that requires a parent's presence.

We also recently placed a rocking chair in the narthex, for those mothers of young babies who want to bring their babies to worship but find they need to take them out because they get fussy. The sound from the worship is piped into the narthex, so parents can rock their babies and still hear the message and prayers.





### From the Pastor

By now most of you know the Pittsburgh Steelers lost the Super Bowl to the Green Bay Packers. Congratulations to all those Packer fans in our midst. It was a great game.

Some of you may think that I am heartbroken that my beloved Steelers lost the game. Not so. I have been able to accept the loss gracefully for two reasons:

1) The Steelers are the only team to have 6 Super Bowl wins. You can't win them all, but it's nice to have some to remember. Pittsburgh fans can't complain too much with the success the team has had over the years.

2) There are things more important than football, more important than the Super Bowl. I can't believe I wrote that, but I did!

Life goes on and there are things that matter more than our favorite sports team. When we get to heaven and come face to face with the One who sits on the throne, he's not going to ask if our team won the Super Bowl. He's going to ask if we loved and served him.

It's OK to be an avid fan of a sports team. But we want to keep our priorities in order. On our bulletin each week, we can read these words: Glorify God. Make disciples. Change the world. That's what we are called to do. Everything else is secondary. Even football.

Blessings,

Pastor Bob

### Session Highlights

At the February meeting, the Session took the following action:

- Approved several requests for use of the building.
- Had prayer for several people mentioned at the start of our meeting.
- Reviewed and endorsed the report of Youth Ministry Architects.
- Approved a list of people to serve on the Youth Ministry Design Team, including Liz Clark, Beth Nelson, Ann Blakeslee, Beth Kennedy, and Tim Moyer. Pastor Bob and Tiffany will also work with this group. Others may be asked to join in the future.
- Approved a date for the Youth Ministry Visioning Retreat, May 13 and 14.
- Heard about the plans of the Oakland Coalition of Churches to run a community Vacation Bible School this summer at the Charter School. The Christian Education Committee will be discussing the part we will play in this endeavor.
- Heard the report on the efforts of the Preschool Board to address our deficit this year and make plans for the fall.





### **UNBREAKABLE YOUTH**

- 3/2 ~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)  
 Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 3/6 ~ No Youth~ UPWARD Banquet  
 At 12 Noon (CLC)
- 3/9 ~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)  
 Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 3/12 ~ Ladies' Tea  
 (Youth to help with serving)
- 3/13 ~ Youth Fellowship (4:30-6:30)
- 3/16 ~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)  
 Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 3/20 ~ Youth Fun Sunday (3:00pm)  
 (Bring your bike and \$\$\$ for Ice Cream!)
- 3/23~ Creative Youth (5:15-6:20)  
 Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 3/27 ~ NO Youth (SPRING BREAK!)



## **Preschool NEWS**

We're busy in March! On March 18th we have a Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Since I have experienced Leukemia and Lymphoma in my own family, this is a cause that is dear to my heart. These children need our help and prayers. If you would like to make a small donation to benefit St. Jude's, or need more information, please contact me through the church office.

God is on the move in our preschool! We have already begun registration for the 2011-2012 FREE Faith-based VPK program, as well as our two and three year old programs. Tours are available Monday through Friday 9am-1am. No appointment necessary!

Spring Break Dates:  
 March 25 ~ April 1

*Blessings,  
 Kim Hyatt  
 Preschool Director*



### **Join Us For March KIDS' CLUB!**

Kids in Grades 3-5

**Sunday, March 20th**

12:30pm

*Kids! Watch your  
 Mailboxes for more  
 Information!*



**CLOTHING DRIVE**

**For Christian Service Center**

The Mission Committee will be having a clothing drive to benefit the Christian Service Center during the month of March. They are in need of children's, women's and men's clothes and shoes for their thrift shop. The CSC Thrift Shop sells clothes at a nominal cost and also gives away clothes to the needy. Clean out your closets and place your clothing donations in the designated basket outside the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

*Dream  
Destination  
Ladies Tea*



**Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
2:00pm – 4:30pm**

Join the Presbyterian Women for an afternoon of tea, featuring a delicious selection of sandwiches and sweets. Each table will be uniquely decorated to illustrate this year's theme: "*Dream Destinations*". Enjoy a fashion show organized by Janet Carr, with a boutique available to purchase clothing and accessories. A separate tea is available for little ladies, ages 4-8, with appropriate refreshments and activities. All tickets are \$10. All proceeds will benefit Mission projects and the Youth Fellowship ministry of Oakland Presbyterian Church. For more information or for tickets contact Bonnie Litteral at 407-877-3525 or [bbllitteral@aol.com](mailto:bbllitteral@aol.com) or contact the church office at 407-656-4452.

*Acknowledgments  
& Notables*



*The thoughts and prayers of the congregation are extended to the friends and families of the following who have recently passed away:*

• **George "Jabo" Pellam**

• **Bob Newman**

*(A Memorial Service for Bob will be held in the Oakland Presbyterian sanctuary on Saturday, March 19th at 2:00 p.m.)*



**CELEBRATE  
REMEMBER  
FIGHT BACK**



Has your life been touched by cancer?  
1 in 3 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime.

If you are interested in joining the Oakland Presbyterian Church's Relay for Life Team, or would like more information, please contact either Tiffany Goggans ([tiffany@oaklandpres.org](mailto:tiffany@oaklandpres.org)) or Tammi Warchocki ([relaytam@yahoo.com](mailto:relaytam@yahoo.com)) or

**Winter Garden Relay for Life  
May 20-21, 2011**



## Birthdays Blessings to those born in **MARCH**

- 1 Bob Palmer, Spencer Edwards, Grady Burch
- 2 Libby Litteral
- 3 Ashley Brakefield, Susie Gibson
- 4 Shirley Wilkins
- 5 Mark Terrell, Beth Wincey
- 6 Rene Stachelrodt, Jr.
- 7 Caroline Henrikson, Rainer Porth , John Wilkins
- 8 Karolyn Dosch, Ted Geltz, Vern Jensen, Bertha Allen, Christie Chabot
- 9 Bonnie Litteral, Glyn Whipple, Lee Lombardy
- 10 John Kennedy, Thea Moyer, Taylor Dunn
- 11 Betty Anne Griffin, Tom Edwards
- 12 Jocey Gardner, Mary Mitchell
- 14 Susan Lopes, Tanga Teasley
- 15 Richard Overkamp
- 18 Conner Stanford, Judy Pendergrass, Jeff Braden
- 19 Suzanne Piccolo
- 20 Jeanne Duncan
- 21 Bernie Jaster
- 23 Matt Griffith, Kathryn Ilgenfritz
- 24 Barb Williams
- 25 Sidney Arrington, Dana Jones
- 26 Louise DeWall, Dana Parker, Lynn White, Ted Van Deventer
- 28 Rich Burbank, Alexandra Beltz, Kinsey Koontz, Mike Brassell
- 29 Mark Griffith, Dick Gaston, Jeff Reynolds, Sara Smith
- 30 Ross Smith, Beth Nelson

*If you have a **March** birthday not mentioned above please e-mail the church office at [welcome@oaklandpres.org](mailto:welcome@oaklandpres.org) to add your name to the birthday list.*



Thanks to Shirley Christman  
 HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?  
 01-15-2009

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month's Sunday school unit is on Symbols of Holy Week. Children will use the symbols of Holy week to:

- Learn the events of Holy Week
- Recognize the stories related to the events of Holy Week
- Create a way to share the story of Holy Week with others through symbols
- Review the four Gospel accounts of Holy Week and compare the symbols used.

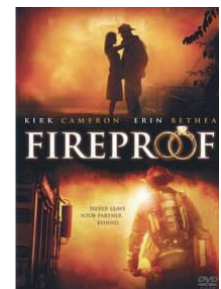
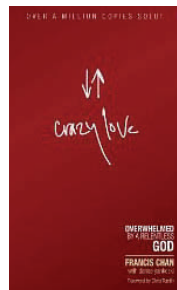
**Sunday school is every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Come and join the fun!**



**DISCOVERY  
KINGDOM**

## Two New Classes for Adults to Be Offered

Starting in March, we will be offering two new classes for adults, both will be offered on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour. The two classes being offered are *Crazy Love* by Franchis Chan and *Fireproof* (a marriage enrichment program). The Wednesday night class will begin March 16. Parents of children in our choir are invited to eat dinner with us and stay for the class. If you are interested in either of these, please speak with Pastor Bob or Tiffany.





# MARCH



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (FH) 5:15pm Handbells 6:00pm UPWARD 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm <i>Letters from Dad</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>3</b></p> <p>6:00pm UPWARD Basketball Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>4</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>5</b></p> <p>*Cub Scout Car Show/Boy Scout Rummage Sale 8:00am-2:00pm *Last UPWARD Basketball games 8am-12pm</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>6</b></p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:15pm UPWARD Banquet (CLC) 4:30pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>7</b></p> <p>10:00am PW Coordinating Meeting (FH) 6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>8</b></p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:00pm UPWARD 6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Preschool Board meets</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>9</b></p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>10</b></p> <p>6:00pm UPWARD Flag Football/Cheerleading Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Dream Destination</b> Ladies' Tea 2:00pm-4:00pm (CLC)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>13</b></p> <p><b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>14</b></p> <p>10:00am PW Circle/Bible Study (FH) 5:30pm Staff mtg. 6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p>6:00pm UPWARD Practice 7:00pm Session meets</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p>Preschool Trike-a-Thon for St. Jude's</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p>9am-Churchwide Workday 9am-UPWARD Football games 2pm-Bob Newman Memorial Service 6pm-Sterlings / BUNCO</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>20</b></p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:30pm KIDS' CLUB 3:00pm Youth Sunday Funday (Bring your bike and \$\$ for Ice cream!)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>21</b></p> <p>9:30am Women's Sewing Group (FH) 6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Men's Dinner <i>It's Ladies' Night!</i> (FH)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p>6:00pm UPWARD Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p>UPWARD Football Games 9am-11am</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>27</b></p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 2:00pm LEGO (FH)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>28</b></p> <p>10:00am Women's Sewing Group (FH) 6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>29</b></p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>31</b></p> <p>6:00pm UPWARD Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lent</i></p>

**OAKLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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.

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Winter Garden, FL 34787

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**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*  
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**March 10th will begin our  
UPWARD Flag Football and  
Cheerleading season!**

Practices will be at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings and out games will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 19th! Please keep everyone involved in our UPWARD ministries in your prayers and come on out and support the kids!



**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](http://oaklandpres.org), just click on worship and then sermons.



**MARCH.....**  
**In like a Lion and out like a Lamb....**