



# The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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## UPWARD Flag Football and Cheerleading Banquet

On Sunday, May 15th, we will celebrate another successful Flag Football and Cheerleading season here at OPC. We will start the morning with a recognition of the players and coaches at our 11:00am Worship Service. After the service, we will hold the banquet in the CLC where awards will be given out and good fun, food and fellowship will be had! Thank you to all our coaches, players and cheerleaders for a wonderful season!

## MISSION FAIR

Sunday, May 22nd  
9:45am in the CLC

Join the Mission Committee in the CLC where representatives from many of the missions we support will share information about the work of their ministries and answer your questions. Participate in the Trivia Contest for a chance to win a \$50 Darden Gift Card!



## VBS is COMING!

**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](mailto:tiffany@oaklandpres.org)



**Join the  
Oakland  
Coalition  
of Churches  
for  
Community  
VBS**

The Oakland Coalition of Churches is sponsoring *Pandamania* VBS

June 20 - June 24

9:00am - 12:00pm

at Oakland Charter School

Come join the Coalition for the wildest VBS you've ever seen! You'll explore amazing Bible Adventures, sample yummy snacks, make and take home cool crafts, and so much more! VBS is open to children age 3 through 5th grade.

Register by June 1st at:

[www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/oaktownkids](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/oaktownkids)



**Flowers for  
Sunday Worship**

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

**May**

- 1 - Stacy & Phyllis Vereen
- 8 - Fran Stanford
- 15 - Nancy Allen
- 22 - Jerry & Levynia Ornstein
- 29 - Andy & Claudia Procko

**June**

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

**Ladies Sewing Group**

All ladies are invited to join us

Monday, May 23rd

10:00am - 2:00pm

We are currently working on quilts for Project Linus and STARS Preschool, making pillowcases 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!



**DISCOVERY  
KINGDOM**

**Children's Sunday School**

Our next unit in Discovery Kingdom will be "Jacob". In this unit, the children will hear the story of the sibling conflict of Jacob and Esau; explore various aspects of conflict and forgiveness; relate this story to conflict in their own lives; discover ways to respond in a conflict situation and discover ways to offer and receive forgiveness. Come join us for an exciting and entertaining unit at **DISCOVERY KINGDOM!**





## From the Pastor

I recently heard about a home that is for sale. When a buyer made an offer, the house was formally inspected. The inspection revealed a number of problems that will have to be addressed. But these are things that you couldn't see on the surface. You had to look carefully, beneath the surface, in places that don't normally see the light of day.

That made me think of our lives as Christians. We can look good to others, but will our lives stand up to a careful inspection by the One who really matters?

We're not in charge of doing this inspection for others. We're in charge of our own lives and seeing that our house is in order. Every once in a while it doesn't hurt to do a little "inspection" to see what needs to be addressed in our lives.

Is there some behavior that needs to be changed?

Are there some thought patterns that aren't helpful or downright displeasing to God?

Is the core solid, or is it rotting away?

Spring is a time when we often do a little "spring cleaning." Let's spend some time inspecting our lives as followers of Jesus. Don't be afraid to throw out things that don't belong in our lives. Doing so makes more room for the things that really matter.

Blessings,

## Upcoming Sermon Series

*Begins May 1st*

### "Building a Life Strategy that Works"

May 1, 2011

**Mark 12:28-34**

**Love God**

May 8, 2011

**Proverbs 12:26; 17:17**

**Choose Your Friends with Care**

May 15, 2011

**John 14:1-6**

**Take the Long View**

May 22, 2011

**John 21:1-17**

**Don't Let Disappointments**

**Stop You**

May 29, 2011

**1 Peter 2:9-17**

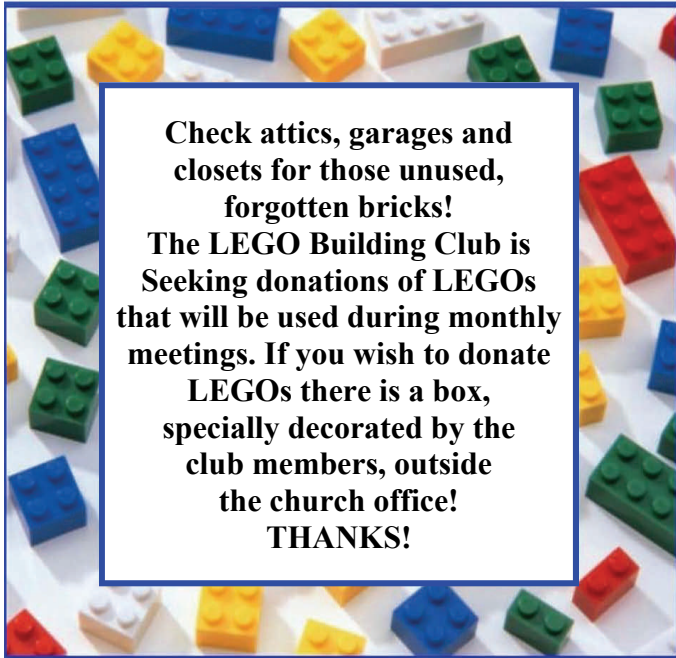
**Make a Difference with Your Life**

## Session Highlights

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

- ~ Had prayer for several people mentioned at the start of our meeting
- ~ Heard from the Property Committee that we are seeking a new cleaning service.
- ~ Discussed the Oakland Coalition of Churches housing rehab project and asked Pastor Bob to compose a letter expressing some of our concerns it has raised
- ~ Received and reviewed reports from various committees of the church..





**Check attics, garages and closets for those unused, forgotten bricks!**  
**The LEGO Building Club is Seeking donations of LEGOs that will be used during monthly meetings. If you wish to donate LEGOs there is a box, specially decorated by the club members, outside the church office!**  
**THANKS!**



**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.

### **UNBREAKABLE YOUTH**

- 5/1 ~ Wii Bowling Tournament  
Relay for Life Fundraiser ~ 4:00pm
- 5/8 ~ *No Youth Fellowship*  
Do something nice for your Mother!
- 5/15~ Swimming Party  
Location TBD ~ 3:00pm
- 5/22 ~ Senior Recognition Sunday  
Youth Fellowship ~ 4:30pm
- 5/29 ~ *No Youth Fellowship*  
Memorial Day Weekend



## **Preschool NEWS**

I hope that everyone had a very blessed Easter. We had a very special visit from the Easter Bunny. The kids were so excited. We are beginning to wrap up our school year here at Oakland Preschool. God has been so good to us this year. We will be having our VPK Graduation on Wednesday, June 8th. There will be some exciting end of the year parties going on. We are enrolling for VPK, Three-year-old classroom, and a two-year-old Mother's Day Out program for the fall. Thank you for all your prayers this school year. With God all things are possible.

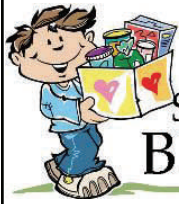
*Blessings,*  
*Kim Hyatt*  
*Preschool Director*



### **Wondrous Wednesdays Return!**

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](mailto: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!!



## Share Your Blessings!

### Food Drive For Christian Service Center

The Mission Committee will be collecting food donations for the Christian Service Center during the month of May. We have a green "shopping bag" outside the church office where you can place your donations as well as a borrowed

Publix shopping cart. The Christian Service Center's Daily Bread program provides lunch to over 200 people EVERY WEEKDAY. A group of dedicated volunteers from OPC prepares and serves lunch every second Tuesday and again during the fifth week of a month. Donations from hotels, restaurants and grocery stores have declined, while the need for meals has increased. The CSC appreciates food all year, but please give generously during our special promotion in May. Thank you for your support!

### Short Pews in the Sanctuary

Some have asked why we replaced the full-length pews in the back of the sanctuary with short ones. We did it to make room for people in wheel chairs. They can come and park their wheel chairs right next to one of the short pews and not be in the aisle, as they were before we made the change. With that in mind, we need to reserve the short pews for those who come with folks who are in wheel chairs. Please don't sit in the short pews unless you are with someone in a wheel chair.

Thank you for your cooperation!



**Church  
Members**

### Please Wear Your Name Tags!

Recently we've noticed that a lot of folks aren't wearing their name tags. Remember, this is a courtesy to guests and visitors. When they come and worship with us, they may be meeting many of us for the first time. Wearing our names tags helps them remember our names. It may also encourage them to make one for themselves. So, for the sake of our guests, please wear your name tag!



### Habitat for Humanity

#### 5K Race

Walk or run in the West Orange  
Habitat for Humanity 5K Race to be held at  
Oakland Presbyterian Church

**Saturday, May 7, 2011 at 8:00a.m.**

Awards will be given to the top three male and female runners overall and in each age group.

Registration forms can be picked up outside the church office.

Let's show our support by participating in this fun and worthwhile event!



Birthday Blessings to  
those born in  
**MAY**

- 1 Amy Terrell, Roger Carr,  
Luke Summers, Jack Mahn
- 2 Leslie Warden
- 3 Nancy Lummus-Allen
- 4 Darius Bieberle, Emily Justice,
- 5 Derek Warden, Craig Griffith,  
Lucas Wolter, Nicholas Merbach
- 6 Traci Paulling, Jim Donovan
- 10 April Jenkins, Alexandra Serra
- 11 Martin Davis, Andy Powell,  
Eansa Burbank
- 12 Carter Jenkins, David Frank
- 13 Fran Stanford, Kay Vanderlay
- 14 Sam Shepherd
- 15 Pat Ross, Christina Diaz
- 16 Ryan Opificius
- 17 Kaitlin Lopes, Meredith Lummus
- 19 Allison Dion
- 20 John Britt, Gordon Reid,
- 22 Robert Lummus, Jr., Kit Nelson
- 23 John Hawthorne, Kristine  
VanderLey, Donna Liebi,  
Benjamin DuChene, Bob Hines
- 24 James Stearns
- 26 Cindy Beltz, Ethan Parker,  
Vi Yarber
- 27 Will Shepherd, Delena Koontz  
Charles Matykiewicz
- 28 Florence Anderson,  
Cindy Lummus, Elle Brassell,  
Laurie Hallock
- 30 Lois Stachelrodt, Matthew Hale
- 31 Jackson Hanson

*If you have a **MAY** 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.*



**Our Hearts  
go out to...**

- **Jeanne and Don Duncan**  
in the loss of Jeanne's sister.
- **Sherry and Clarence Hurt**  
in the loss of Sherry's sister

*The heartfelt sympathy of the congregation is with these families in their time of sorrow.*



**Thank You  
Notes**

*In a card received from the family of Bob Newman:*

**“Most Folks don’t go out of their way to do things for others.....Thank Goodness you aren’t most folks!”**

*Thank you for being family to Bob at a time when we could not be with him daily. Your outpouring of love and support comforted him as his illness progressed.*

*Sincerely,  
The Newman Family*



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

**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*  
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*Nobody knows of the work it makes  
To keep the home together.  
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,  
Nobody knows - but Mother.  
~Author Unknown~*

