



The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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**FALL
FESTIVAL**

Everyone is invited to the CLC

Sunday November 6th

12:00pm to 2:00 pm

for a fall-tastic fall festival!

Fall Crafts * Bounce House

Free Hotdogs * Hay Rides

Picture area * Carnival games

Lots of fun for the entire family!

*Even though it is after Halloween,
kids are still welcome to wear their costumes.*



Senior Adults

Senior Lunch Bunch

Friday, November 4th

at 11:30am

Fellowship Hall

Come join our new

Senior Lunch Bunch for a pot-luck luncheon! Bring a dish and your best ideas and suggestions for this “work-in-progress”! All Senior Adults are invited to come and enjoy food and fellowship. For more information, contact the church office at 407-656-4452.



Join us on

Sunday, November 6th

as we honor our

Veterans

in both

8:45am and 11:00am

Worship Services



At our October 24th meeting, the Sewing Group hosted special speaker Susan Murphy, Central Florida's Coordinator for Project Linus. This is a nationwide organization with around 350 chapters. Over 3 million blankets have been made since this group started ten years ago. Finished blankets made of fleece, flannel, crocheted, knitted and quilted are delivered to children in crisis of all ages, from 36 inch square baby blankets to twin size blankets for teenagers. If you are interested in getting involved with Project Linus and would like more information, please contact Linda Anderson at 407-292-9712 or attend a Ladies' Sewing Group meeting!

Ladies Sewing Group

All ladies are invited to join us

Monday, November 21st

9:30am-11:30pm

Monday, November 28th

10:00am - 2:00pm



Troop 145

My name is John Harrison, I am a life scout in troop 145 and I am working on my eagle project. This project will consist of installing a bike rack in front of the church and some beautification of the area around it. This project, however, will cost somewhere around \$650. Any help will be greatly appreciated, and all of the money will be going towards improvement the church. You can contact me at 407-401-3191 or at john.randolph.harrison@gmail.com.

Thank you for your time,
John Harrison.



**Flowers for
Sunday Worship**
*(To provide sanctuary
flowers, please sign up in the
lobby or contact the office.)*

November

- 6 - Fred Shepherd
- 13 - Elizabeth Brown & Janet Jackson
- 20 - Wayne & Vi Yarber
- 27 - Tom & Phyllis Edwards

December

- 4 - Laurie Templin
- 11- Nancy McDavid
- 18 - John & Beth Kennedy
- 25- Roseanna Koppinger



Children's Choir Update:

- Sunday, November 13~
Adult and Junior Choir will sing for the congregation.
- Wednesday, November 30th~
Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas Program

From the Pastor



November is the time of year when we often talk about stewardship matters in the church. It's a time some people (including pastors) dread. For some reason we find it challenging or difficult to talk about our need to give back to God. Some of us may be like the man in the following story.

Bruce Larson used to pastor a church in Seattle. One day a wealthy man came to his office to see him. He said, "You've been talking a lot about tithing. Bruce, I got to be honest with you—I make a ton of money. I can't possibly tithe. It would be a huge chunk of cash."

In his wisdom, Larson asked the man if he would like to pray about the matter. The man agreed, and the two of them bowed their heads. The wealthy man began by asking God for guidance in the matter of giving. Larson followed up and said, "O God, help my dear brother earn less money this coming year so he can afford to tithe."

As you consider your own giving to the church, I hope you will be more open to tithing than the man in Larson's church. It doesn't matter how little or how much we earn. God calls us to be generous in our giving, just as God has been generous with us.

In our own giving, Pat and I have always believed that we can't afford NOT to tithe!

With warm regards,

Pastor Bob

Session Highlights

At its October meeting, the Session took the following action:

- Said farewell to those rotating off Session and welcomed our 5 newly elected elders: Nina Anderson, Paul Forney, Nancy Reid, Don Wingate, and Wayne Yarber.
- Elected Don Wingate as the new clerk of Session. Don is replacing Tom DuChene, who served as clerk for the past 3 years.
- Saw the new logo for our 125th anniversary, designed by Tim Warchocki.
- Heard a report on the state of the organ. The factory rep affirmed that it was lightning that damaged the instrument and that it would be foolish to repair it. Because we have replacement cost insurance on the organ, we will be in contact with our insurance company to see what we need to do next.
- Heard about the new luncheon for seniors that was held. The group decided to meet once a month, on the first Friday.
- Heard about the search for leadership in youth ministry. We have had about 14 people express interest, with 3 scheduled to be interviewed at this point.
- Approved using the Memorial Fund to pay the expenses not covered by the sale of mementos for our anniversary celebration.
- Approved 2 more communion dates for this calendar year: November 27 and December 24 (Christmas Eve).
- Approved the Preschool Budget that was presented at the previous meeting.
- Approved several requests for use of the building.
- Agreed to continue serving as a "secondary emergency shelter" for the Red Cross.





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

- 11/2~ Creative Youth and Bible Study @ 5:15pm
- 11/6~ Fall Festival 12-2pm (CLC) Youth to run games at event
- 11/9~ Creative Youth and Bible Study @ 5:15pm
- 11/13~ Youth Fellowship @ 4:30pm
- 11/16~ Creative Youth and Bible Study @ 5:15pm
- 11/20~ Youth Fellowship @ 4:30pm
- 11/23~ NO Creative Youth or Bible Study
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 11/27~ NO Youth Fellowship
- 11/30~ Creative Youth and Bible Study @ 5:15pm



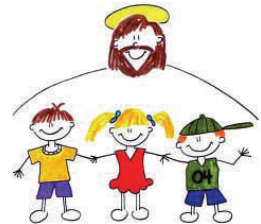
Preschool NEWS

We are looking forward to some fall events here! The children will be singing at the 11:00am worship service on November 6th. They work very hard to learn the songs and look forward to singing for the congregation. We also have our Thanksgiving Feast on November 18th, All the children sit together at one long table and have different kinds of foods and we talk about things we are thankful for.

We are always looking for volunteers. You can read to the children, sing songs with them, help teachers with art projects, etc. Contact the preschool if you are interested!

Let's all remember why we celebrate Thanksgiving, God is so good to us and loves us all so very much!

*Blessings,
Kim Hyatt
Preschool Director*



LEGO Experience
Sunday, November 6, 2011
2:00pm-4:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Ages 7+ and parents are welcome to stay and play, too!

For more information
 please contact
Laurie Hallock
352-223-4273



Our next unit in Discovery Kingdom Sunday school will be on Jonah. In this unit, children will have the opportunity to become familiar with the story of Jonah and explore ways to tell others about God, as Jonah did. Discovery Kingdom is every Sunday from 9:45am - 10:45am in the CLC.

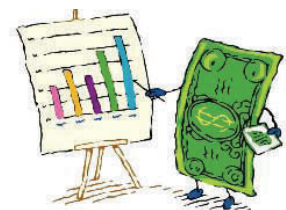
We do lots of fun activities such as cooking and games while learning exciting stories from the Bible. Come join us!



Presbyterian Men's Dinner
Tuesday, November 15th
6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Charitable giving from IRA Accounts

If you are over 70 ½, you are allowed to make a contribution to the church directly from your IRA through the end of this calendar year. The contribution will count towards your required minimum distribution and will not be treated as income on your personal income tax return. This is a great benefit for those who do not normally itemize deductions. Currently, this law is set to expire on December 31, 2011, so all contributions will need to be made by that date. To discuss how this could be applicable to you or to discuss using this method to **prepay** your 2012 church pledge, call our church treasurer, Derek, at 407 656-6611 or talk to your accountant.



Did You Know?



- Sincere Christian Sympathy is extended to:*
- *Madelyn Gaston and family upon the passing of Richard W. Gaston.*
 - *Martha and Charles Baldwin upon the passing of Martha's grandson, Jerry Epps.*
 - *The Family of Florence Anderson upon her passing. Florence was 99.*

A very special thank you to **Linda Anderson** and **Barb Williams** for their time and diligence in helping the office prepare for the Pony Express Stewardship Campaign. Our church would not run as smoothly as it does if not for dedicated volunteers like these ladies, and so many others, who give so willingly of their time whenever there is a need. It is truly appreciated by the church staff!






Mission Committee News

FOOD DRIVE FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

The Mission Committee will be collecting food donations for Christian Service Center the entire month of November. We have a green "shopping bag" outside the church office as well as borrowed Publix shopping carts there and in the Narthex where you can place your non-perishable donations. Christian Service Center's Daily Bread program provides lunch to over 200 people EVERY WEEKDAY. A group of volunteers from OPC prepares and serves lunch every second Tuesday and during the fifth week of a month. Donations from hotels, restaurants, and grocery stores have declined, while the need for free meals has increased. CSC appreciates food all year, but please give generously during our special promotion month in November.

Thank you for your support!

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<p>1</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>5:15pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00pm <i>Letters from Dad</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir</p> <p>5:35pm Creative Youth</p> <p>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study</p> <p>-Praise Team</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>Senior Adults</p> <p>Lunch Bunch</p> <p>11:30am Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Church School</p> <p>10:30am Choir Practice</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>12:00pm Fall Festival (CLC)</p> <p>2:00pm LEGO Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00am Presbyterian Women's Coord. Meeting (FH)</p> <p>4:00pm YCM Band Practice</p> <p>6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>5:15pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00pm Preschool Board meets</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir</p> <p>5:35pm Creative Youth</p> <p>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study</p> <p>-Praise Team</p> <p>7:30pm Adult Choir resumes</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:00pm YCM Band Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Picture Party</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Church School</p> <p>10:30am Choir Practice</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>4:30 pm Kids Club</p> <p>4:30pm Youth Fellowship</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study (FH)</p> <p>4:00pm YCM Band Practice</p> <p>5:30pm Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>5:15pm Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm Men's Dinner</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir</p> <p>5:35pm Creative Youth</p> <p>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study</p> <p>-Praise Team</p> <p>7:30pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:00pm YCM Band Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Session Meets</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>STERLINGS BUNCO</p> <p>6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Church School</p> <p>10:30am Choir Practice</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>4:30pm Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Women's Sewing Group (FH)</p> <p>6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>5:15p Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00pm <i>Letters from Dad</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>No Wednesday Night Activities</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>8:45am Worship</p> <p>9:45am Church School</p> <p>10:30am Choir Practice</p> <p>11:00am Worship</p> <p>NO Youth Fellowship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Women's Sewing Group (FH)</p> <p>4:00pm YCM Band Practice</p> <p>6:30pm Deacons meet</p> <p>6:30pm Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>5:15p Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>30</p>			

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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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Mark Your Calendars for December

- Sunday, 12/4 ~ Children's Musical
- Thursday 12/8 ~ UPWARD Basketball Sign-ups begin
- Saturday, 12/10 ~ Angel Day/ Youth Party/ Community Carol Sing
- Sunday, 12/11 ~ Joy Tea
- Friday, 12/16 ~ Preschool "Happy Birthday, Jesus!" Party
- Saturday, 12/24 ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services at 5:00pm, 7:30pm and 11:00pm
- Sunday, 12/25 ~ Christmas Cantata Service at 10:30am