



The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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Burn the Mortgage!

All members and friends are invited to join us for a very special occasion on Sunday, October 17, at 6:05 p.m. in the Christian Life Center for a Church Night Supper which will include the burning of the mortgage for the CLC. When we built the new addition, we had to borrow around \$500,000 to complete the project. The main purpose of our recent capital campaign, "The Future Is Now", was to raise money to eliminate our debt. We are happy to report that your generosity has enabled us to do so. As part of our celebration we will also be announcing a special Mission Project that will be funded by the mission component of our capital campaign.



Come, join in this special celebration.

Bring a generous covered dish to share and your party hats!



Trunk or Treat

Back by popular demand, Trunk-or-Treat will be held Sunday, October 31st from 3:00pm until 6:00pm

We had a great turn out last year with over 200 children during the afternoon.

Come and decorate your car or truck, bring some goodies along and see all the neighborhood kids that will visit!



New Member Class to Be Held in October

All those adults who are interested in becoming members of our church are invited to attend the membership classes being held on October 10, 17, 24, and 31. The classes will meet in the Pastor's Study during the Sunday school hour, starting at 9:45 a.m. At the last class the participants will meet with the Session to be received into membership. If you have any questions about the class, please contact Pastor Bob.



Men's Dinner~ October 26th at 6:30 p.m.

October's program will be presented by Metro Crime Prevention of Florida. Their goal is to increase public awareness of the criminal theft facing everyone today and show effective measures to counter the threat. Topics will include identity theft, frauds and scams, hurricane safety, carjacking and more. This program is presented by former law enforcement officers and will help us learn to be proactive against crime and take simple precautions to enhance our personal safety.

Ladies Sewing Group

Come and join us as we work on several fun, meaningful projects. We are currently working on quilts for Project Linus and STARS Preschool, making pillowcases for Matthew's Hope from hotel bedsheets, and assembling dolls and bears for children at local hospitals!



We can always use willing hands and giving hearts!

We meet the 3rd and 4th Monday of every month through May!

Monday, October 18th ~ 9:30am-11:30am

Monday, October 25th ~ 10:00am-2:00pm

(Bring your lunch on the 25th!)



Flowers for Sunday Worship

October

- 3 Bob Newman & Ann Cordes
- 10 Carolyn & Donald Karraker
- 17 The Koppingers
- 24 The Litterals
- 31 Ted & Katrinka VanDeventer

November

- 7 The Litterals
- 14 Elizabeth Brown
- 21 Ann & Wayne Wincey
- 28 Wayne & Vi Yarber



"One in Christ: Visions of Unity"

For everyone committed to worship in the church – pastors, musicians, choir members, worship committee members, children and youth - the Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) sponsors two identical Worship and Music Conferences at Montreat Conference Center each summer. These conferences, guided by the principles of Reformed worship, provide opportunities for participants to experience worship and explore various ways to enrich the liturgical life of the local church. Jesus prayed that the church would be one. In 2011 we will explore the fullness of what it means to be Christian in a church and a world filled with diversity and division. One in Christ: Visions of Unity is the theme that will guide our time together. From Isaiah's vision of the peaceable kingdom to John's vision of the new Jerusalem, scripture is replete with visions of unity. Join us as we study, play, and worship together, striving to live out what it means to be one in Christ.

Please contact Jennifer Hunt for more information.

From the Pastor



A few years ago a friend sent me a list of strange “facts.” Here are some of the more striking from that list:

1. Apples are more efficient than coffee at waking you up in the morning.
2. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart.
3. Alfred Hitchcock didn't have a belly button.
4. The average person over 50 has spent 5 years waiting in lines.
5. Over 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
6. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
7. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of the day.
8. Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same airplane.
9. Michael Jackson owned the rights to the South Carolina state anthem.
10. If coloring weren't added, Coca-Cola would be green.

As you may have guessed, some of those statements are “urban legends,” which means they aren't true. It seems that if anyone puts something on the internet or in an email, there are always people who believe that it is true. “It must be true—I read it on the internet!”

But there is one statement that I know is true beyond a shadow of any doubt, and it may be the strangest truth of all, namely that God loves me. In spite of my failures and foibles, in spite of the many times I have turned my back on God or forgotten my promises to him, in spite of my lack of gratitude and poor attitude, God loves me beyond all measure, with a love that will not let me go. I cannot do anything that will make God stop loving me. That is the strangest and greatest truth in all life. And it is no “urban legend.”

With warm regards,

Pastor Bob

At the September meeting, the Session took the following Action:

- Discussed our continued participation in the Oakland Coalition of Churches.
- Approved the recommendation of the Mission Committee for the Mission Project to be supported by our Capital Campaign. A public announcement about the project will be made at the “Burn the Mortgage” event on October 17th.
- Heard the report that Kids' Club had its first meeting recently. Those present planned events for the rest of the school year.
- Elders received a copy of Belhar Confession for their review. This is a document adopted in 1986 by the Dutch Reformed Mission Church (South Africa) that is being proposed for inclusion in our Book of Confessions. It addresses the issue of racism and apartheid.
- Heard the report that we will be using the Pony Express stewardship campaign this year to solicit financial support for the 2011 budget.
- Heard a brief report on the success of the Kairos prison event held recently at Lake County Correctional Facility.
- Approved several requests for use of the building.
- Had prayer for several people mentioned at the start of the meeting.



Training and Orientation for Newly Elected Officers

Those folks elected on September 26 to serve as elders and deacons for the class of 2013 are encouraged to attend the orientation and training to be held on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00am until Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Any previously elected officers who missed the training done last year are also encouraged to attend.



LEGO Meeting
Saturday, October 9, 2010
2:00pm-4:00pm
Fellowship Hall

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

For more information please con-
tact
Laurie Hallock
352-223-4273

UNBREAKABLE YOUTH

- 10/3 ~ Youth Fellowship (4:30-6:30)
- 10/6 ~ Creative Youth (5:20-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 10/10 ~ Youth Fellowship (4:30-6:30)
- 10/13 ~ Creative Youth (5:20-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 10/17 ~ Youth Fellowship (4:30-6:30)
- 10/20 ~ Creative Youth (5:20-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 10/24 ~ SUNDAY FUNDAY
@ REBOUNDERZ (12:30-2:30)
(Bring \$12 plus \$\$ for lunch & snacks!)
- 10/27~ Creative Youth (5:20-6:20)
Bible Study (6:30-7:30)
- 10/30 ~ Oakland Heritage Day
- 10/31 ~ Trunk-or-Treat! (3:00-6:00)



Preschool

NEWS

This year is off to a great start! We have wonderful children and a wonderful staff. Upcoming events include:

- Pumpkin Patch/Pumpkin Parties
October 28th
- Oakland Heritage Day at Speer Park
October 30th

Just a reminder, we do still have availability in our VPK program and our 2 year old and 3 year old classrooms.

*Blessings,
Kim Hyatt
Preschool Director*



Join Us For October KIDS' CLUB!

October brings FUN for FALL!

Kids in Grades 3-5,

Join us at Fellowship Hall on
Sunday, October 17th

3:00pm-5:30pm!

We'll be making some cool fall
crafts, playing some games, and
having a great time!

New Sermon Series
October/November

“7 Decisions That Shape Your Life”

October 3, 2010

Matthew 6:19-21

Decide What’s Important to You

October 10, 2010

Acts 7:54; Galatians 1:11-24

Decide to Put Your Past Behind You

October 17, 2010

TBA

Decide to Stay Focused on Your Dreams

October 24, 2010

TBA

Decide to Be Happy from the Inside Out

October 31, 2010

Luke 6:38

Decide to Be a Generous Giver

November 7, 2010

TBA

Decide to Be a Person of Integrity

November 14, 2010

Exodus 20:1-6

Decide to Put God First

INSTALLATION
AND
ORDINATION
OF NEW OFFICERS

Newly elected elders and deacons will be installed on Sunday, October 17, at the 11:00am service, Those elected at the congregational meeting on September 26 include the following:

Elders: Jerry Ornstein, Beth Kennedy, Connie King, Martin Davis and Judith Ramsey.

Deacons: Jack Litteral, Jane Winegard, Jeanne Duncan and Lulu Galle.

*Acknowledgments
& Notables*



THANKS FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to the diaper drive for Accept Pregnancy Center in September. Our donations were very much needed and appreciated!

I'd like to sincerely thank the church congregation for their support during Gary's recent illness and passing. I found great comfort knowing that God's people were lifting me up during that time and the outpouring of love through calls, cards, food and donations was truly overwhelming. I am so blessed to be part of this congregation.
Sincerely,
Joyce Mullins



Our Hearts go out to...

The thoughts and prayers of the congregation are extended to the following:

Harmon and Mary Jo Biehl upon the passing of Mary Jo's mother.

Shawn and Kelly Hill upon the passing of Shawn's mother.

Tom and Phyllis Edwards upon the passing of Phyllis's mother.

It is also with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of former congregation member Mike Brock.



Birthday Blessings to those born in October

- 1 Lorraine Burch, Elton Cameron
- 2 Ann Cordes
- 3 Annie Griffin, Sy Holzman
- 5 Don Wingate, Aaron Lopes
- 6 Morgan Blakeslee, Chris Self,
Bryan Bodiford, Bob Newman
- 7 Claude Adkins
- 8 Olivia Summers
- 9 Jessica Fisk, Tim Moyer,
Jane Winegard
- 10 Bray McMillan, Ann Wincey,
Lenworth Thomas
- 11 Jean Seeley
- 12 Catalina Burch, Erin Boyd, Ed King
- 15 Bobby Donovan
- 17 Betty Blakeman
- 19 Bert Valdes, Frank Merritt,
Jane Hogan, Claudia Procko
- 20 Anne Nelson, Anne Adkins
- 22 Betsy VanderLey-Shaw
- 23 Toby Wolter, Paul Forney
- 24 Kristin Litteral
- 26 Ralph Williams
- 28 Dina Merritt
- 30 Jim Ross, Lori Merbach

*If you have a **October** birthday not mentioned above please e-mail the church office at welcome@oaklandpres.org to add your name to the birthday list.*

We are looking for photos of the manse that used to stand behind the church and was torn down when the CLC was built. We have historic photos of our church, but none of that building. Any photos at all, with people in them or just the building are wanted. Anyone who can locate a photo of this nature is asked to please contact Don Hickman at 407-656-2392



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Discovery Kingdom is back to its regular schedule. For the next few weeks we will be studying the story of Elijah. Each week we will learn about Elijah in a new and exciting way! This month, children will hear the story of the prophet Elijah, learn a definition of the term "prophet", hear examples of how Elijah trusted God and learn some unlikely ways God cared for and provided for Elijah.

At the end of each month, the child with the most points will get to pick from the Discovery Kingdom treasure box! How do you earn points? By just showing up, bringing your Bible, remembering scripture verses and bringing a friend! The treasure box will be filled with things like silly bands, gift cards, games and more!

Come to Sunday school to start earning points and learning about Elijah!



**DISCOVERY
KINGDOM**



Do YOU have something stored in the church storage sheds?

It's fall cleaning time! The church storage sheds are in a state of disarray and are going to be cleaned out soon!

If you have anything stored there, please **MARK YOUR BELONGINGS BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 22!!!**

All items not marked by the deadline will be donated to a local charity. Please see Mark Winsor in the church office if you have any questions or to let him know the disposition of your items! **THANKS!!**



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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3 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 4:30pm Youth Fellowship Blanket Offering Sunday World Communion Day	4 10:00am Pres. Women Coordinating meeting	5 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts	6 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir	7	8	9
10 8:30am Bloodmobile on site 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School -New Member Class 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Fellowship Committee meets 3:00pm McDavid/Nichols Wedding	11 9:15am Women's Prayer Group 10:00am PW Circle/Bible Study 6:30pm Cub Scouts	12 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts	13 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir	14	15 Church Office Closed	16 STERLINGS BUNCO 6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall
17 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School -New Member Class 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 3:00pm KIDS' CLUB 6:05pm Café Worship CLC Mortgage Burning/ Potluck Dinner	18 9:30am Women's Sewing Group 6:30pm Cub Scouts	19 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts	20 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir	21 7:00pm Session meets	22	23
24 8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School -New Member Class 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship 12:15 Outreach Committee meets 4:30pm Youth Fellowship	25 9:15am Women's Prayer Group 10:00am Women's Sewing Group 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm Deacon's meeting	26 7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm Men's Dinner (CLC)	27 5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team 7:30pm Adult Choir	28	29	30 Oakland Heritage Day ~ Speer Park
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Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Church School, 9:45 a.m.

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In October:

World Communion Sunday	Oct. 3
McDavid~Nichols Wedding	Oct. 10
Church Office Closed	Oct. 15
New Officer's Training	Oct. 16
Sterlings ~ BUNCO	Oct. 16
New Officer's Installation	Oct. 17
KIDS' CLUB	Oct. 17
Café Worship~ CLC Mortgage Burning	Oct. 17
Session meets	Oct. 21
Men's Dinner	Oct. 26
Oakland Heritage Day @ Speer Park	Oct. 30
Trunk or Treat	Oct. 31



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.