



# The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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## But We've Never Done a Pictorial Directory This Way Before!



For many months it has been clear we need to do a new pictorial directory. But we have been dragging our feet because we've had so many bad experiences with previous directories. And many of the companies that did this sort of work have gone out of business.

This time around we've decided to do our own directory, using photographers from our congregation and producing our own book using one of the web based companies like Shutterfly or Snapfish. New technology makes this possible. This means no one will be pressured into buying expensive packages of pictures they don't want or can't afford. And we are in total control of the pictures that get included in our directory.

Here is how it will work: we will have two photographers (Cecil Ramsey and Amy Pendergrass) taking pictures on Sunday, October 9, 16, 23 and 30, during the Sunday school hour (9:45 -10:45) and immediately following worship at noon. The photos will be taken in the sanctuary near the cross up front. Pictures will be taken of family units, whether they include households, couples, or individuals. Because we won't be trying to sell you a package of photos, it will not take long to have your picture taken. The day you come to have your photo taken, wear what you want. It's not a glamour shot. The purpose of the directory is to help us know one another.

If you want a copy of the pictorial directory, because we are not making money by selling you a package of photos, you will need to pay for the cost of your directory. We are expecting the cost to be around \$10.00. But remember, you won't be asked to buy anything else!

Also, if you cannot get to church one of those days, or if you have a great picture (that still resembles reality), you can submit it to us. You can share a digital copy via email, or a traditional "hard copy," which we can then scan and use. It's true that we've never done a directory this way before, but some of us are expecting this to be one of the best things since sliced bread!

Mark your calendars and come to have your picture taken on Oct. 9, 16, 23 or 30.



*Senior Adults*

## **Something New for Seniors – a Monthly Luncheon**

For some time a few of our leaders have been wanting to start a monthly luncheon meeting for senior citizens. We have a group that plays Bunco, but we don't have a group that meets at mid-day for a meal and fellowship. There have been times when we wanted to address the senior adults on topics of interest to them, but we had no venue to do so.

That's going to change! We are inviting all seniors interested in helping us start a monthly lunch event to join us on Friday, October 14, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our first gathering. Bring some kind of finger-food or "starter" to share. We'll have some conversation and make some decisions about what we do in the future.



### Kid's Club to Have Swim Party and Cook-Out

On Sunday, October 16, all children in grades 2-5 and their parents are invited to our first event of the school year—location to be announced, watch the bulletin! The fun begins at 4:30 p.m.

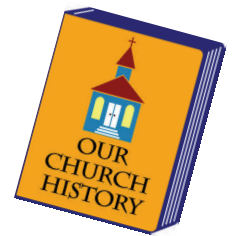
While the kids are swimming, the parents will plan the rest of the year's activities and events. Let's make this another great year for our kids!

### You are Invited to a Picture Party!

In preparation for the upcoming 125th anniversary of the founding of our church, members of the Celebration Committee are hosting a Picture Party :

**Fellowship Hall on  
Thursday, October 13th at 7:00pm.**

Please come if you have any picture of past activities and events which have taken place at the church that you would be willing to share with the committee. All photos will be scanned that night and returned to you before you leave. We look forward to reminiscing with you!



**Someone needed to take over the task of making the needlepoint crosses that are included in our visitor bags. The work requires good eyesight and attention to detail. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact the church office at 407-656-4452. Thanks!**



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

#### October

- 2 - Clarence and Sherry Hurt
- 9 - Donald and Carolyn Karraker
- 16 - Roseanna Koppinger
- 23 - The Litteral family
- 30 - Maury & Gretchen Boyd

#### November

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

### Ladies Sewing Group

All ladies are invited to join us

Monday, October 17th

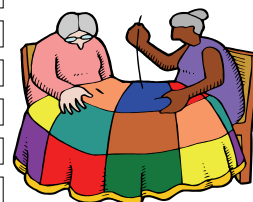
9:30am-11:30pm

Monday, October 24th

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!



## From the Pastor



Our congregation will be celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012. There are already several events and activities planned to help mark the occasion. Watch the newsletter for events as they are planned. These next 12 months promise to have some interesting events.

Anytime we consider our past, we end up giving thanks for those who have gone before us, for what they have built, established, and created – all the things that enrich our lives. Years ago I heard someone say that we are “endowed by our past.” So many of the things we enjoy--from hymns which we sing to the pews in which we sit, even the Bible that we treasure--are gifts

from previous generations.

Celebrating an anniversary is one of those occasions we have to count our blessings that come as a gift from those who have gone before us. I am grateful for the saints that have been part of the history of the Oakland Church, and for their part in bringing us to this point.

Even as we celebrate our anniversary, I don't want us to think it's all about the past, or that our best days are behind us. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you look at our congregation's story, you will see that we now have more members than ever before. We've never had the financial capability that we have now. And that we've never had a better facility.

Partly because of the faithfulness of those who have gone before us, we have a great future in store for us. So I am thankful for our past, and hopeful about our future.

With warm regards,

Pastor Bob

## Session Highlights

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

- Appointed an organ committee to investigate what can be done about replacing or repairing the organ, as a recent lightning strike has wiped out the electronics in the instrument. In the meantime, we will be using piano for both worship services.
- Discussed changes that should be made to the church web site, asking all committees to review the pages that relate to their work and submit changes to the text to the church office.
- Heard a report from the Mission Committee about our first dinner that we prepared for Matthew's Hope homeless ministry.
- Approved the selling of two mementos (an ornament and a “Cat's Meow wooden cutout of our church building) as part of our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- Approved the idea of doing our own pictorial directory using web-based companies and our own digital photos.
- Received as information the Preschool Budget for the current school year, showing an anticipated surplus of \$7,355. We have 29 pupils in VPK, 19 in the three-year old class and 8 registered for Mom's Day Out.
- Approved two requests for use of the building.
- Had prayer for several people mentioned by the elders.





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**

- 10/2~ Youth Fellowship  
4:30pm-6:30pm
- 10/5~ Creative Youth and  
Bible Study 5:15pm-7:45pm
- 10/9~ Youth Fellowship  
4:30pm-6:30pm
- 10/12~ Creative Youth and  
Bible Study 5:15pm-7:45pm
- 10/16~ Youth Fellowship  
4:30pm-6:30pm
- 10/19~ Creative Youth and  
Bible Study 5:15pm-7:45pm
- 10/23~ Youth Fellowship  
4:30pm-6:30pm
- 10/26~ Creative Youth and  
Bible Study 5:15pm-7:45pm
- 10/30~ Youth Fellowship  
4:30pm-6:30pm



## **Preschool NEWS**

We are ready for fall to begin here at Oakland Presbyterian Preschool. It seems like time is just flying by! We are off to a great start. Lots of upcoming events for this fall season. We will hold our Pumpkin Patch and parties on October 27. The children and staff look forward to this each year. We will have a special guest that day, Pastor Bob will be our Scarecrow!

If anyone would like to volunteer their time at the preschool on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 8:30-12:00 in our two-year-old Mom's Day Out, please contact me through the church office.

*Blessings,  
Kim Hyatt  
Preschool Director*



**LEGO Experience**  
**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 contact  
Laurie Hallock  
352-223-4273**

## **Pony Express Rides Again!**

We will once again be using the Pony Express Stewardship Program to collect our estimates of giving for 2012. All "Trail Bosses" are encouraged to come to a breakfast on Saturday, October 22, at 9 a.m. to get their "Saddle Bags" and instructions.



The routes will start the following day -- - Sunday, October 23. The way this works is that someone will deliver a "saddle bag" to you that has an envelope with your name on it. Open the envelope, fill out your estimate of giving card for the new year, return it to the envelope and put it back in the saddle bag. Then deliver the saddle bag to the next person on the list. The job of the Trail Bosses is to make sure the saddle bags keep moving.

As always we ask folks to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to do in regard to your financial support of our church.



## **Presbyterian Men's Dinner**

**Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall**

Join the men as they welcome Don and Ruth Devine, active members of "The Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind". Mrs. Devine, Area Coordinator for the Foundation, will be sharing her involvement with the Foundation's Puppy Raising program. The program is quite interesting and involves placing puppies with volunteers to learn basic obedience, be socialized and receive lots of love! Mrs. Devine will be presenting the procedures involved in the puppy training and will be bringing their current puppy for a demonstration, as well as a graduate of the puppy training program!

More information on the Foundation can be found at [www.guidedog.org](http://www.guidedog.org).

## **ATTENTION~ GARAGE CLEAN-UP**

In a plan to organize the storage in the garage, we are requesting all groups and/or individuals to sort through their items stored in the garage. Any items no longer needed will be discarded.

Each group will have an assigned and labeled area in which to store their items for easier access.

Please contact Ward Liebi at 407-399-1440 for assistance and access to the garage. We are asking that this task be completed by October 31, 2011. After that time, any items not stored appropriately or spoken for will be disposed of.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in helping us keep our church organized!



*Save The Date!*  
 The Fall Festival is coming!  
 Sunday November 6th  
 12:00pm-2:00pm in the CLC  
 Mark your calendars, you won't  
 want to miss this fun event for  
 the entire family!



## Mission Committee News

### ~Thank You From the Committee!

The Mission Committee would like to thank all the volunteers who helped prepare food for Matthew's Hope on August 23. We served a ham dinner with all the trimmings for 60 people which was very much appreciated and a great success, especially for our first time! We will be serving dinner there again in November. If you are interested in helping, please contact Beth Kennedy (407) 271-4207 [L76OUD@aol.com](mailto:L76OUD@aol.com) or Lynn White (352) 250-4194 [lynnwhite@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lynnwhite@cfl.rr.com).

### ~Another Thank You!

We'd also like to thank all those who donated to the diaper drive for Accept Pregnancy Center in September. We supplied lots of diapers and wipes, which were desperately needed, in addition to the two pack 'n plays!

### ~Remember Ongoing Missions

The Mission Committee emphasis for October is Matthew's Hope. Please review the list of critical items needed on the bulletin board above the collection basket outside the church office. The homeless have a continuous need for bottled water, jeans, sneakers, underwear, paper plates, plastic cups and backpacks.

Upcoming in November will be our semi-annual food drive for the Christian Service Center. There is a green "shopping bag" outside the church office for non-perishable food donations anytime. Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*October*



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| 1  |   |   |  |   |  |   |
| 2<br>8:45am Worship<br>9:45am Church School<br>10:30am Choir Practice<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30pm Youth Fellowship<br><br> | 3<br>10:00 am Presbyterian Women's Coordinating mtg. (FH)<br><br>6:30pm Cub Scouts  | 4<br>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts  | 5<br><br>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir<br>5:35pm Creative Youth<br>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study<br>-Praise Team | 6   | 7  |   |
| 9<br>8:45am Worship<br>9:45am Church School<br>10:30am Choir Practice<br>11:00am Worship<br>12:00pm Worship Comm. meeting<br>2:00pm LEGO Club<br>4:30pm Youth Fellowship                                     | 10<br>10:00 am Presbyterian Women's Bible Study (FH)<br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice<br>5:30pm Staff Meeting<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts | 11<br>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>7:00pm <i>Letters from Dad</i><br>7:00pm Preschool Board meets | 12<br>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir<br>5:35pm Creative Youth<br>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study<br>-Praise Team<br>7:30pm Adult Choir resumes   | 13<br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice<br><br>7:00pm <b>Picture Party</b> | 14<br><br><i>Senior Adults</i><br><br><b>Senior Adult Luncheon</b><br>11:30am Fellowship Hall | 15<br><b>STERLINGS BUNCO</b><br>6:30p.m. in Fellowship Hall |
| 16<br>8:45am Worship<br>9:45am Church School<br>10:30am Choir Practice<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30 pm Kids Club<br>4:30pm Youth Fellowship  | 17<br>9:30am Women's Sewing Group (FH)<br><br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts                                   | 18<br>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts<br>6:30pm Men's Dinner  | 19<br>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir<br>5:35pm Creative Youth<br>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study<br>-Praise Team<br>7:30pm Adult Choir   | 20<br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice<br><br>7:00pm Session Meets        | 21   | 22  |
| 23<br>8:45am Worship<br>9:45am Church School<br>10:30am Choir Practice<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30pm Youth Fellowship<br><br><i>Photos taken for Directory today</i>  | 24<br>10:00am Women's Sewing Group (FH)<br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice<br>6:30pm Deacons meet<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts               | 25<br>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast<br><br>6:30pm Boy Scouts   | 26<br>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir<br>5:35pm Creative Youth<br>6:30pm -Youth Bible Study<br>-Praise Team<br>7:30pm Adult Choir   | 27<br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice                                    | 28   | 29<br><b>Oakland Heritage Day in Speer Park</b>             |
| 30<br>8:45am Worship<br>9:45am Church School<br>10:30am Choir Practice<br>11:00am Worship<br>4:30pm Youth Fellowship<br><br><i>Photos for Directory today</i>  | 31<br>4:00pm YCM Band Practice<br>6:30pm Cub Scouts   |   |  |   |  |   |

**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.

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*  
Ward Liebi, *Property Manager*

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**14th Annual  
Oakland Heritage Festival**



**October 29, 2011  
10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.  
Speer Park , Town of Oakland**

*Celebrating our natural and cultural history.*



Presented by  
**Oakland Nature Preserve  
and the  
Town of Oakland**

**A great day for family fun!  
Many vendors with a variety of  
specialties.**

**Silent Auction**

**Live entertainment throughout  
the day .**

**Lots of great food!**

**Special events for kids all day.**

**Children's Art Show.**

**Hay Rides**

**Guided Boat Rides Touring  
Lake Apopka**

**For information visit Oakland  
NaturePreserve.org**