

The Oakleaf

Oakland Presbyterian Church, Oakland, Florida

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Oakland Presbyterian Church Children's Choir starts September 7th!

**We sing, dance, play instruments,
praise God and lead in worship!**

WHO: All Children, members or not, from age three (potty-trained) through 5th grade.

WHEN: Every Wednesday evening, beginning September 7, 2011

WHAT TIME: 5:30pm-7:45pm

WHERE: Oakland Presbyterian Church ~ 218 E. Oakland Avenue.

(407-656-4452)

COST: Nothing for Oakland Presbyterian Members; one time \$10 registration fee for non-members (Maximum payment, \$20 per family)

WHAT WILL WE DO: All children are invited to meet at 5:30 in the Christian Life Center for a delicious home cooked meal. The cost is \$2.00 per child per meal. Our choir programs begin at 6:00pm.

Children are divided into three age-appropriate choirs:

Angels (ages 3 and 4)

Carols (ages 5 through grade 2)

Juniors (grades 3 through 5)

(Additionally, Mrs. Jennifer Hunt will lead a Creative Youth Group on Wednesday nights for students in grades 6 through 12.)

For more information, contact Ms. Bonnie Litteral at Bblitteral@aol.com or 407-466-7554



Presbyterian Men's Dinner resumes on September 20th.

Join the Presbyterian Men on Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. An evening of food and great fellowship is always on the menu at these monthly gatherings that take place on the third Tuesday of each month.

Young Christian Musicians Concert Band Program



“Committed to the education and development of Young Christian Musicians.”

**Beginning and Concert Band Classes
Grades 5-12
Classes are FREE!**

Accepting new students through September 12
For more information or to register your child, please visit:
www.ycmband.com

*All classes are held in the music room at
Oakland Presbyterian Church*



Flowers for Sunday Worship

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

September

- 4 - Warren and Betty Anne Griffin
- 11 - George and Chandra Butts
- 18 - Mary Black
- 25 - Nancy McDavid

October

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

Ladies Sewing Group

All ladies are invited to join us
Monday, September 19th
9:30am-11:30pm
Monday, September 26th
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



As we begin the month of September, it marks the start of a new program year for the church. This is the time when we encourage families to get back into Sunday school, choir, youth group, and the other activities we offer at our church.

Research by the Search Institute has shown that the single most important influence in a child's growth in faith is attendance in a Christian Education program. The second most important influence is his or her parents' involvement in Christian education.

The Barna Group did research that found a person's moral foundation is laid by the age of nine. Most people make a decision regarding the significance of Christ by the age of 12. And most people's spiritual beliefs are irrevocably formed while they are still pre-teens.

Wow! That's amazing research that shows how important it is that our children be involved in worship and education in our church. For good reason Jesus encouraged his disciples to "let the children come to me..."

As we start a new fall season at the church, I hope all of our families will make it a top priority to get their children and youth to our educational events. You are investing in their future when you do.

Thankful for what I learned in Sunday school and youth group,

Pastor Bob

Session Highlights

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

- Accepted the recommendation of the Worship Committee that we have just one worship service on December 25 and January 1. The combined service on those Sundays will start at 10:30 a.m., which should allow families with children enough time to open Christmas gifts before coming to worship.
- Heard about the major repairs to the AC that had to be done in the CLC and Fellowship Hall.
- Approved the recommendation of the Youth Ministry Visioning Team that we offer our part-time job in youth ministry to a local candidate. Session also authorized the starting salary for the position. At this point we are waiting for the candidate to respond to our offer.
- Approved the removal of 24 members from the Active Roll, and the transfer of 26 others to the Inactive Roll.
- Heard the report of the Nominating Committee that they have a full slate of candidates and are ready for the congregational meeting to be held Aug. 28.
- Approved the recommendation of the Property Committee that we allow our Property Manager to work up to 30 hours per week, as needed and in consultation with the pastor.





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

- 9/4~ No Youth Fellowship
(Labor Day Weekend)
- 9/7~ Creative Youth and Bible Study
5:15pm-7:30pm
- 9/11~ Youth Fellowship 4:30pm
- 9/14~ Creative Youth and Bible Study
5:15pm-7:30pm
- 9/18~ Youth Fellowship 4:30pm
- 9/21~ Creative Youth and Bible Study
5:15pm-7:30pm
- 9/24~ 42Five Concert to benefit
S.T.A.R.S. 8:00pm
at Olympia High School; Tickets are \$10, please let Tiffany know by 9/18 if you plan to attend!
- 9/25~ Youth Fellowship 4:30pm
- 9/28~ Creative Youth and Bible Study
5:15pm-7:30pm



Preschool NEWS

Oakland Presbyterian Preschool is off to a GREAT start! We still have openings in our Tuesday/Thursday Mother's Morning Out program for two-year olds and are currently seeking several volunteers to help out with that class. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me through the church office at 407-656-4452!

*Blessings,
Kim Hyatt
Preschool Director*



Fall Choir Kickoff
Saturday, September 10, 2011
10:30am - 12:00pm

Come see what exciting music the choir has planned for the holidays and join in the fellowship!

Back to School Party on September 11th during the Sunday School Hour!



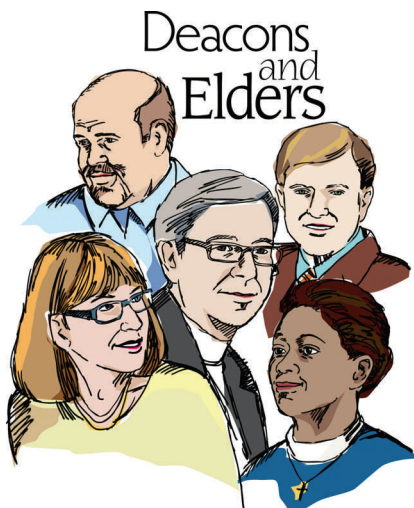
Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new Sunday School year with a bang! We will play games, have snacks, and talk about the exciting things we have planned for this year at Discovery Kingdom. Hope all the children will join us in the CLC!

Our lesson for this month is on the story of Daniel in the lion's den. In this unit, children will:

- Discover Biblical characters who stood up for their beliefs in God's rules;
- Discuss ways to stand up for what they believe;
- Experience ways God calls us to be faithful even though it may be hard to do;
- Discover that by being faithful to God, we are setting an example for those who may not know God;
- Discover that sometimes it takes courage to stand up for our faith in today's world.

Join us at 9:45am on Sundays for Discovery Kingdom!

Congratulations to the following for being elected as church officers for the coming year:

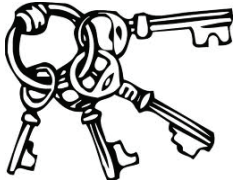


Elders

- Nina Anderson
- Paul Forney
- Nancy Reid
- Don Wingate
- Wayne Yarber

Deacons

- Betty Anne Griffin
- Sherry D. Hurt
- Maury Keith
- Vincentia (Vi) Yarber



~REMINDER~

Locks on several doors at the church, (including exterior access), have been changed. Please do not assume that your key will allow you church access. Please see the church office if you have any questions. Please be aware of who is in the church when you are here and please lock all doors upon leaving. For safety's sake, please do not leave doors unlocked for a group that may be coming in later. You are responsible for helping keep our church safe.



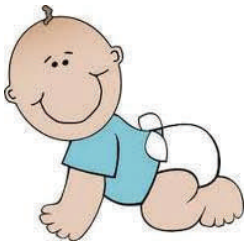
STERLINGS BUNCO

**Saturday, September 17th
6:30pm**

In Fellowship Hall

All are invited to BUNCO with the STERLINGS! Come enjoy a game of cards, some fun and some great fellowship!

For more information, please contact Mary Black at 407-656-4813



Diaper Drive For Accept Pregnancy

The Mission Committee will be collecting donations of DIAPERS and WIPES to benefit Accept Pregnancy Center for the entire month of September. Accept Pregnancy Center is a Christian Crisis Center in Winter Garden that assists pregnant women by providing counseling, free pregnancy tests, adoption alternatives, abstinence education, assistance with Medicaid applications, maternity and baby clothes, formula, diapers and supplies. Please place your donation in the designated area in the Narthex or in the lobby outside the church office. This year, they are in need of DIAPERS in sizes 4, 5, and 6 as well as baby WIPES. They also need "infant" car seats if you have one you'd like to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn White at 407-656-1576 (w) or 352-243-2961 (h).

Thank You for your support!

Thanks for Your S.T.A.R.S. Donations!

The Mission Committee is proud and excited to announce our best year ever for S.T.A.R.S. donations.

We collected a total amount of \$1,616.00 in June and July. This will be an enormous help in purchasing backpacks and school supplies for children in need in our community. Thank You So Much!

In addition to our monetary support of the program, Pastor Bob and Tiffany took a group of seven youth to the S.T.A.R.S. facility and helped sort and pack school supplies! A great time was had by our teens helping others!



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	<p>Remembering 9/11 *****</p>			<p>1</p> <p>3:30pm Young Christian Musicians (YCM) Band Practice</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:45am Worship 9:45am Church School 10:30am Choir Practice 11:00am Worship <i>No Youth Fellowship</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>Labor Day <i>Church Offices Closed</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>6:30pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30pm Children's Supper/Choir 5:35pm Creative Youth 6:30pm -Youth Bible Study -Praise Team</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30pm YCM Band Practice</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Fall Choir Kick-Off 10:30am-12:00pm</p>
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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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Matinee ~ 2:00pm
Evening ~ 8:00pm
Saturday, September 24, 2011
Olympia High School
Auditorium

For more information:
www.supportSTARS.org
407-292-3559



Tickets are \$10
All proceeds
benefit the
S.T.A.R.S. School
Backpack
Program

