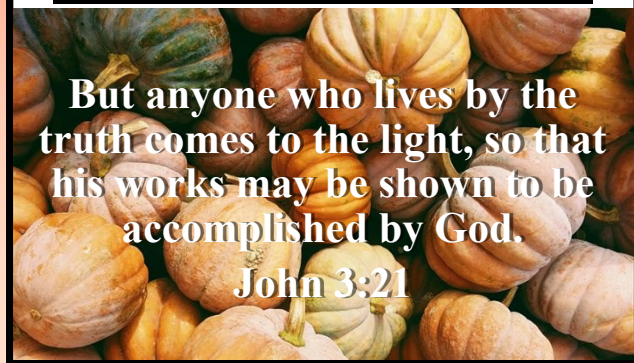




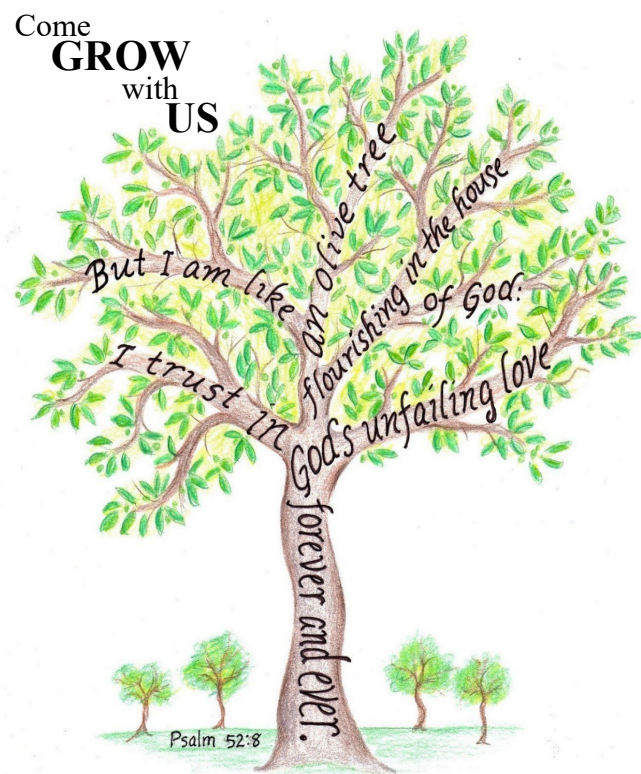
600 E. SUNSET DRIVE
 MONROE, NC 28112
 704-283-5656
 oaklandchurchmonroe@gmail.com
 www.oaklandchurchmonroe.org

October 2023: Verse of the Month



**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
 AT OAKLAND**

- Sunday** 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Indoor Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday** 6:30 PM Wednesday Youth (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Worship Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

October 2023

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Pastor David's Corner	1
Prayer Requests	2
Deacon's Meeting	
Ensemble Rehearsal	
Choir Rehearsal	
Maui Love Offering	
September Attendance	
October Calendar	3
Prayer Requests	4
Upcoming Sermon Series	
BSFL Summary	
Church Work Day	5
Hawaii Pictures	
Budget & Offerings	6
Bible Word Search	
Shred-A-Thon	
Momentum Tour	7
Haley's Ministry	
Monthly Bible Verse	8
Weekly Opportunities	

Pastor David's Corner

A Harvest Promise

The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. (Psalm 85:12)

Sometimes the summer, the growing season, seems very long. Hot, humid but rainless months drag by, and at times the growth of the crops, plants or grass themselves seem to creep along, nearly imperceptible in any healthy progression. In midsummer, while the calendar for some blossoms with trips to the beach, for the crops it may encompass endless weeks when storms, disease or drought threaten them, yielding the perception that harvest time is far away.

The same can be true in our living before the Lord. While we occasionally have seasons of rapid growth in our faith, at other times the harvest seems distant, with many obstacles and challenges to trip us up. Storms of anger sweep over us, and we speak harsh words to a spouse, a child, a brother, or a friend. We wilt in the heat and drought of financial pressures, and we are tempted to cut corners as stewards of the resources God has given. The promised immediate gratification of a vacation lures us into a path of disobedience.

When the harvest seems so far off, we need to hear God's promise again, be reminded of His good news and the bad as well. Yes, sin is a reality we need to deal with. Yes, God judges our sin. But God has also shown us His unfailing love and has given us salvation in Christ. For us then, implanted conviction brings confession, which sprouts into repentance, which grows into forgiveness. It's a process.

The 85th Psalm invites us to listen to what the Lord our God says and to hear His promise of peace. *"LORD, You showed favor to Your land; You restored Jacob's prosperity. You took away Your people's guilt; You covered all their sin. . . Return to us, God of our salvation, and abandon Your displeasure with us. . . Will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You? Show us Your faithful love, LORD, and give us Your salvation. I will listen to what God will say; surely the LORD will declare peace to His people, His godly ones, and not let them go back to foolish ways. His salvation is very near those who fear Him, so that glory may dwell in our land. . . Truth will spring up from the earth, and righteousness will look down from heaven. Also, the LORD will provide what is good, and our land will yield its crops. Righteousness will go before Him to prepare the way for His steps.*

Jesus paid the price of our sin and completely fulfilled the demands of God's law on our behalf. In Him, the harvest is guaranteed. The Lord will indeed give us what is good. In due time, our lives will yield a harvest in Christ. Lord God, thank You for the word of peace You speak to us. Forgive our sins for Jesus' sake, and open our eyes to the growing seeds of righteousness and faithfulness within us.

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy
Anderson
Elise Byers
Jerry & Brenda Carnes
Gary Clontz
Terry Cox
Marlene Crider
Peggy Dean
John Efird
Cindy French
Sam & Wanda
Goodwin

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.

Deacon's Meeting
October 1st at 1 PM in the sanctuary.



Ensemble Rehearsal
The next youth ensemble rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesday, October 4th & October 18th at 7:30 PM.

Choir Rehearsal
The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, October 11th at 7:45 PM.



Maui Love Offering
Thank you for hearing and responding to Pastor David's heart for the people affected by the recent Hawaii fires.



What a blessing we have been given to take up a special love offering for Lahaina Baptist Church in Maui. Pastor David and Leigh Ann have hand-delivered the love offerings along with prayers and encouraging words to the church & individuals.



Pray that the love of God through His gospel message continues to go out clearly and lovingly in these days ahead.

September Attendance
Sunday, September 3 (49 Indoor + 164 Online)
 Wednesday, September 6 (88 Online)
Sunday, September 10 (47 Indoor + 121 Online)
 Wednesday, September 13 (153 Online)
Sunday, September 17 (58 Indoor + 749 Online)
 Wednesday, September 20 (116 Online)
Sunday, September 24 (46 Indoor + 124 Online)
 Wednesday, September 27 (30 Online)



Youth Momentum Tour
NC Baptist BE DO TELL
Momentum is a 3 meeting event for students to learn how to share their faith and make a difference in their communities.
 • **Praying Your Friends to Christ**
 • **How to Share the Gospel**



• **Momentum Rally:**
Sunday, October 1
Wingate University
5-7 PM



Haley's Ministry - Prayer Requests & Praises

• Praise God for productive workshop days and meetings in Orlando in early September. Pray for the Agriculture Program as they continue to develop the curriculum and work on an updated training manual. Pray for Haley as she takes ownership of the material development of the program.

• Please pray for opportunities to get involved in meaningful community outside of work and church here in Dallas.

• Please pray for the Unreached Among US team as they prepare to be partnered with a family. Pray that they would be able to welcome this family with the love of Jesus and that they would feel more at ease knowing someone in a new place.

• Please pray for the earthquake victims in Morocco, where a 6.8 magnitude earthquake struck on September 8th. This is the strongest earthquake to hit there in over 120 years. Pray for the local partners Unto is working with to provide humanitarian aid and support.





September 2023 Offerings
 \$13,564.00

Budget Needs for October
 \$17,787.33

THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Q	G	O	X	V	E	G	A	S	S	E	M	N	R	N	T	M
R	E	Y	A	R	P	R	E	V	E	L	A	T	I	O	N	S
O	G	N	O	I	T	A	T	P	M	E	T	S	K	V	D	I
B	R	E	V	E	R	O	F	L	R	U	F	J	Z	A	Q	T
L	Z	V	F	J	G	O	O	D	N	E	W	S	H	U	F	P
K	R	A	G	P	R	A	P	V	I	A	T	D	C	O	V	A
I	P	E	B	B	I	S	R	A	E	L	Z	G	X	L	L	B
A	K	H	T	K	I	N	G	D	O	M	S	A	P	G	S	Y
M	T	P	J	A	N	B	B	N	E	G	T	T	R	I	Q	S
F	R	S	G	U	W	O	L	W	B	N	I	Y	S	E	E	E
R	U	O	I	V	A	S	I	E	X	R	O	E	A	S	T	K
R	E	S	U	R	R	E	C	T	I	O	N	F	O	O	K	H
E	C	N	C	K	H	Y	A	P	A	E	O	M	E	G	X	F
Y	A	S	P	I	R	C	S	R	G	E	T	C	W	D	C	Y
H	R	G	L	O	L	I	F	E	T	Z	R	H	F	N	E	Q
V	S	A	L	V	A	T	I	O	N	H	K	C	E	G	L	N
D	O	G	M	J	E	R	U	S	A	L	E	M	K	F	W	V

BAPTISM	GLORY	LIFE	REVELATION
BIBLE	GOD	MARY	SALVATION
CHRIST	GOOD NEWS	MESSAGE	SAVIOR
CREATION	HEAVEN	MOSES	SIN
EARTH	HOLY	NAZARETH	SPIRIT
FOREVER	ISRAEL	PRAYER	TEMPTATION
GARDEN OF EDEN	JERUSALEM	RESURRECTION	WATER
GENESIS	KINGDOM		

Shred-A-Thon
 500 W Jefferson St, Monroe
 Friday, October 6th 10:30 AM-1 PM
 Everyone is welcome to this FREE community event.
 Drive thru service (5 box/plastic bag limit)
 Bring documents such as bank statements, old tax returns, bills, credit card applications, outdated medical records, etc.
 For questions or more info, please call 704-282-4657.



OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Session 5: Confess Wholeheartedly 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 1 PM Deacon's Meeting 5-7 PM Youth Momentum Tour	2	3	4 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal	5 Jail Ministry	6	7
8 Session 6: Prepare for Battle 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	9	10	11 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 Jail Ministry	13	14
15 Session 1: Does it Really Matter Which "Truth" I Believe? 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	16	17	18 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:30 PM Ensemble Rehearsal	19 Jail Ministry	20	21
22 Session 2: Are Miracles Relevant? 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	23	24	25 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	26 Jail Ministry	27	28
29 Session 3: Why Do We Suffer? 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	30	31				

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ray Greene
- Sadie Griffin
- Doris Hannah
- Mike Helms
- Nan Helms
- Grady & Judy Hill
- Shelia Horne
- Lillian Lewis
- Rich Majewski & Family
- Louise Parker
- Linnet Price's Family
- Robert Skinner
- Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

STAYING TRUE IN A WORLD FAR FROM GOD

October 1: Confess Wholeheartedly

October 8: Prepare for Battle

CONFIDENT IN THE FACE OF HARD QUESTIONS

October 15: Does it Really Matter Which "Truth" I Believe?

October 22: Are Miracles Relevant?

October 29: Why Do We Suffer?

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE.

Bible Studies For Life Summary

Confident in the Face of Hard Questions

Most Christians have a sense of what they believe. All that's necessary is to read the Bible and learn what it says. However, we live in a day that is increasingly post-Christian. Christians find themselves in a position of becoming a smaller portion of the population.



For much of our history, America has been a place where biblical principles were acknowledged. Culture has been steadily changing, and biblical teaching or Judeo-Christian ethics are no longer assumed or embraced. As Christians, we find ourselves in a position where simply knowing what we believe is not sufficient. We must now also know why we believe it and why what we believe is the truth.

This study looks at six prominent questions some people in secular society use to attack the Christian faith. Additionally, this study gives believers a way of understanding why biblical beliefs are true, along with an apologetic for standing strong against the untruths hurled against them.

What the Bible teaches is true, and every Christian should put themselves in a position to express that truth in their words and through their daily lives.

Fall Church Work Day

The Building & Grounds Team will be hosting a Fall Workday Event on Saturday, October 14th from 8 AM-12 noon.

Hot dog lunch to follow the event.

We will focus on indoor and outdoor tasks to prepare our facilities for the upcoming holiday season. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend! More details to follow as we get closer to the date.



Hawaii Pictures

