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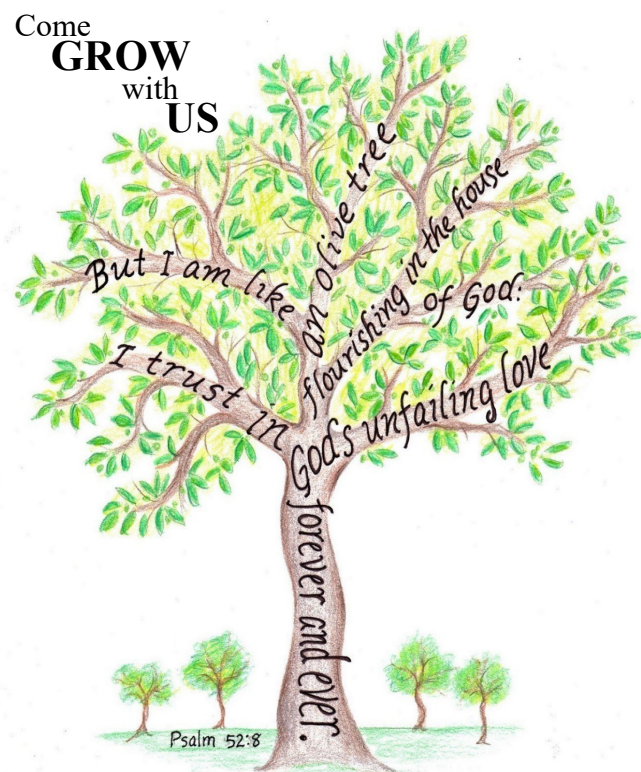
**June 2023: Verse of the Month**



One generation will declare  
 your works to the next and will  
 proclaim your mighty acts  
 Psalm 145:4

**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**

June 2023

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*Pastor David's Corner*

**The Best Investment**

In these turbulent economic times, we often wonder where the best place is to invest our life's savings. For some of us, retirement is right around the corner, for others, it is still a way off, and for many, it's here! So, how is it going with your nest egg? Are you saving enough; did you? Do/did you invest wisely; or have you left yourself lean in the "golden" years?

As we consider our important financial investments let us ponder an even higher priority (calling) than capital gains and portfolio building. I'd like us to think beyond pouring resources into stock options, bank instruments, gold, or real estate. Let's examine our time, volunteer & ministerial industry, and our energy expended & extended toward others, in building them up and in making them fruitful disciple makers.

Surely we can all admit that learning from others may keep us from many of the frustrations and loss of doing things limited to just our own resources or way. But let's face it; we don't always want to listen to others. So, we experience the hurt of making mistakes that could have been avoided. The wise choose humility, inviting others to speak into our lives, and learning from their wisdom and experience.

Good leaders surround themselves with good advisors. The best leaders are those who do not think too highly of themselves and have a teachable spirit. This applies to all of us regardless of our role or position in life. At the same time, we should not be hesitant to offer wise principles to those who would benefit. Each one of us needs a mentor, and each one of us can serve as a mentor.

Training up the next generation comes naturally to parents and those with little children. Many people grow into adults having learned good life skills from their parents, but they lack the guidance to follow Christ well. While pastors, church leaders, and Bible study leaders can play a key role in discipleship, every believer has a role to play in guiding someone younger to grow in Christ.

Babe Ruth may have hit 714 home runs, but he also struck out 1330 times. Michael Jordan admitted he missed over 12,000 shots in his career. In spite of these failings, both are considered among the greats in their games. As followers of Christ, we often don't do as we should. We fail, but God still wants to work through us. God will even use those failures to teach us and make us better mentors.

Most relationships change over time. A father's relationship with a son changes as the son moves from childhood to adulthood. Close friendships change as both parties move into different stages of life. While the love Christians are to have for one another is to remain constant, how we work or interact together can change. A mentor relationship is no exception. As the one we're discipling grows in his own walk with Christ, God will often take his ministry in a different direction.

It can be a bittersweet moment as a parent watches a child leave home to live on his own as an adult. A parent may miss the days when the son was young and dependent on him, but achieving adulthood is the ultimate goal of parenting. When we mentor and disciple, our goal is to lead those we disciple to a place of spiritual maturity. Mentoring is not about us, but about Jesus and leading those we disciple to follow, love, and obey Jesus.

# PRAY

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer requests continued on page 4.

### Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, July 2nd, following Worship  
 Oakland will supply the hamburgers & hotdogs.  
 Please sign up to bring a side and/or a dessert to share.  
 Sign up sheets are in the SS classrooms & vestibule.



### Deacon's Meeting

The June deacon's meeting has been postponed until further notice!



### Celebrating 11 Years Together

This June, we celebrate 11 years together with Oakland Baptist Church. We thank the Lord for bringing us here and showing so much grace and mercy upon us through your love and friendship during this decade of ministry and mission for His Kingdom! Thank you, church, for your kindness, support and provision during this season. We appreciate your hearts for God, His children, and the fellowship of doing life together in unison. You have blessed us, encouraged and inspired us, and made us feel welcome and included in your families and the family of the church. We look forward to many years to follow in service together!



We are blessed! Love all of you!!  
 Pastor David & Leigh Ann

### May Attendance

- Wednesday, May 3 (122 Online)
- Sunday, May 7 (58 Indoor + 92 Online)**
- Wednesday, May 10 (No Online)
- Sunday, May 14 (44 Indoor + 121 Online)**
- Wednesday, May 17 (91 Online)
- Sunday, May 21 (40 Indoor + 69 Online)**
- Wednesday, May 24 (106 Online)
- Sunday, May 28 (42 Indoor + 109 Online)**
- Wednesday, May 31 (22 Online)



### Word Search

# Mentoring: Investing in Others

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

RELATIONSHIPS

MENTOR

INVEST

GROW

DISCIPLE



May 2023 Offerings \$10,262.00

Budget Needs for June \$17,787.33



**Ernie Haase & Signature Sound**

June 17th at 6 PM  
120 S Main St,  
Monroe

Tickets & info at  
gcmaconcerts.com

**ERNIE HAASE & SIGNATURE SOUND** *Live!*  
AT THE HISTORIC **DOWD CENTER THEATRE**

**Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises**

► Please pray for the Lord to provide financially for her ministry needs, through the generosity of current partners and those she doesn't even know yet! Pray that Haley would continue to trust the Lord through the process.

► Please pray for the Unto Summer Mission in Tanzania happening right now! Pray that the women's health and agriculture teams would have fruitful ministry during their time there.

If you would like to connect with Haley to learn more about her ministry work with Unto, you can go to this website: [unto.com/beard](http://unto.com/beard)

At the beginning of May, Haley completed New Staff Orientation and transitioned into her new role as a commissioned full time missionary staff member with Cru. Her first assignment as a full time staff is to build a team of prayer and financial partners so she can report to her role on the Agriculture and Unreached Among Us teams. She is excited



to reconnect with current partners and share how God has been working through Unto, as well as share her vision for her ministry with new friends along the way! Thank you for being a part of Haley's journey!

# JUNE 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 11 Year Pastoral Anniversary Jail Ministry	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> Session 1: Jethro & Moses 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:30 PM Youth: Slushies & Jesus 6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>8</b> Jail Ministry	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Session 2: Moses & Joshua 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:30 PM Youth End-of Year Cookout 6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>15</b> Jail Ministry	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Father's Day Session 3: Eli & Samuel 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>22</b> Jail Ministry	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Session 4: Mordecai & Esther 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>29</b> Jail Ministry	<b>30</b>	

# PRAY

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ray Greene
- Sadie Griffin
- Doris Hannah
- Mike Helms
- Nan Helms
- Grady & Judy Hill
- Lillian Lewis
- Rich Majewski
- Renay Moore & Family
- Lory Parker
- Louise Parker
- Linnet Price
- Robert Skinner
- Irene Welch

### Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

#### MENTORING: INVESTING IN OTHERS

- June 4: Jethro and Moses
- June 11: Moses and Joshua
- June 18: Eli and Samuel
- June 25: Mordecai and Esther
- July 2: Barnabas and Paul
- July 9: Paul and Timothy



#### **Bible Studies For Life Summary**

##### *Mentoring: Investing in Others*

One of the most important words in the English language is the word “relationships.” All of life is about relationships: our relationships to God and our relationships with others. We were created for a relationship with God, but we also are created to be in relationship with each other. Nothing in life is more critical than that.

Every follower of Christ is called on to mentor or disciple others, helping them grow in wisdom and maturity. Mentoring occurs in any number of contexts—within the family, the church, the workplace, the school setting, and anyplace we meet with others. This six-session study focuses on six different mentoring relationships seen in the Bible, challenging us to get involved in helping others develop their spiritual walk. We will discover valuable principles to guide us as we invest time and energy in the lives of others.

### House of Pearls Prayer Request

“Knees to the Ground”

The House of Pearls requests the congregation to join them with “Knees to the Ground” in prayer and fasting. Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM. For 12-20 acres to expand their ministry to help women heal and restore from drug and alcohol addiction.



### Operation Save Marketplace

Volunteers Needed



Operation Save Marketplace is a thrift store located in Marshville, NC. All proceeds go directly back to their 501c3 nonprofit, Operation Save.

To learn more about their ministry, please visit [www.operation-save.org](http://www.operation-save.org).

If you are interested in volunteering at this store, please email the manager at [operationsavemarketplace@gmail.com](mailto:operationsavemarketplace@gmail.com)

Volunteer hours are:

- Saturday and Monday - 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM OR 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM
- Tuesday through Friday - 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM OR 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM



**Youth Rally**  
April 29th



### Slushies & Jesus

With the weather warming up a bit, the youth group will head over to either QT, Sonic or Pelican’s Snoballs on the first Wednesday of the month for a sweet treat! If you know of a middle or high school student that would be interested in becoming part of a youth group, please invite & encourage them to join us for Sunday School or Wednesday night youth group!

