

Disciple-Making Conference

Tuesday, February 27th

Hickory Grove
(Mallard Creek Campus)

For more information
or to register for \$15, visit
ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/

If you need assistance with
registration and/or would like a ride,
please contact the Church Office!

8:00 AM Doors Open
9:00 AM Main Session
10:30 AM Breakout Session
11:30 AM Lunch
12:30 PM Breakout Session
1:45 PM Breakout Session
3:00 PM Main Session
4:00 PM Dismiss

January Church Happenings

Here is a small selection of what is happening at Oakland!



- ▶ Barbara was recognized for her 25 years of faithfulness in volunteering in the jail system (top left).
- ▶ The Pathfinders Sunday School class collected winter coats and blankets for the local homeless shelter (top right).
- ▶ Part of the Building & Grounds team spruced up the ice machine in the kitchen (bottom left).
- ▶ A group of ladies met to start an in-reach ministry among our elderly (bottom right).



February 4, 2024



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Expectant Faith
Luke 8:41-42, 49-56

The Point: Faith maintains trust in God to do what no one else can do.

The Bible Meets Life: What makes a great fiction story? I think we would all agree that having last-minute rescues and unexpected twists makes for a great page-turner. We love to read stories of flawed heroes who swoop in to save the day and vanquish the enemy. Something in our soul longs for those stories.

When we read the gospel, we find true stories of the perfect Hero that goes far beyond fiction. We read stories where there appears to be no rescues possible. Yet with Jesus, anything is possible.

Jesus is never tethered by our formulaic perspective on how life goes. His timing is perfect, even when it seems like He steps in too late. These are the stories that bolster our faith during difficult seasons. It gives us hope—even in the darkest nights—that the story isn't over yet. Jesus isn't done with the story (including yours). In fact, He's just warming up the victory band!

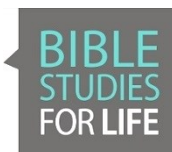
This week's session focuses on a perfect example of expectant faith. When all we see is a final period, Jesus transforms it into a semi-colon.

Live It Out: Pray. Ask God to reveal the people in your life who need a spiritual resurrection. Pray for spiritual awakening and the courage to speak into their lives. **Memorize.** As you reflect on this amazing story, let its meaning sink in by memorizing this promise from Jesus: "A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance" (John 10:10). **Go.** Sometime in the next week or so, get out of the safety zone of your ordinary life and visit a jail, homeless shelter, or compassion ministry site. Volunteer to help and, as you do, pray that God will once again show off His power in the lives of the people you encounter.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Owning a Faith That Matters

Sunday, February 11 Praying Faith
(Luke 11:1-13)
Sunday, February 18 Confident Faith
(Luke 12:22-34)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Indoor Worship
10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship
6:30 PM Youth
7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 2/7

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, February 7th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, January 28

Indoor: 56
Online: 130



Wednesday, January 31

Online: 40
Youth: 18

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:
\$17,787.33

January Offering
To Date:
17,957.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson
Gary Clontz
Marlene Crider
Peggy Dean
Christine Hinson
Majewski Family
Evan Manly
JoAnn Perrin
Richie Raines

Welcome New Member

Joni Keith



2024 Budget

The 2024 budget has been emailed out. Please review this budget as we would like to affirm it on Sunday, February 11th.



Slushies & Jesus

We're having homemade slushies this Wednesday. If you know of a middle school or high school student interested in becoming part of a youth group, please invite & encourage them to join us this Wednesday at 6:30 PM.