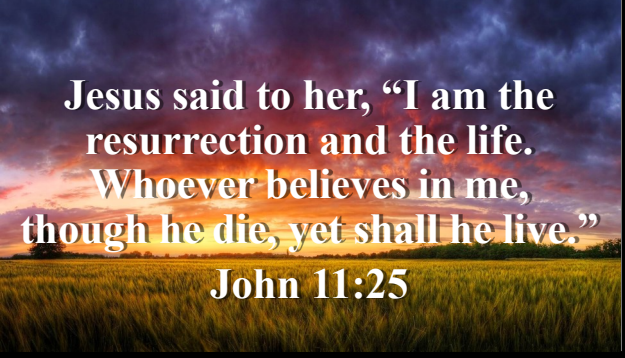




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**April 2023: Verse of the Month**



Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.”  
**John 11:25**

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES  
AT OAKLAND**

- Sunday

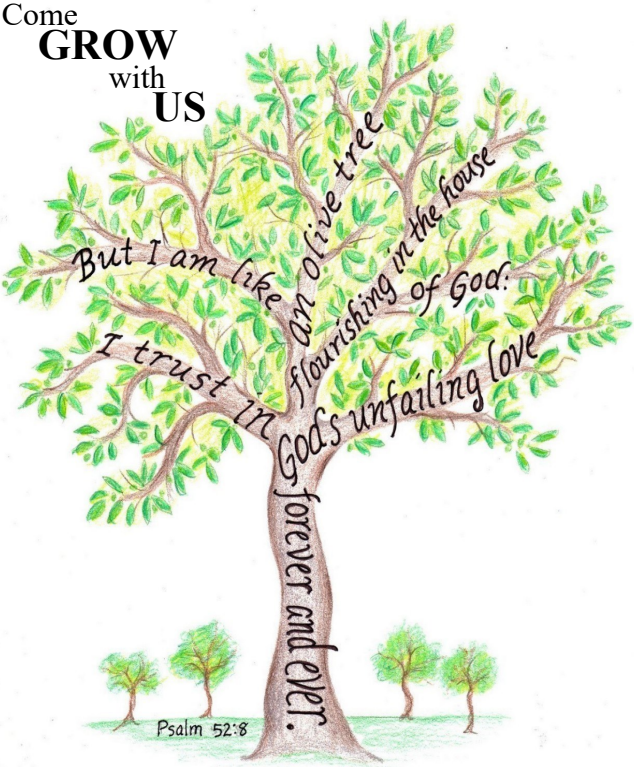
9:00 AM Sunday School

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**

April 2023

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*Pastor David's Corner*

**Easter, Communion & Baptism**

Have you ever considered Easter and baptism as reminders? It's probably easier to recognize communion as such. In fact, we almost always share communion at Easter time, as a reminder of what Christ did, and accomplished, on the cross. That, in and of itself, helps us to recollect the death and burial. Then, the music, message of the empty tomb, and celebration of/on Easter Sunday completes the triplet reminder of death, burial, and resurrection.

But have you ever considered baptism to also be a remembrance, for those of us believers attending the blessed event? I believe the Bible teaches that baptism is a unique and powerful reminder of the gospel, and our death, burial and resurrection. It's a sign of God's promises to us. It celebrates and reminds us of what God has done for us in Christ.

He has united us to Jesus (**Matt 28:18-20**), He has cleansed us of our sin (**Acts 22:16**), our old life is gone, and He has given us a new life (**Rom 6:1-4**), and has joined us in membership to His church (**Acts 2:41**). Jesus commands that everyone who follows Him should be baptized (**Matt 28:18-20**).

Because baptism symbolizes all these things that God has promised to us in Christ and His promises are never in doubt, we only need to be baptized once. But here's the thing, baptism is not a one-time reminder. Every baptism we witness serves us as a reminder of ours!

Like Easter, communion and baptism are not singular events but ongoing cues of the gospel in our lives. God says that we should practice them over and over again (**Matt 28:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26**). This doesn't mean that we should be baptized over and over again. Instead, we should participate in baptism over and over again by witnessing members of our church family get baptized. When we see this sacrament, we get the benefits of the reminder too!

Like reading the Bible, listening to a sermon, or praying, baptism and communion are channels of God's strengthening grace in our lives. When we see a baptism or take communion, the presence of Jesus is spiritually right there with us, giving us grace in real time! (**1 Cor 10:16**) Without the regular reminder that baptism brings, we can become forgetful and spiritually weak.

We don't just need to hear about God's love for us. We need to feel and experience it through the reminder of communion and baptism over and over again. Watching other people in our church family receive the covenant promises from God through baptism reminds us of the love God has for all his people. This Easter season, let us come together and be reminded of what He has done, in Easter Celebration & Worship, in communion, and the following Sunday, in baptism!



# PRAY

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer requests  
continued on page 4.

### Welcome New Members

Let us welcome our new members:

Patricia Mickel  
Jeremy & Taylor Price



### Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, April 2nd at 1 PM in the sanctuary.

### Easter Sunday

Let's worship our risen Savior  
on Sunday, April 9th!

*He is Risen!*

Prepare your  
hearts and minds  
for communion.



### Baby Shower - Thank You!

Thank you for coming out to  
Brandy & Amrit's baby shower on March 5th  
and celebrating the new parents-to-be!

Brandy & Amrit Ghimire are  
registered at Walmart.

Registry link: <https://bit.ly/3k40VTa>



### March Attendance

Wednesday, March 1 (80 Online)

**Sunday, March 5 (53 Indoor + 75 Online)**

Wednesday, March 8 (43 Online)

**Sunday, March 12 (52 Indoor + 61 Online)**

Wednesday, March 15 (57 Online)

**Sunday, March 19 (50 Indoor + 57 Online)**

Wednesday, March 22 (35 Online)

**Sunday, March 26 (37 Indoor + 112 Online)**



CHRISTIAN  
SINGER  
SONGWRITER  
AUTHOR  
SPEAKER

*dawn* SMITH JORDAN



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

*Ladies Luncheon*

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023**

REGISTRATION: 10:30AM  GUEST SPEAKER: 11 AM

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

TICKETS \$5

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

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**March 2023**  
**Offerings**  
\$13,019.00

**Budget Needs**  
**for April**  
\$17,787.33

### Haley's Ministry Update

Haley has announced through her March ministry newsletter that through her time in Dallas, through the counsel of friends and mentors, and most importantly through prayer, the Lord has led her to apply for full-time staff with Cru!



As a full time missionary staff member with Unto, the main focus of her work will be with Unto's

Agriculture and Refugee ministries. She has already had the privilege to work with both of these teams in small capacities during her internship, and she is excited to step into this role.

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)



### March Like a Champion Bible Conference

Recordings of the conference speakers will be available on FBC Indian Trail's website:  
[fbcit.org/sermon-library](http://fbcit.org/sermon-library)

### Ladies' Luncheon

Jordan Ministries, Inc. Purpose Statement: Jordan Ministries, Inc. exists to lift up the name of Jesus Christ through the mediums of music, speaking, writing, and recording, with God's truth being the focal point. We wish to fulfill this calling with transparency, a humble heart and a servant's attitude being sensitive to the needs of others. With a deep love and burden for the local church, we long for people to know and experience Jesus in a real and personal way.

# APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>  7:30 PM-1 AM Hispanic Church using FH
<b>2</b> Session 5: Jesus Died for Me 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 1 PM Deacon's Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  6:30 PM Youth  6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>6</b>   Jail Ministry	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Easter Sunday Session 6: Jesus Rose Again to Give Me Life 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  6:30 PM Youth  6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>13</b>   Jail Ministry	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Baptism Sunday Session 1: The Source of Temptation 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  6:30 PM Youth  6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>20</b>   Jail Ministry	<b>21</b>   Church Building Reserved	<b>22</b>   Church Building Reserved
<b>23</b> Session 2: The Temptation to Rely on Myself Instead of God  <b>30</b> Session 3: The Temptation to Test God	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  6:30 PM Youth  6:30 PM Online Worship	<b>27</b>   Jail Ministry	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>





### PRAYER REQUESTS

Ray Greene  
Sadie Griffin  
Doris Hannah  
Mike Helms  
Nan Helms  
Grady & Judy Hill  
Gabe Horne  
Lillian Lewis  
Rich Majewski  
Lory Parker  
Louise Parker  
Irene Welch

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

#### MY ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

April 2: Jesus Died for Me

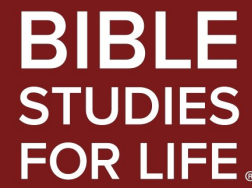
April 9: Jesus Rose Again to Give Me Life

#### DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

April 16: The Source of Temptation

April 23: The Temptation to Rely on Myself  
Instead of God

April 30: The Temptation to Test God



### Bible Studies For Life Summary

#### *Dealing with Temptation*



The Christian life is not always easy. In fact, it is war! Unfortunately, it doesn't always look like war. Too often it appears on the surface like the tranquil picture of a fisherman casting his line into a cool, serene lake—but Satan is the fisherman and we're the fish! He uses the bait of our own selfish desires to lure us into sin. We don't have to give in. We can stand strong in the face of temptation.

How do we defend ourselves against the schemes of the devil? In these six sessions, we will consider how to deal with temptation and sin. We'll discover how to stand our ground, avoid sin, live faithfully for God, and live lives that please Him.

I pray that, by the end of our study together, you will be able to identify the source of your sin, expose your idols, and learn how to be satisfied in God alone.



### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

“If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”

Philippians 2:1-2



### Easter Cross Flowers

The youth group had a fun time decorating the cross with flowers!



### Fill The Tank Sunday

Fill the Tank is a statewide baptism emphasis on Sunday, April 16. Our church and many others are committing to fill our baptism tanks that day as we trust God to save souls between now and then.

Will you pray for people in our community to respond to the gospel and take the next step of obedience through baptism on April 16?

Pray for...

#### • **Spiritual eyes and ears to be opened.**

Matthew 13:15, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

#### • **Receptive hearts to the gospel.**

Luke 8:5-15

#### • **Witnesses to be sent to share Christ.**

Matthew 9:35-38

#### • **Unbelievers to experience a transformation through Christ.**

Romans 12:1-2

