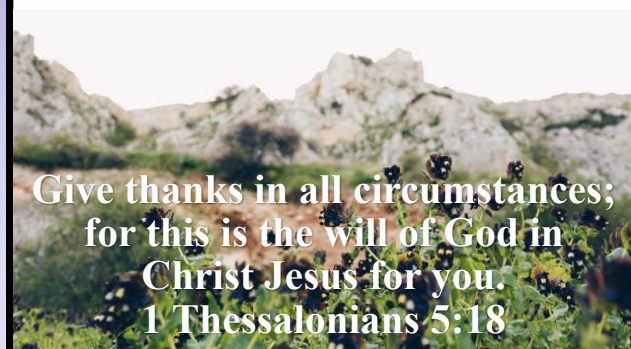




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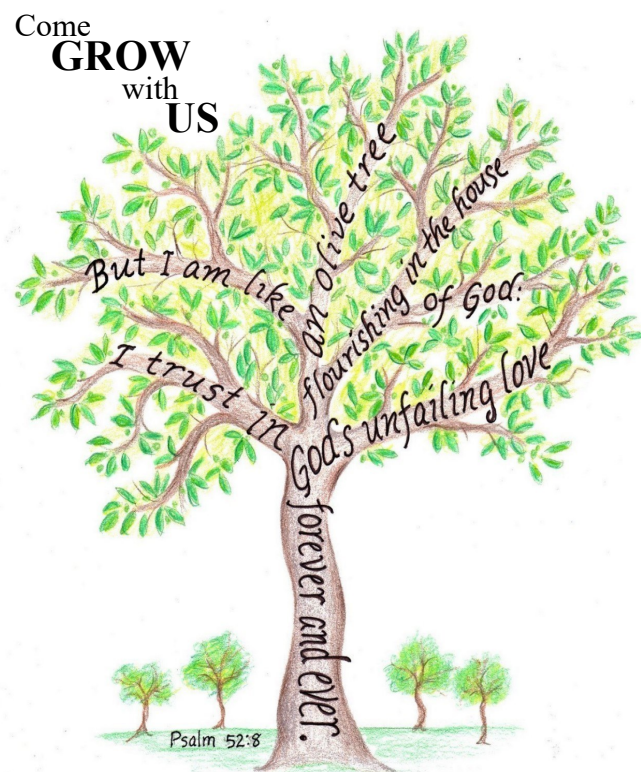
December 2025: Verse of the Month



Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

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

December 2025

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Pastor David's Corner

The Reason for the Season

Around the holidays, you may come across the phrase “Jesus is the reason for the season” on the radio, stamped on the back of a pick-up truck, or while standing in line for that last-minute gift! So, what does it mean exactly? While Christmas is a cultural holiday, it is also a religious holiday when the family of faith celebrates the birth of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. In the hustle and bustle of Christmas, it can be quite easy for us to ignore the “why” behind the holiday. So, we recite the catchy quote “Jesus is the reason for the season” to remind ourselves the true meaning of Christmas – the salvation born of our Savior’s birth.

“Jesus is the reason for the season” is also a reminder of what Christmas is *not* about. While Christmas gives us many things to enjoy, like parties, carols, and decorations, it’s important to remember that the true and lasting joy of the season comes from the hope of Jesus. Our treasured Christmas traditions, such as exchanging presents, counting down with an advent calendar, and sharing a meal with loved ones, all beautifully remind us of the gift of Jesus Christ.

While we do not know the exact date of Jesus’ birth, as believers we choose to celebrate the life of Christ at the December 25th Christmastime. The date itself is not important. God’s Word in Luke 2:11 says, “*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*” That is what’s important! Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth thousands of years ago, and was called Immanuel, which means “God With Us.” He was miraculously born to a virgin named Mary. We celebrate this.

He came to earth to bring hope to the world. He lived a perfect life on our behalf, laid down His life for us, and defeated sin and death by rising from the grave. Today, Jesus Christ is very much alive, seated beside God in heaven. He offers forgiveness and eternal life to all those who trust in Him. Acts 4:12 says, “*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*” That is a strong reason to rejoice!

Just like a Christmas present, Jesus offers salvation as a gift; there is nothing we can do to earn it (Ephesians 2:8). How amazing that God loved us so much that He would send His only Son to earth to die in our place so that we can intimately know our Creator and live with Him forever. This is the season, and He is the reason!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy
Anderson

Dianne Avery

Sue Bruce

Gary Clontz

Sam & Wanda
Goodwin

Mike & Renee
Helms

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.

Welcome New Member

Justin Joseph



Christmas Cards



There are tables in the hallway near the church offices for Christmas cards for active church members.

Choir Rehearsal

The choir will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays (12/3 & 12/10) and at 2:00 PM on Sunday (12/7) to rehearse for the Christmas Musical!



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Week of Prayer: December 1-8



Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

November Attendance

Sunday, November 2 (52 Indoor + 313 Online)

Wednesday, November 5 (50 Online)

Sunday, November 9 (53 Indoor + 290 Online)

Wednesday, November 12 (56 Online)

Sunday, November 16 (54 Indoor + 274 Online)

Wednesday, November 19 (56 Online)

Sunday, November 23 (60 Indoor + 228 Online)

Wednesday, November 26 (No Online)

Sunday, November 30 (44 Indoor + 278 Online)



Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

· Please continue to pray for Haley's good friend going through cancer treatment. Pray for protection against any infections while her immune system is compromised.

· Matt & Haley are under contract for a house in Plano, TX! They are super excited about this. Please pray for ongoing inspections and other details to go smoothly. They will close in January. Pray that having more space would allow them to use their home for ministry and hospitality more often, and that they would get to know their neighbors quickly.



Check out Haley's Ministry Website: <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/advVc7SEnW4NI>

Spring Yard Sale

Coming This Spring 2026!

We are hosting a yard sale at the church on Saturday, April 25th, 2026.

As you are cleaning out your homes over the next few months, please gather and save any items you would like to contribute, making sure your donations are clean and in good working order.

Please note...we are **NOT** ready to begin accepting donations! That will begin sometime during late March or early April.



As the date approaches, we will ask for volunteers to organize, price, and work during the yard sale. All proceeds will be used to purchase needed items or refresh areas within the church. Thank you for serving and supporting your church!

Wellspring Preparatory School

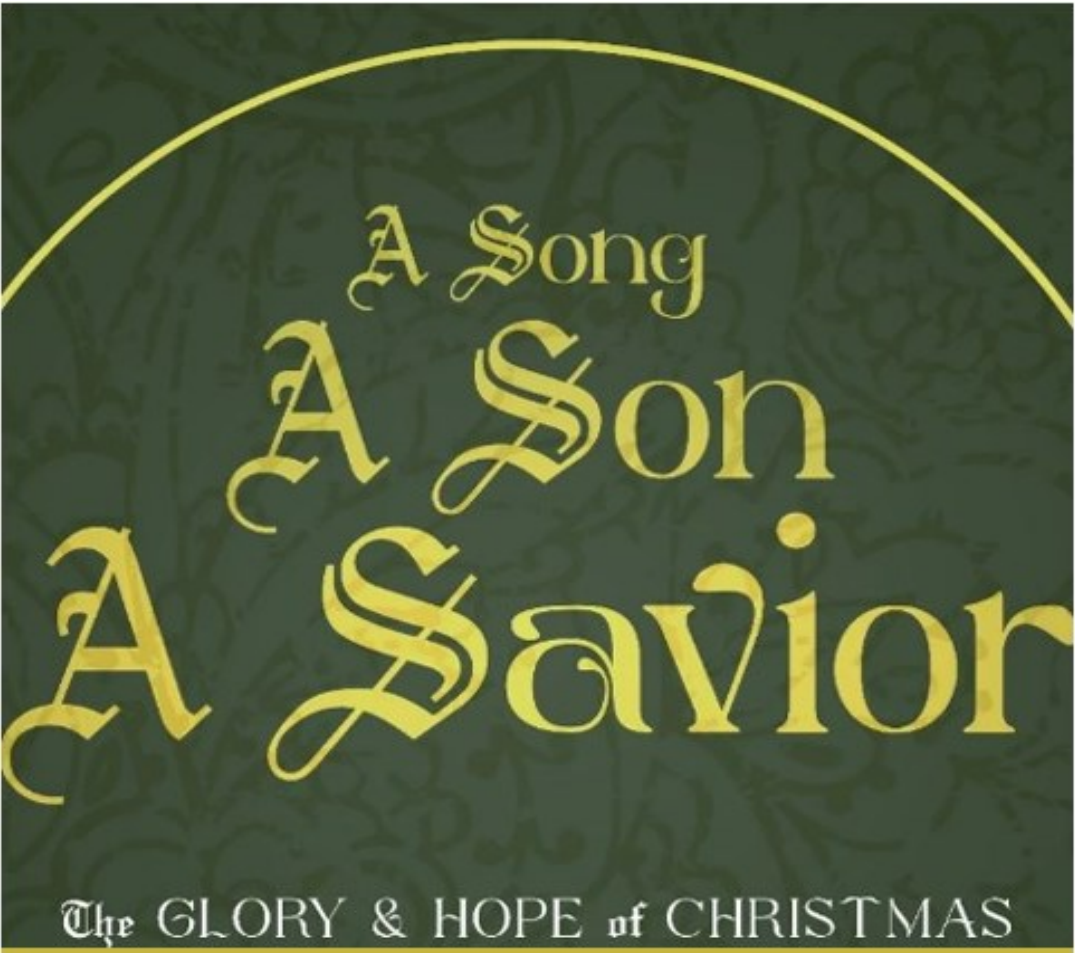
Do you know a family looking for a faith-based, nurturing learning environment for their child(ren)? Families may qualify for funding through the NC Opportunity Scholarship or ESA+ program if they meet income and/or special needs criteria. These programs can cover tuition, fees, and educational services for approved schools like Wellspring Preparatory School. For more information, contact Mrs. Van Horn, MaEd. At 980-290-6877 or WellspringPreparatorySchool@gmail.com





November 2025
Offerings
\$13,394.00

Budget Needs
for November
\$17,571.84



**Oakland Baptist
Christmas Musical
Sunday, December 14th
6:00 PM
600 E. Sunset Drive
Monroe, NC 28112**

Wellspring Parents Night Out
Friday, December 12th 6-9 PM
Reach out to Mrs. Stephanie to register or for more details:
980-290-6877

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 PM Ladies Painting Class	2 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	3 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	4 Evening Kitchen/FH Reserved Living Streams	5 Evening Kitchen/FH Reserved Living Streams	6
7 Session 1: When Your Faith Falls Short 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM LS 2 PM Choir Rehearsal	8	9 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	10 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	11 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	12 6-9 PM Wellspring Preparatory's Parents Night Out	13
14 Session 2: When Your Circumstances Fall Short 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 6 PM Christmas Musical	15 11 AM Sanctuary Reserved	16 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	17 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	18 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	19	20 1-3 PM Kitchen/FH Reserved
21 Session 3: When Your Understanding Falls Short 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	22	23 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	24 No Online Worship No Youth	25 Merry Christmas! 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry	26	27
28 Session 4: When Your Provisions Fall Short 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	29	30 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	31 No Online Worship No Youth			



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Louise Parker

Carolyn Street

Kenny Street

Irene Welch

Susan Wood & Family

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

LIMITED RESOURCES, LIMITLESS GOD

December 7: When Your Faith Falls Short

December 14: When Your Circumstances Fall Short

December 21: When Your Understanding Falls Short

December 28: When Your Provisions Fall Short

January 4: When Your Finances Fall Short

January 11: When Your Confidence Falls Short



Bible Studies For Life Summary

Limited Resources, Limitless God

Friend, I wish I could help! But I have no time. I have no money. I have no plan. I'm just exhausted. My tank's empty. I don't think I'm your person. I'm not sure that's inside the parameters of our company policy. My calendar is slammed. I'm all out of those. I can't find what you need.



This chorus of universally common responses sounds familiar. We've heard them. We've said them. And sometimes they really are true. We live high-capacity lives, with low-capacity funds and dwindling time. Everywhere we turn we find overextended, underfunded people with limited margins, few guardrails, and contracted capabilities. Our culture thrives on scarcity of time, money, and ability. But when confronted with the needs of a lost and weary world, you'll never find those excuses in the pages of your Bible.

Jesus is truly an all-sufficient Savior who supplies everything we need. And He longs to show us how to escape the bounds of scarcity. We can learn His way and discover that little really does become much.

Over the next six studies, let's discover His greatness—especially at times when we have little to give.

Ladies Bible Study

Thank you to all of the ladies who came out for this study on *Consider the Lilies*.



Lunch Bags for the Homeless

Thank you to everyone who came out to help pack & deliver lunch bags on Saturday, November 1st!



Church Workday

Thank you for serving your church at the Fall Workday on November 8th!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Thank you for packing shoeboxes! We collected 44 boxes at OBC (and many more boxes were delivered directly to the UBA!)



Mid-Week Communion

If you have the desire to take communion during the week (with or without the guidance of Pastor David), please reach out to the Church Office to schedule a time during office hours.

