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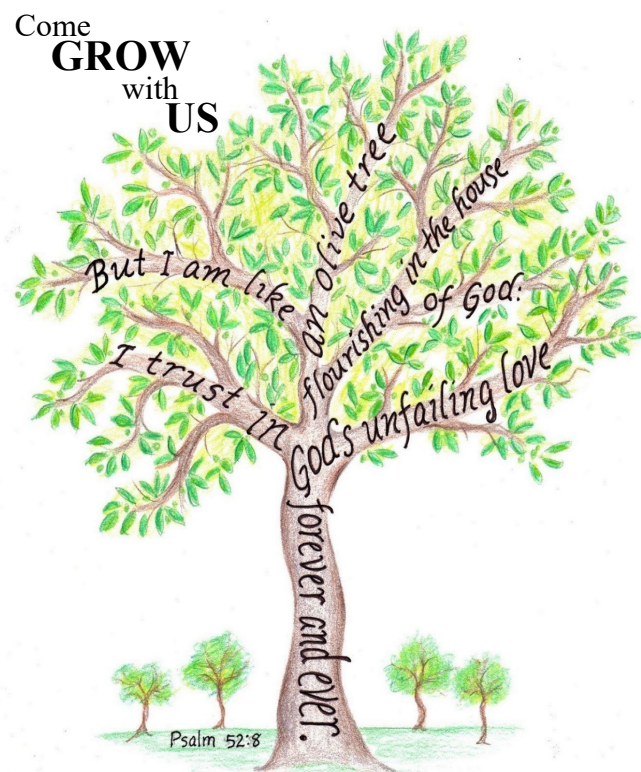
**February 2024: Verse of the Month**



For everyone who asks receives,  
 and the one who seeks finds,  
 and to the one who knocks,  
 the door will be opened.  
 Luke 11:10

**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**

February 2024

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*Pastor David's Corner*

**Madly in Love**

Have you ever been, that? Was there a time in your life where you experienced the quintessential feelings, emotions, and season of being head-over-heels, crazy in love? I hope that you have and actually pray that you are still engulfed in it, for it is truly wonderful. Can I share a secret?

I am madly in love, with my job! And this is no casual fling, people. It's been many years and I grow deeper in love with this great calling upon my life every passing moment. Why, might you ask, would someone have such a love affair with their work? Is it not supposed to be toil and trouble?

For me, it's the magic of three! People love their work when three important aspects come together: doing work they're really good at, when they feel valued by their team (I like to say work family), and they feel appreciated by the ones who receive the ministry (as the extended family is benefitted in a tangible way).

In a series of studies, it has been shown that "how" people spend their time (vs. money) has a dramatic impact on the joy they feel. If money does not make you happy, and it won't, consider time. Spend time with the right people. Spend time doing the right work. Be aware that joy and fulfillment change over time. Even certain ministries and mission work changes in our effectiveness, so a shift may be in order.

What is God calling you to do and where? Is someone else micromanaging your day, or are you in a place of freedom to choose the path in life and work that God has set aside for you? Do you have a sense of purpose, a well-intentioned goal, of being part of something meaningful? Are you integral to a well-defined mission? Are you being effective, making a concrete difference in the world? These factors resonate deeply with why I love my job, my church, my role, my position.

It's important to work with people who bring out the best fruit in you—people who make you better and who you make better. Together, you amplify each other. That's the magic and beauty of teams, families, ministries, and missions that are fruitful, that enable us to achieve so much more as a group than we can do on our own.

Research has proven that if you write down things you're grateful for—I try to write down my top five at the end of each week—you'll cultivate that gratitude and joy so vital in keeping the momentum going forward. Include your work, your mission, your ministry in your love letter each week! Let it be OK that you love your job. Work can be so extraordinary. People don't always understand that—some people may look at me strangely when I talk about how much I love my job, my church, my flock, my family. But I can't help it. I'm madly in love!

# 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  
 Ray Greene  
 Doris Hannah

Prayer requests  
 continued on page 4.

### Welcome New Members

Mary Ann Clarke  
 Joni Keith  
 Gary, Holly & Kenneth Phillips



### Choir Rehearsal

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



### Easter Sunday

Save the Date:  
 March 31st  
 Who are you inviting to  
 Easter Sunday Worship this year?



### Church Membership

For those who desire to join Oakland Baptist Church,  
 please fill out a church membership card, located on  
 the front row of chairs in the sanctuary. Ask an usher  
 or Pastor David for guidance.

### January Attendance

Wednesday, January 3 (121 Online)  
**Sunday, January 7 (No Indoor + 202 Online)**  
 Wednesday, January 10 (124 Online)  
**Sunday, January 14 (50 Indoor + 151 Online)**  
 Wednesday, January 17 (81 Online)  
**Sunday, January 21 (52 Indoor + 169 Online)**  
 Wednesday, January 24 (92 Online)  
**Sunday, January 28 (56 Indoor + 133 Online)**  
 Wednesday, January 31 (61 Online)



## Coming This Spring!

We are hosting a yard sale at the church on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
 As you begin your spring cleaning, please gather any items you  
 would like to contribute, making sure your donations  
 are clean and in good working order.

We are ready to begin accepting donations. Please place all items  
 in the marked classrooms near the Fellowship Hall. We ask that  
 you wait to bring large items (furniture, etc.) until a few days  
 before the sale. As the date approaches, we will begin to 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 our church.

Thank you for serving and supporting your church!



### Haley's Ministry - Prayer Requests & Praises

· Please pray for the Agriculture team as they travel to two countries in Africa in a few weeks. This will be Haley's first trip with the Ag team as a full time staff member. Please pray for safety for the team, energy, and unity with the Cru staff in country!



· Pray that as Haley leaves the class setting she's been in for the past few weeks that her desire to deeply study the Bible and commune with the Lord would stay strong.

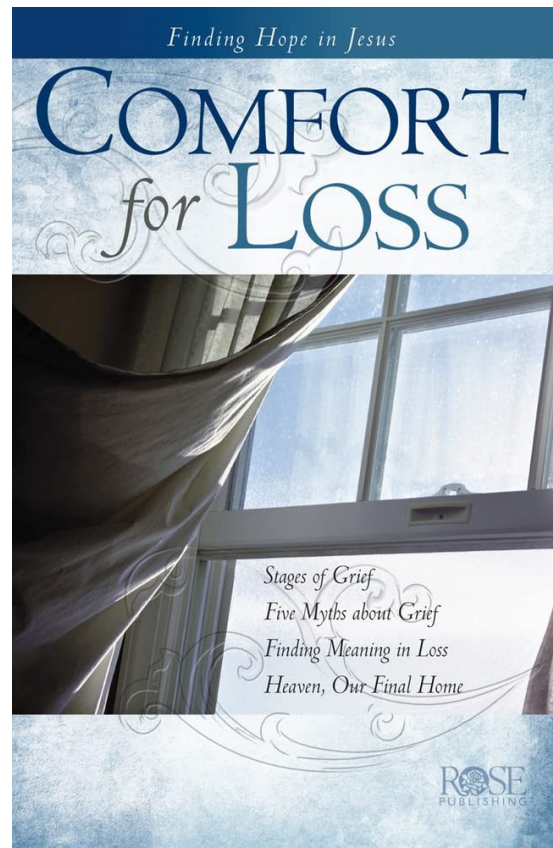
· Pray that the Lord would continue to remind Haley of His faithful love and abundant provision in all areas of life.

### Grief Share Group

Have you experienced loss? Do you have grief? Join with others in our church family for a time of grief share, guided by Pastor David.

There will be weekly one-hour sessions starting at the end of February/ beginning of March. These sessions will be once or twice a month, depending on the group's availability.

The group will work through the *Comfort for Loss* pamphlet which offers comfort to those grieving the loss of a loved one by offering wisdom from the Bible, the stages of grief and finding meaning in loss.



# FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jail Ministry	2	3 7:30 PM-1 AM Hispanic Church using FH
4 Session 3: Expectant Faith 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	5	6	7 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	8 Jail Ministry	9	10
11 Session 4: Praying Faith 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	12	13	14 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	15 Jail Ministry	16	17
18 Session 5: Confident Faith 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Youth Fellowship	19	20	21 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	22 Jail Ministry	23	24
25 Session 6: Maturing Faith 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	26	27 8 AM - 4 PM NC Baptist Disciple- Making Conference	28 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	29 Jail Ministry		

January 2024  
Offerings  
\$17,757.00  
  
Budget Needs  
for February  
\$17,787.33



# PRAY

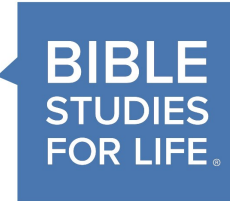
## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Hedgepeth Family
- Nan Helms
- Grady & Judy Hill
- Christine Hinson
- Shelia Horne
- Joni Keith
- Lillian Lewis
- Tammy Lovingood
- Mike Lunsford
- Majewski Family
- Evan Manly
- Louise Parker
- JoAnn Perrin
- Richie Raines
- Robert Skinner
- Irene Welch

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

#### OWNING A FAITH THAT MATTERS

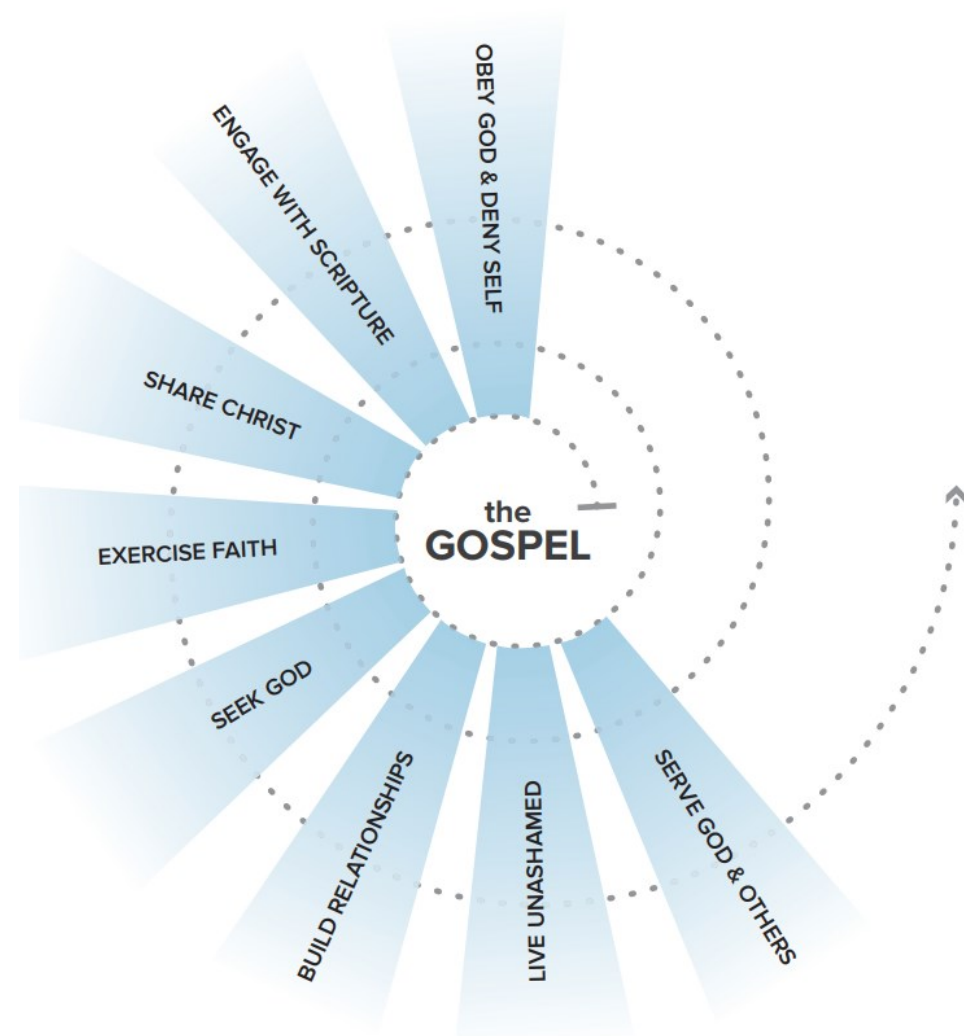
- February 4: Expectant Faith
- February 11: Praying Faith
- February 18: Confident Faith
- February 25: Maturing Faith



### Bible Studies For Life Discipleship Plan

#### *The Pathway of Discipleship*

Growing in Christ is a journey—a lifelong journey—but what does that look like? LifeWay’s research reveals eight markers consistently present in the lives of believers who are growing spiritually. Each year, *Bible Studies for Life* engages all eight of these areas. Following this intentional plan for discipleship ensures progress on the pathway to becoming more like Christ.



### Disciple-Making Conference

Tuesday, February 27th, 2024  
9 AM-4 PM  
\$15

Hickory Grove Baptist Church (Mallard Creek Campus)  
13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262



- 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

Most ministry leaders are squeezed into a mold of measuring success by what happens at church on the weekend. What if your church was known more for multiplying disciples than adding worship attenders? At the 2024 Disciple-Making Conference, you will be inspired and equipped to become a church on mission to win, build and send missional disciples.

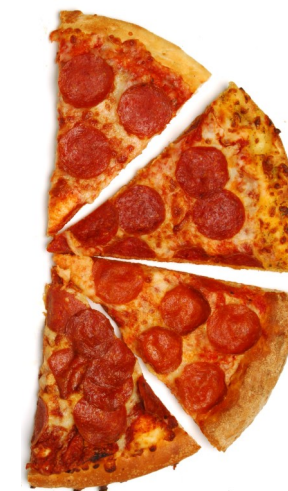
Breakout Sessions: 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:45 PM  
For more information or to register, visit [ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/](http://ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/)  
If you would like a ride, please contact the Church Office!



### Youth Fellowship

Sunday, February 18th  
Following Worship ~ 11:15 AM

Do you know of a middle school or high school student looking to join a youth group? Invite and encourage them to join us for games and pizza following the worship service on February 18th!



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

2023 Goal: \$2,000  
Raised: \$2,350  
Thank You!

