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June 2025: Verse of the Month



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
AT OAKLAND

- Sunday

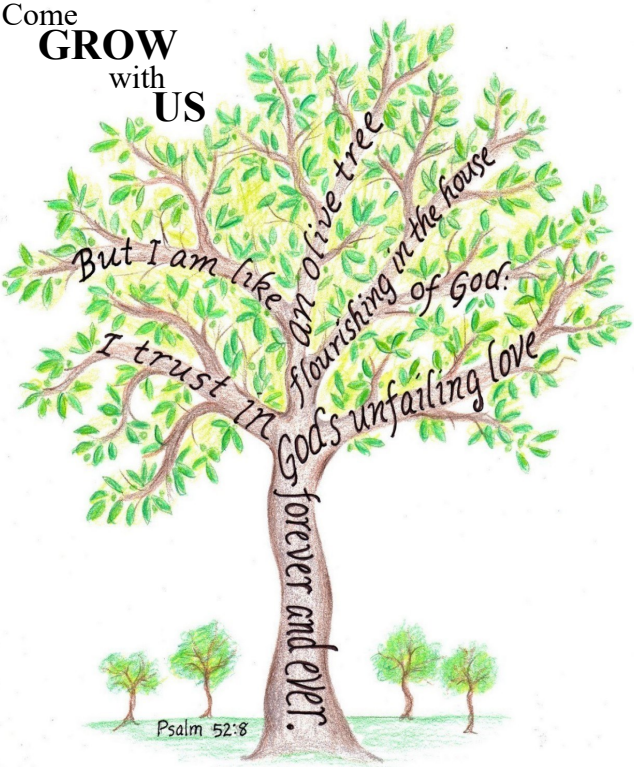
9:00 AM Sunday School

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 2025

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Pastor David's Corner

Taking Risks

Taking risks can be a way to deepen our faith, trust in God, and demonstrate our belief in His lordship. Putting something valuable, even our lives, involves stepping outside of one's comfort zone and trusting God to guide and provide, even in the face of uncertainty. Yet, we are also encouraged to avoid recklessness and to seek wisdom in discerning appropriate jeopardies. Let's look at a Christian perspective on taking risks:

AS A DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH

Trust in God's Sovereignty: We believe that God is in control and that He works all things for good. Taking risks can be a way of demonstrating trust in His promises and His ability to guide.

Embracing the Unknown: The Bible encourages us to live by faith, not by sight. This means trusting God even when the outcome is uncertain or unknown.

Examples from the Bible: Many biblical figures took risks in obedience to God, such as Noah, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus. Their stories serve as examples of how God can be trusted even when facing potential consequences.

DIFFERENTIATING FOOLISH FROM FAITH-FILLED RISKS

Seeking God's Guidance: As Christians, we are encouraged to pray, seek counsel from others, and use wisdom in discerning whether a particular risk is a step of faith or a reckless move.

Avoiding Recklessness: The Bible condemns foolish risks that are not rooted in faith or godly wisdom. These are risks that are driven by selfishness, fear, or a lack of trust in God.

Balancing Risk and Reward: We should consider the potential outcome and whether the risk is worth it in terms of glorifying God and advancing His kingdom.

EXAMPLES OF RISKS BELIEVERS MIGHT TAKE

Sharing our faith: We might risk social judgment or disapproval by openly sharing our faith with others.

Serving others: We might risk our time, resources, or comfort by serving others, especially those in need.

Following God's calling: We might risk our careers, social status, or personal relationships by following God's calling, even if it means stepping into the unknown.

For us as believers, taking risks can be a powerful way to demonstrate our faith, trust in God, and demonstrate our commitment to His will. It is important to distinguish between foolish risks and Spirit-led, faith-filled risks and to seek wisdom in discerning which risks are appropriate. When done with discernment and a heart of trust, taking risks can lead to growth, joy, and a deeper relationship with God.

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy
Anderson

Dianne Avery

The Bradley Family

Sam & Wanda
Goodwin

Mike & Renee
Helms

Rodney Johnson
(Renee Helms' Son)

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.

Celebrating 13 Years

Happy Anniversary to Pastor David
and Oakland Baptist Church!



Summer Break

The office is still open; youth and
choir practices are still in session.

But, we are taking a break from
Wednesday recordings throughout
June! We will still offer weekly helps
for our sermon series titled "Taking
Risks" on our public Facebook page
and through email. Regular Wednes-
day Worship picks up again in July!



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.

May Attendance

Sunday, May 4 (47 Indoor + N/A Online)

Wednesday, May 7 (74 Online)

Sunday, May 11 (53 Indoor + 104 Online)

Wednesday, May 14 (90 Online)

Sunday, May 18 (40 Indoor + 119 Online)

Wednesday, May 21 (99 Online)

Sunday, May 25 (59 Indoor + 106 Online)

Wednesday, May 28 (66 Online)



Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

- Pray that the Lord would teach Haley what it looks like to truly delight in and rely on Him in everything.
- Pray for the upcoming trip to Guatemala June 18-25th. Pray for the team to be unified and flexible as they make adjustments on the fly to best serve the field. Pray for good health and safe travels.



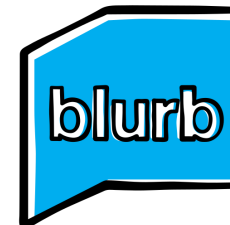
Youth Outing

The youth group is going to see How to Train Your
Dragon at NCG Cinema in Monroe on June 29th.



Bulletin/Newsletter Blurbs

Do you have a small business that offers services that our church members may
be interested in? Send your business/contact info and service details to the
church office to be 'advertised' in the bulletin.



Wellspring Prep

Pray for Wellspring Prep as they are wrapping up their school year
toward the end of July.



Bible Event in the Bible App

A QR code for each Sunday's Bible event in the Bible app is now in the church
bulletin. To access the Bible event in the Bible app, just open the camera on your
smartphone and aim it at the QR code as if you were focusing in to take a picture.
A link should pop up on your phone that you can click on and go straight to the
Bible event in the Bible app.

Each Bible event contains the Scripture for that Sunday,
as well as links to the bulletin, newsletter, and webpage.



Choir Outreach

After leading Oakland in worship at our 10 AM service, our choir visited Jesse Helms to sing for Renee on Sunday, June 1st!



Summer Fellowship

Join us for a Fellowship Meal
on Sunday, July 6th after the
worship service.

Sign up sheets will be in the sanctuary toward the end of June. Please sign up to bring a side & dessert to share!

Jail Ministry

Pray for the jail ministry team and the people they minister to; pray that they will respond to the gospel that is presented.



JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>1</div> <div>Session 1: Noah 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study</div>	<div>4</div> <div>6:30 PM Youth</div>	<div>5</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Session 2: Joshua 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams</div>	<div>9</div>	<div>10</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>10-11:30 AM Living Streams Sanctuary Reserved</div>
<div>15</div> <div>Session 3: Rahab 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams</div>	<div>16</div>	<div>17</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6:30 PM Youth</div>	<div>19</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Session 4: David 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study</div>	<div>25</div> <div>6:30 PM Youth</div>	<div>26</div> <div>6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary) Jail Ministry</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Session 5: John the Baptist 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams</div>	<div>30</div> <div>6:30 PM Ladies Fellowship Dinner</div>					



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan's
Family

Louise Parker

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

RISK-TAKERS: THE ADVENTURE OF WALKING BY FAITH



June 1: Noah: A Faith That Pleases God

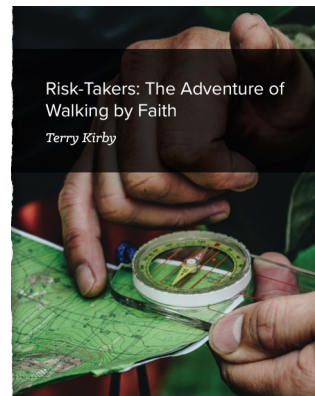
June 8: Joshua: A Faith Rooted in God's Word

June 15: Rehab: A Faith Not Held Back by Fear

June 22: David: A Faith That Meets Adversity Head-on

June 29: John the Baptist: A Faith That Challenges Others

July 6: Stephen: A Faith That Advances God's Kingdom



Bible Studies For Life Summary

Risk-Takers: The Adventure of Walking by Faith

People are always looking for investment advice. Questions abound: Should I invest in the stock market, real estate, or a startup company? Will my money be safe? Where will I have the best return on investment?

There are just as many people giving investment advice. Most experts would agree that your age and the amount of investment are the most important factors. Typically, younger people can afford a greater risk, while people facing retirement need less risky investments.

If you have a personal relationship with Jesus, consider: Have you thought about your faith as an investment? Do you want your faith to grow? This is no time to be conservative when it comes to faith; it's time to take a risk. After all, your walk with God is more valuable than money.

For your faith to grow, you need to invest time and energy into your relationship with Jesus. One way to do this is by studying the lives of people of great faith. This study looks at six biblical characters whose lives demonstrate great faith. As you delve into their stories, you may find yourself inspired and intrigued, and hopefully, you too can become a Risk-Taker as you walk with bold faith in Jesus Christ.



Wreath-Making Event

Thank you for attending the wreath-making event on Monday, May 19th! Such a fun time of fellowship!

Ladies Dinner

Save the date for an upcoming Ladies Dinner on Monday, June 30th at 6:30 PM.

Sign up sheets are in the sanctuary, or you can contact the Church Office.

Please bring a dish to share.



Hair Stylist

Holly Phillips is a mobile hair stylist who does cut & color. You can reach Holly at 980-406-8566 if you or someone you know is interested in having a mobile hair stylist!



Ladies Painting Class

Save the date for an upcoming Ladies Fellowship on Monday, July 28th at 6:30 PM. Sign up sheets will be in the sanctuary closer to the event date, or you can contact the Church Office. Class will be \$25.