



Activities Canceled

Due to lingering Covid in the church, all Sunday morning activities are canceled for January 7th.

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.



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 21

Our Bible Studies for Life curriculum has a special focus session titled *A Cry for Justice* that highlights God as sovereign and author of life.



Disciple-Making Conference

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

Hickory Grove Baptist Church

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/

Hickory Grove Mallard Creek Campus:
13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262



January 7, 2024



**The one who lives under the protection of the Most High dwells in the shadow of the Almighty.
Psalm 91:1**

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Sunday, January 7 2024

The Protection of God's Name

Psalm 91:1-6, 9-16

The Point: We can trust God to strengthen and help us.

The Bible Meets Life: My kids called me "Safety Man" with a grin. Through the years, I've taken personal risks on dangerous mission fields and in other settings. Yet, after my children were born, I became apprehensive about their safety and was somewhat overprotective. Although I tried to be reasonable, at times I may have gone overboard.

One incident put matters into perspective. While my wife and I were on a trip, our daughter experienced a serious auto accident near her college. Our first reaction was to go home. I had to protect our child. God reminded me that if I had been sitting beside her, I could not have prevented the accident. If God didn't guard our children, my efforts would be futile. We prayed with her over the phone and committed her to the Lord.

Nationwide, security has become one of the primary issues in personal choices and public policy. While we should take reasonable measures to protect our families and others, only God can truly ease our minds. We can trust Him in all sorts of situation with our families and with our lives. Placing our faith in Him, we have peace.

Live It Out: Look in. Meditate on what makes you feel insecure. What causes you to be afraid? **Look up.** Use Bible resources to look up other names of God. Look up to Him in prayer and surrender your cares to Him. **Look out.** Look out for a friend who is experiencing difficulties. Encourage your friend by sharing these insights.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Owning a Faith That Matters

Sunday, January 14 Life-Changing Faith
(Luke 5:1-11)

Special Focus

Sunday, January 21 A Cry for Justice
(Psalm 10:1-4, 12-18)



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

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, January 17th at 7:45 PM.



Service Attendance

Sunday, December 31

NO Indoor

Online: 180



Wednesday, January 3

Online: 55

No Youth

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:
\$17,787.33



December Offering

To Date:

\$23,915.71

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING

LMCO

Goal: \$2,000

Received: \$2,300

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson
Nancy Chapman
Gary Clontz
Marlene Crider
Peggy Dean
Wanda Goodwin
Sadie Griffin's Family
Hedgepeth Family
Christine Hinson
Lillian Lewis
Tammy Lovingood
Mike Lunsford
Majewski Family
Evan Manly
JoAnn Perrin
Richie Raines



Township Church Plant

Shawn Payne, the lead pastor at Township Church in Clayton, NC and one of Pastor David's connections, has expressed needs for their church plant.

If you feel led to support this church plant, we are aiming to cover 1 week's rent for them at Cleveland Elementary: \$625. Please pray that their needs are met so they can better reach those in Clayton, NC.

