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October 2024: Verse of the Month

I am sure of this, that he who
started a good work in you will
carry it on to completion until
the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
AT OAKLAND

- Sunday

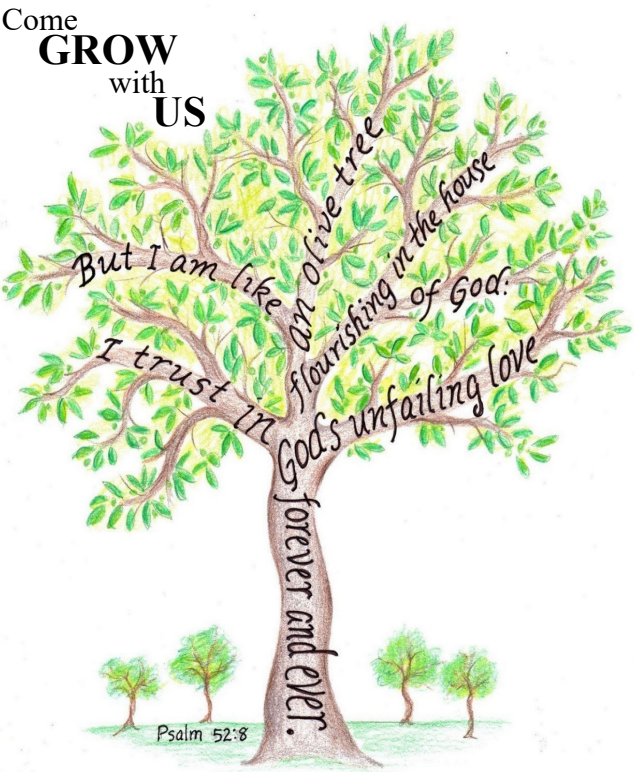
9:00 AM Sunday School

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

Pastor David's Corner

October 2024

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Autumn is Upon Us

The teasing ebb & flow of cooler, crisper weather has come. The autumnal equinox has passed, days are officially shorter than the nights, and we have begun to taste the impending declination of the air's thermal, warming effects. The leaves inherit earthy tones, before ultimately giving way to gravitational forces, which eventually send them cascading on delightful waves of morning breezes. Winter is not far away; Fall is here.

This seasonal display is physically manifest for us to see, hear, and feel. It can serve as a spiritual reminder that we are also changing, noticeably, periodically, yet in our case, irreversibly. We are fast transforming and unidirectionally moving seasonally along a similar path. We are getting old; and what follows is scary.

In dealing with the autumn of our lives, especially in consideration of winter's looming, arctic grip, may we trust God, even when aging gets hard. Sure, these times may very well be our most challenging. But, let us remember that He is still in charge of our lives. He actually appoints the aging process. Our older years are His years, and they are ordained for His purposes. So, what does the Bible say?

My mouth is filled with Your praise and with Your glory all day long. Do not cast me off in the time of old age; do not forsake me when my strength fails. (Psalm 71.8-9)

"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, you who have been borne by Me from birth and have been carried from the womb; even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you." (Isaiah 46.3-4)

For He performs what is appointed for me, and many such decrees are with Him (Job 23.14).

Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near when you will say, "I have no delight in them"; before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars are darkened, and clouds return after the rain; in the day that the watchmen of the house tremble, and mighty men stoop, the grinding ones stand idle because they are few, and those who look through windows grow dim; . . . then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it. "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "all is vanity!" (Ecclesiastes 12.1-8)

Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them. (Psalm 139.16)

When life brings us to our final days, weeks, or months, or years we do not know what they will be like. Our time on earth may end unexpectedly or with a slow, painful and debilitating illness. We do not know. But we can anticipate and prepare for hard times. We already have a deep awareness of what those days could be like. We have watched too many friends, family members and loved ones transition. We have watched our parents live their final moments. We read stories and newspaper accounts of these times. We've attended funerals and memorial services.

So, as much as we are able, let's think about and anticipate how we will live now. Let's prepare to live purposefully with a strong mindset of trusting God. James said we should live each day doing the Lord's will and trusting that the results are ultimately up to Him (James 4:15). Also, we should pray as Moses did, "Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12)

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy

Anderson

Gary Clontz

Andy Cook

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda

Goodwin

Ray Greene

Alan Haynes (Eddie &

Candy's Neighbor

Nan Helms

Grady & Judy Hill

Christine Hinson's

Family

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.

Christian Sympathy

Christine Hinson went to be with her Lord and Savior on September 24th, 2024.



Choir Rehearsals

Come sing with the choir on the following Wednesdays at 7:45 PM:



October 2nd
October 16th
October 30th
November 6th
November 13th
November 20th
December 4th
December 11th

Christmas Musical: Sunday, December 15th

September Attendance

Sunday, September 1 (44 Indoor + 136 Online)

Wednesday, September 4 (115 Online)

Sunday, September 8 (42 Indoor + 137 Online)

Wednesday, September 11 (96 Online)

Sunday, September 15 (39 Indoor + 89 Online)

Wednesday, September 18 (99 Online)

Sunday, September 22 (56 Indoor + 110 Online)

Wednesday, September 25 (84 Online)

Sunday, September 29 (43 Indoor + 119 Online)



Church Work Day

The Building and Grounds Team is hosting a Fall Workday on Saturday, October 26th from 8 AM—12 Noon.

Snack lunch to follow.

Indoor and outdoor tasks are being planned for that day... more details upcoming!



Gospel Light Baptist Church

Gospel Light Baptist Church, our ministry and mission partners in the Philippines, celebrated 12 years on Sunday, September 29th! Their celebration bears witness to God's sustenance and blessing throughout their journey in Baliuag City, Bulacan. To God be the glory! He has brought them so far since our time with them in 2019 and before.



Counseling Volunteers Needed for 2024 Toy Store

The Donna Pittman Christmas Toy Store will be held at the UBA on Saturday, December 14th from 8 AM until 6 PM. The UBA will need counselors for two-hour time slots. Each shopper that comes through the Toy Store is required to sit down with a counselor and be presented the plan of Salvation. If you would be interested in filling one of these time slots, please call the UBA at 704-283-8383 and speak with Bessie.



· Praise God for the opportunities to serve with refugee communities in Dallas. Haley is assisting with ESL classes once a week in the beginner level class. Please pray that the students would be able to retain what they learn each week.

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

· Please pray that the Lord would bring more staff to the WASH team!

· Matt & Haley are taking a “Story of Scripture” class at their church this fall. They are really excited, and would appreciate your prayers that the Lord would continue to teach them more about His plan of redemption through this class.



The Montgomery
Family is celebrating
55 years of ministry at
FBC Indian Trail on
November 16th!

More information
can be found on
their website:

www.themontgomery
familytrio.com

OCTOBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	2 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	3 Jail Ministry	4	5 7:30 PM-1 AM Hispanic Church using FH
6 Session 6: Purpose Exemplified 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	7	8 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	9 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	10 Jail Ministry	11	12
13 Session 1: Cain and Abel 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	14	15 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	16 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	17 Jail Ministry	18	19
20 Session 2: Abram and Lot 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	21	22 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	23 6:30 PM Youth Pumpkin Carving Night 6:30 PM Online Worship	24 Jail Ministry	25	26 8:00 - Noon Fall Workday Fellowship Hall Reserved
27 Session 3: Isaac and Rebekah 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	28	29 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	30 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 Jail Ministry		



PRAYER REQUESTS

Rodney Johnson
(Renee Helms' Son)
Lillian Lewis
Zack Little (MMS
Counselor)
Richard & Tammy
Lovingood
Richard Lovingood's
Sister
Mike Lunsford
Pam Majewski
Lorraine McClellan
Debbie McKnight
Louise Parker
Richie Raines
Carolyn Street
David Welch
(Irene's Son)
Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

THRIVE: LIVING ON PURPOSE

October 6: Purpose Exemplified

NAVIGATING FAMILY CONFLICT

October 13: Cain and Abel: Family Responsibility

October 20: Abram and Lot: Family Rights

October 27: Isaac and Rebekah: Family Favorites



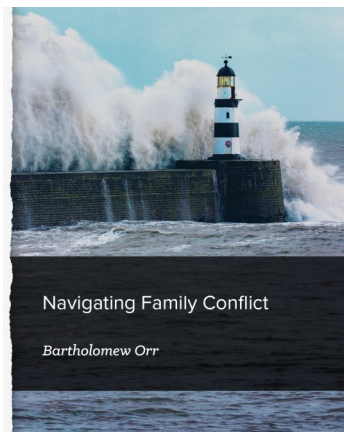
Bible Studies For Life Summary

Navigating Family Conflict

Many eruptions of anger or dysfunction in the workplace, church, traffic, sporting activities (like booing the umpire) and unconstructive conversations can stem from unresolved family conflict.

- We have not called this series *Avoiding Family Conflict*. Changing the subject or sitting farther away from each other does not solve anything.
- It is not called *Denying Family Conflict*. Deny all you want; you will only delay the inevitable work necessary to restore or repair your broken relationships.
- It is not called *Fleeing Family Conflict*. Some people run away, separate, or sever their relationships. You can run, but you can't hide. It's still there.
- It is not called *Blaming Family Conflict*. Because we are often accurate about the other person's fault, we feel justified in blaming them, while excusing ourselves from our responsibility in the conflict.
- It is not called *Repeating Family Conflict*. We want to help you stop making the same mistakes that bring on so much pain.

There are no perfect families. From insights in the book of Genesis, let's find our way through it rather than avoiding, denying, fleeing, blaming, or repeating our family conflicts.



Free Books

The UBA has slimmed down their library.
If you are interested in free books, please call the UBA at 704-283-8383.



Hurricane Helene Relief

The UBA will be collecting relief supplies until the needs of our Western NC neighbors are met.

They will have a trailer to receive supplies at the UBA Office

Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4 PM.

Please only bring the following items:

Flashlights & Batteries

Toiletries & Toilet Paper

Paper Towels & Cleaning Supplies

Baby Diapers & Wipes

If you have any questions please call the UBA at 704-283-8383.

If you feel led to make a donation toward Hurricane Helene Relief, please send donations to:

Union Baptist Association: PO Box 596, Monroe, NC 28111-0596



Youth Pumpkin Carving

Wednesday, October 23rd

Doors will open at 6:15 PM.

Invite your friends!

Sign up sheet will be in the youth SS classroom.



Youth Litter Pick Up

The youth group picked up litter around Oakland's campus (including the prayer path) and along Oakland Road on Wednesday, September 11th.

Our next litter pick up is scheduled for April!

