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March 2024: Verse of the Month



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT OAKLAND

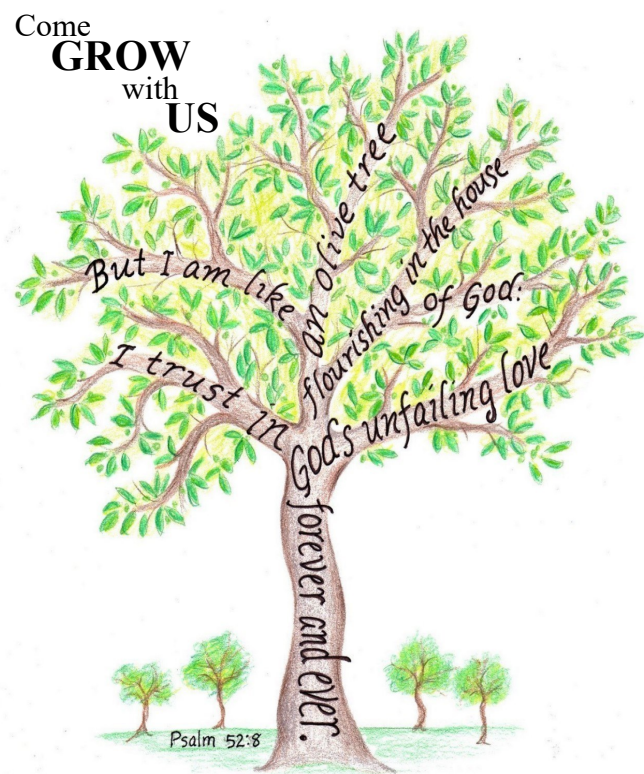
Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School

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

March 2024

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Pastor David's Corner

Who is Jesus?

The Bible says Jesus is God's Son, the Son of God, equal with God, and fully God. Jesus is a member of what we call the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus is infinite and eternal. Jesus made all things, by Him all things exist, and God the Father has put all things under Him (John 1:1-18; Colossians 1:16; Colossians 1:19; Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 13:8; 2 Peter 1:3).

God's Word says Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One. He is the serpent-Crusher (Genesis 3:15). He is the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:3; Galatians 3:8; Galatians 3:16). He is the Prophet foretold by Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-19). He is the Righteous Branch on David's throne (Jeremiah 23:5-6; Jeremiah 30:9; Jeremiah 33:14-26). He is the glorious Sun of Righteousness (Malachi 4:2). He is the fulfiller of all the other prophecies about the Coming One.

The Bible says Jesus is the Savior, Deliverer, Redeemer. He died on a Roman cross — a horrific way to die. He died for us and for our sins, and not just for our sins, but for the sins of the world (Titus 2:14; Hebrews 7:25; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 2:2). Truly, He "is the Savior of the world" (John 4:42).

God's Word (the Logos), Jesus, is the Victor, Overcomer, Conqueror. He physically rose from the grave, having defeated sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:1-8). He is the King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Timothy 6:15; Revelation 17:14; Revelation 19:16). Jesus created all that is (John 1:3; 1 Corinthians 8:5; Colossians 1:15-16; Hebrews 1:2). Jesus came to earth and lived here for more than 30 years (Matthew 1:18; Luke 2:7; Luke 3:23; John 1:14; Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14).

Jesus is eternally and fully God and that more than two thousand years ago he became fully human, too (John 1:1; John 1:14; John 1:18; John 14:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Philippians 2:6-8; Colossians 1:15-19; Hebrews 1:2; 1 John 1:1). Jesus performed many great miracles while here on earth (Matthew 8:3; Mark 3:8; Luke 19:37; John 2:23; John 12:37). Jesus proclaimed Good News to humanity (Matthew 4:17; Matthew 4:23; Matthew 9:35; Matthew 11:5; Mark 1:14; Luke 4:18; Luke 4:43; Luke 20:1).

Jesus was crucified on the cross in my place for my sins (Isaiah 53:8; Isaiah 53:12; Mark 10:45; Romans 4:23-25; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5; 1 Peter 2:24). I believe Jesus forgives the sins of all who trust Him (Mark 2:3-12; John 5:24; Acts 10:43; Romans 1:17; Romans 3:22-26; Romans 5:6-12; Galatians 3:11; 1 Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 10:38; 1 John 4:10). Jesus offers eternal life to any who trust Him (John 3:16; John 3:36; John 5:24; John 6:40; John 11:25-26; John 14:6; John 20:31; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:16-17; Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:10; 1 Timothy 1:16; 1 John 5:12-13).

Jesus gives the right to become children of God to all who trust Him (John 1:12; Romans 8:14; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26; Ephesians 1:5; Ephesians 2:8-10; Ephesians 5:1; Hebrews 2:10; 1 John 3:1). Jesus is coming back to earth one day (Matthew 16:27; Matthew 24:30; Matthew 25:31; Mark 8:38; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:11; Philippians 2:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:28; 2 Peter 3:10; 1 John 3:2).

PRAY

PRAYER
REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy

Anderson

Jerry & Brenda Carnes

Gary Clontz

Terry Cox

Marlene Crider

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda

Goodwin

Ray Greene

Bob Hale

(Shelia's Dad)

Doris Hannah

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.

Welcome New Member
Teresa Alvarez



Deacon Ordination



Richard Lovingood was ordained for deacon ministry on Sunday, February 18th. Thank you for affirming Richard in this ministry of servanthood.

Deacon's Meeting

March 3rd at 1 PM in the sanctuary.



Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal to prepare for Easter Sunday will be Wednesday, March 6th at 7:45 PM.

Daylight Savings

Set your clocks forward an hour on the night of Saturday, March 9th.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31st

Let's worship our risen Savior together!

February Attendance

Sunday, February 4 (51 Indoor + 145 Online)

Wednesday, February 7 (94 Online)

Sunday, February 11 (57 Indoor + 116 Online)

Wednesday, February 14 (90 Online)

Sunday, February 18 (72 Indoor + 110 Online)

Wednesday, February 21 (70 Online)

Sunday, February 25 (59 Indoor + 116 Online)

Wednesday, February 28 (63 Online)



Spring Yard Sale

We are hosting a yard sale on Saturday, April 27th. 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.



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 the church.

Thank you for serving and supporting your church!

Basket Collection

Irene Welch is in need of small/medium sized baskets. She is planning to create flower arrangements to sell at our yard sale. If you have any baskets that you would like to donate to this special project, please contact Irene or bring them to the church.



DISCIPLE-
MAKING
CONFERENCE

Disciple-Making Conference

Tuesday, February 27th

Thank you for praying for this event put on by NC Baptist! The two main sessions as well as the breakout sessions will be available on ncbaptist.org in the coming weeks.

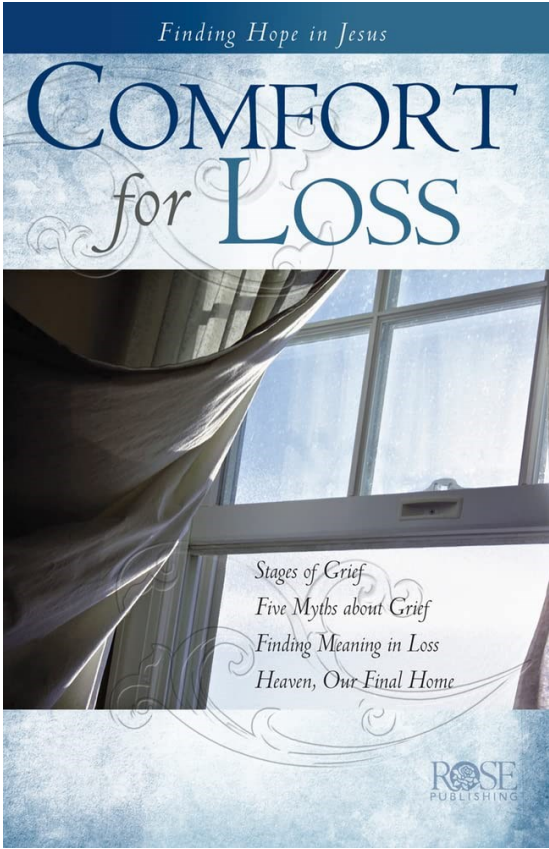




February 2024
Offerings
\$14,016.00

Budget Needs
for March
\$17,623.26

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.

The first meeting will be on **March 14th at 10 AM**. 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.

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.

MARCH 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 PM-1 AM Hispanic Church using FH
3 Session 1: The Mission of Jesus 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 1 PM Deacon’s Meeting	4 Week of Prayer for North American Missions	5 Week of Prayer for North American Missions	6 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 Week of Prayer for North American Missions Jail Ministry	8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions	9 Set clocks forward an hour for Daylight Savings!
10 Session 2: The Ministry of Jesus 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	11	12	13 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	14 10 AM Grief Share Meeting Jail Ministry	15	16
17 Session 3: The Identity of Jesus 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	18	19	20 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	21 Jail Ministry	22	23
24 Session 4: The Death of Jesus 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	25	26	27 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	28 Jail Ministry	29	30
31 Session 5: The Resurrection of Jesus 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship						



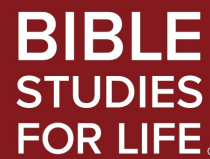
PRAYER REQUESTS

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
Richie Raines
Robert Skinner
Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS

March 3: The Mission of Jesus
March 10: The Ministry of Jesus
March 17: The Identity of Jesus
March 24: The Death of Jesus
March 31: The Resurrection of Jesus
April 7: The Mission of Jesus Shared



Bible Studies For Life Summary

It's All About Jesus



Anyone who wears glasses knows the daily annoyance of having to clean the lenses. Practically anything can make them dirty—a windy day, mistakenly placing them on a counter, or even scratching your nose. For glasses wearers, it's a constant battle of fighting smudges and spots that tend to alter our vision.

Kind of ironic when you think about it—that which is meant to give clarity to our vision can be so easily obscured. To have real clarity, we must be vigilant about making sure we have clear lenses through which we see the world.

Perhaps the same can be said in the way we view Jesus. Like it or not, all of us have a metaphorical set of lenses through which we see everything. Those lenses are made up of past experiences, our personal affiliations, and our opinions, and they can alter the way in which we see the world around us. We must alter the way in which we see the world around us. We must be careful, then, to make sure that our “life lenses” are clean. Nowhere is that more true than when we come to Jesus. If we're not careful, we will begin to see Jesus as we might *want* Him to be rather than how He actually is.

In this journey through the book of Luke, we will seek to clean the lenses. We will try and see Jesus as He is truly presented, apart from outside influences, so that we might follow Him with greater devotion and clarity.

A/V Equipment Update

As many of you have noticed, our aging audio-visual equipment has needed upgrading for some time. We have just gotten a quote from CO-DA (they installed our video camera equipment) for a new amp, speakers, sound board and front projector. It's expensive, over \$16k, but feel it will help limit distractions to our worship service and help keep our focus on the Lord and His message going out. If you would like to help fund this updating project, please make a note on your giving envelopes.



We request that you do not take away from your normal tithes to fund this project, but give as God calls. Thank you!

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer for North American Missions: March 3-10



Every year, SBC churches observe the Week of Prayer for North American missions by praying for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Because these missionaries make Jesus known in places all over the U.S. and Canada where there's little or no gospel witness, they experience opposition and they battle loneliness and discouragement. That's why they need your prayers.

Upcoming Youth Activities

Wednesday, March 6th: Homemade Slushies Night
Wednesday, March 13th: Decorate the Easter Cross with flowers
Wednesday, March 20th: Pick up litter around Oakland's campus



Fill the Tank Baptism Sunday

Save the Date: April 7th

Baptism is a way to put on display the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Baptism should always be an important step in the life of a believer. For many, this act of obedience is the first way to make the gospel known without speaking a word.

