

Pastor Austin Graham

Pastor Austin Graham has been affirmed by Oakland to be our new Pastor starting in January 2027! Thank you for praying throughout the past few months as the Search Team looked for the Pastor that God has called to be here. Please continue to pray for Pastor Austin and his family as he transitions into this new role!

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for packing shoe boxes for OCC!



Thanksgiving Meal

Join us for a meal celebrating this season of Thanksgiving after Worship this morning! Thank you for bringing dishes to share!



Christmas Cards

Starting next Sunday, there will be tables set up in the hallway near the offices for you to bring in Christmas cards for active church members!

Christmas Musical

The Greatest Story Ever Told
Join us on Sunday,
December 13th at 6:00 PM.



Poinsettias

If you would like to sponsor a poinsettia for the Christmas Musical in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the Church Office. Medium poinsettias are $45 and large poinsettias are $55.



Poinsettias will be displayed in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Musical on Sunday, December 13th. You may take your poinsettia home following the Musical.

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November 22, 2026



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The Declaration of Forgiveness

Acts 10:44-48; 16:30-34; 19:1-5

In Focus: When we are forgiven by God, we should let everyone know it.

Look at our World: Have you ever noticed how freely we associate ourselves with our favorite sports teams?

At my brother's church in Kentucky, I've heard many conversations about the Wildcats or Cardinals. They love their college basketball in Kentucky.

I have a couple of friends who get along great every day of the year except on the Saturday when the Alabama Crimson Tide plays the LSU Tigers. These guys are serious about their college football.

Recently I used an opening sermon illustration about enduring through trials that featured Dave Dravecky, a former San Francisco Giants pitcher who lost his pitching arm to cancer. I was not sure how well the illustration would work in the Southern California church that's located ten miles from Dodger Stadium. I began by smiling and apologizing for speaking favorably about their division rival.

How did I know there were Dodgers fans present? I've seen them wear Dodgers jerseys and caps when I've preached there before. People can often be identified by the clothing they wear.

For the Christian, there's a more important form of identification; it's called baptism. Baptism is the way those who are forgiven show their affiliation to Jesus Christ.

Live It Out: View of God. If you have trusted in Christ but haven't yet been baptized, make an appointment with your pastor to discuss this crucial step of obedience. **View of Self.** When the church schedules your baptism, post the event on social media and/or invite your friends, family, and coworkers to attend. **View of Others.** If you've already been baptized, share your salvation experience with someone else this week.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Beauty of Forgiveness

Sunday, November 29 — The Evidence of Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35)

Jesus, God with Us

Sunday, December 6 — The Virgin Birth: Mary's Story (Luke 1:26-38)

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:30 AM Living Streams Worship Center

Tuesday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth 12/2

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 12/2

Christmas Choir Rehearsal

The next practice will be Wednesday, December 2nd at 7:30 PM. Interested in singing with us? No experience needed! Contact Taylor Price (704-490-3776)



Service Attendance

Sunday, November 15

Indoor: 51

Online: 248

Wednesday, November 18

No Online

Youth: 6

Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson
Eddie Baker (Carol's Brother)
George Browning (Irene's Brother)
Gary Clontz
Marlene Crider
Bill & Cindy French
Sam & Wanda Goodwin
Mike & Renee Helms
Lillian Lewis
Pam Majewski
Debbie McKnight
Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)
Kenny & Carolyn Street
Irene Welch

Bible App

Follow along in today's Scripture on the Bible app! Scan this QR code with your phone:

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:
$17,299.09

November Offering To Date:
$6,580.00

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