



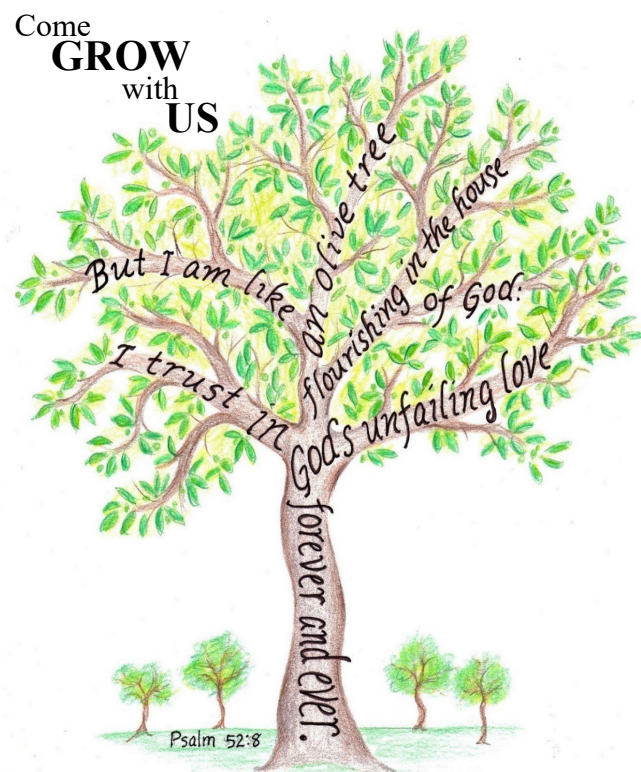
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May 2024: Verse of the Month



**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

May 2024

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Pastor David's Corner

Made New

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come (they are a new creature; have been made new): The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

How about you? Have you been made new? Has the old been put away?

Has there been a time of transformation in your life? Have you been converted from your old way of thinking? Have you experienced a radical and obvious (to all) turning, or repentance in your walk, attitude, speech, heart and spirit?

Have you been born again?

As we open our eyes to the revitalization of the earth in transition from winter to spring, have you been able to realize the correlation between the physical and the spiritual? Can you see how the warming and brightening of the days directly relate to the need, and ability of humanity to do and experience the same?

Think back. Do you remember lostness? Can you recollect hopelessness and the painful misery that accompanies that season? How long ago was that for you?

Do you remember the first glimpse of light? Can you go back and feel the initial warmth as it cascaded over you and spread to everything around you? Do you remember how differently you viewed everything and how everyone began to see you, in an altered light?

As spring fades quickly to the intense, humid days of summer, let us be reminded of our new birth, when we were made new. May our recent baptisms remind us that all of us can be refreshed, that there is always work to do on our part, to walk alongside the masterful work that only God can do, in building His kingdom, establishing His church.

We were made righteous by God through the work of His Son, Jesus Christ, on the cross. May we walk in that righteousness. May we share that Light with those around us!

You took off your former way of life, the old self that is corrupted by deceitful desires; you are being renewed in the spirit of your minds; you put on the new self, the one created according to God's likeness in righteousness and purity of the truth. Ephesians 4:22-24

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.

Deacon's Meeting
 May 5th at 1 PM in the sanctuary.



Choir Rehearsal
 The next choir rehearsal will be Wednesday, May 8th at 7:45 PM.

Baptism Sunday
 April 7th
 Let's celebrate:
 Gary Phillips
 Holly Phillips
 Kenneth Phillips



Welcome New Member
 Carole Chionchio



April Attendance
 Wednesday, April 3 (112 Online)
Sunday, April 7 (57 Indoor + 140 Online)
 Wednesday, April 10 (84 Online)
Sunday, April 14 (63 Indoor + 111 Online)
 Wednesday, April 17 (96 Online)
Sunday, April 21 (52 Indoor + 112 Online)
 Wednesday, April 24 (96 Online)
Sunday, April 28 (50 Indoor + 113 Online)



Yard Sale

Thank you for serving & supporting Oakland through your willingness to work during the yard sale on April 27th. It was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship and a great way to bless our community and church. The total amount made through the yard sale was \$2,680.



Happy Yard Sale Day!!

Jewelry + purses: Julie + Lela
 Holiday + Rugs: Janet + Joni
 Children + Toys: Dianne + Tina
 Kitchen + Appliances: Susan + Nancy
 Decor: Barbara + Michael
 Florals + Crafts + Men's: Mike + Renee
 Personal care, towels + linens: Bill + Cindy
 Office supplies, electronics + books: MaryAnn + CAROLE
 Clothing + shoes: Misia, Holly, LeAnne
 Customer Assistance + large items: Jeff, Richard, Jeremy, Eddie, Gary
 Check Out: Stacey + Leslie Kitchen: Leigh Ann, Brenda

Thank you for serving

Pastors/Wives Retreat

"The Greek word "Anapauo" means rest, and our desire is to lavish God's love on his servants. Our prayer is that you will truly experience REST (relaxation, encouragement, spiritual development and transformation)."

Pastor David and Leigh Ann received this invitation recently from the BSCNC and Anapauo Ministries! They headed out on Thursday, April 18th for a few days in Black Mountain! Thank you for praying for them and the other pastors/wives on the retreat!



End-of-Year Encouraging Cards

If you are interested in sending encouraging cards to the 10 Monroe Middle School students who receive backpacks of food each week, please place your cards in the church office by May 30th. June 7th is their last day of school and the final backpack delivery of the semester.

Cards may include prayers, Bible verses, or the Gospel. The cards should be written in print and signed with your name.

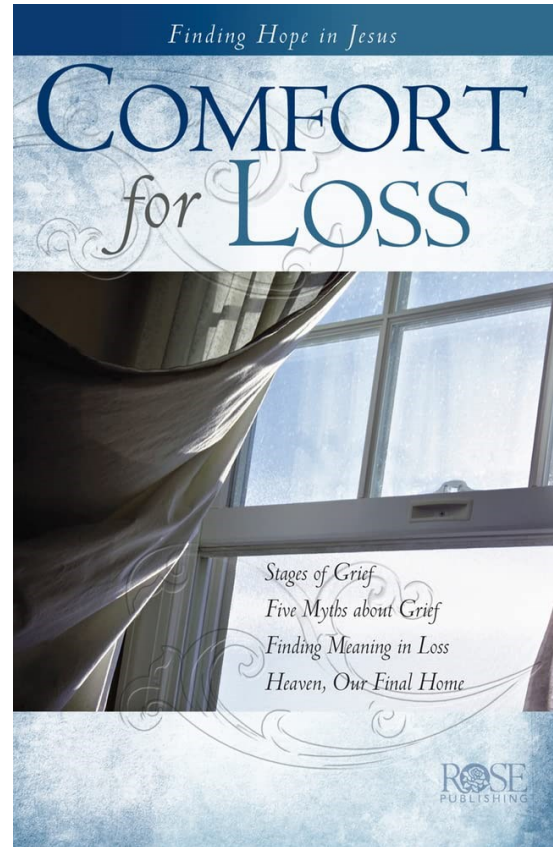




April 2024 Offerings
\$12,112.00

Budget Needs for May
\$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 next meeting will be on **May 9th at 10 AM**. These sessions will be once or twice a month, depending on the group's availability.

The group is working 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 a smooth transition to a new apartment, a new role as **Interim WASH Program Coordinator**, and married life! Pray that Haley would rely on the Lord through it all. Pray that Haley & Matt's marriage would glorify God and that they would find new ways of doing ministry together.

· Pray for Haley's continued desire to study the Bible as she walks through 1 Peter with a friend. Pray that the Holy Spirit would teach them as they study the Word.

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

· Haley & Matt are getting married on May 19th, 2024!



MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	2 Jail Ministry	3	4 7:30 PM-1 AM Hispanic Church using FH
5 Session 4: Worshipping God 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 1 PM Deacon's Meeting	6	7	8 6:30 PM Youth No Online Worship (New A/V Install) 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	9 10 AM Grief Share Meeting Jail Ministry	10	11
12 Mother's Day Session 5: Serving in Christ 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	13	14	15 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	16 Jail Ministry	17	18
19 Session 6: Doing Life Together in Christ 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	20	21	22 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	23 10 AM Grief Share Meeting Jail Ministry	24	25
26 Special Focus: The Joy of Giving 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	27	28	29 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	30 Jail Ministry	31	

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nan Helms
Grady & Judy Hill
Christine Hinson
Shelia Horne
Joni Keith
Lillian Lewis
Tammy Lovingood
Richard Lovingood's
Sister
Mike Lunsford
Louise Parker
Richie Raines
Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

BEING AN AUTHENTIC CHURCH

May 5: Worshiping God
May 12: Serving in Christ
May 19: Doing Life Together in Christ

THE JOY OF GIVING

May 26: The Joy of Giving

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

Bible Studies For Life Summary

The Joy of Giving

“It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). If you’ve been around church for a while, you’ve probably heard those words many times. Jesus Himself spoke these words, but that principle is sometimes hard to remember in our self-centered world. We may often wonder, “Is it *truly* more blessed to give than to receive?”

Well, we know on one hand it’s true because Jesus said it! But why? You know the answer if you’ve ever made a gift for someone or worked hard to find the perfect gift for someone. We experience great joy as we watch the recipient open the gift. In those moments, there’s more fun giving and watching the person giving the gift.



Unfortunately, that same sense of joy doesn’t always translate naturally when the offering plate comes by during a worship service, when we see a person in need, or we hear of an opportunity to radically give to an urgent need. But there is hope. God is an expert at making the stingy become generous. God’s Word has some powerful truths to advance us in this all-important area. Get ready to dive into the richest passages on giving in the Bible: 2 Corinthians 9!



Happy Mother’s Day

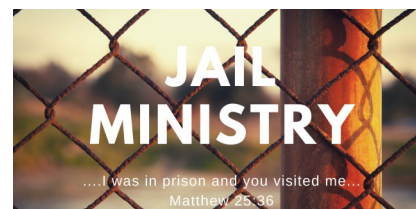
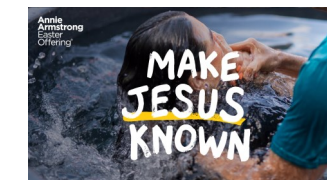
Sunday, May 12th

“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” 3 John 1:4

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Total Received: \$2,135.00

Thank You!



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. Looking to get involved in the jail ministry? Please contact Stacey!

Youth Slushies Night

Wednesday, May 1st

6:30 PM



A/V Equipment Installation

As many of you have noticed, our aging audio-visual equipment has needed upgrading for some time. We have received 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!

**The installation of our new A/V equipment will start on
Wednesday, May 8th!**