



May 17, 2026

Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged,  
for the LORD your God  
will be with you  
wherever you go.

~Joshua 1:9~



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**Celebrating Graduates**



If you are graduating from high school or college this semester, please contact the Church Office. We will be recognizing graduates during the Worship Service on May 31st!

**Magazines**



If you would like to donate old magazines to the residents at Pruitt Health, please bring them to Stacey or the Church Office.



**Bible Studies for Life**

A new sermon series will be starting in June. The BSFL unit is titled *Connecting with Others Like Jesus Did*. Books will be available in the SS classrooms starting next Sunday.



**Jail Ministry**



Lift up the jail ministry team and the people they minister to in your prayers; pray that they will actively hear and respond to the gospel.

**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.



## Sunday, May 17 2026

A Mission Outside Your Comfort Zone

Acts 8:26-38

**The Point:** The gospel crosses cultures—and so should we.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Sitting on our front porch, my wife and I were enjoying a quiet evening watching neighbors stroll by on the sidewalk. With little warning, a stray cloud unleashed a sprinkle of rain as a couple was passing by. Frantically, they scurried beneath a tree in our yard for shelter. Admittedly, I was a bit amused by their reaction to a light sprinkle of rain, but I invited them to join us on the porch in the dry. In the ensuing conversation, I inquired about their home country as they were clearly of foreign descent. They were thrilled to know I had visited their hometown in South Asia. When the sky grew darker and rain picked up, I drove them home, along the way learning more about their background and their faith.

It's tempting to stay within the circle of those we already know. It's easier to talk with people just like us, but those are not the only people we encounter on a daily basis. America is becoming ever more diverse, and we see that in our local communities. All are people made in the image of God, ones for whom Christ died, and we should embrace the privilege and opportunity to introduce them to Jesus.

**Live It Out: Step in.** If you have trusted in Jesus for your salvation but haven't yet followed him in believer's baptism, reach out to your group leader or one of the pastors to begin a conversation about stepping into the waters of baptism as an essential act of obedience in following Jesus. **Step up.** If you're already baptized as a believer, roleplay a conversation about baptism with someone in your group to help you prepare to share with someone who claims to be a Christian but doesn't understand the nature or importance of believer's baptism.

### Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

#### Seize the Day: Embracing a Mission with Purpose

Sunday, May 24th      A Mission Without Boundaries  
(Acts 13:1-3, 44-52)

#### Don't Forget to Remember

Sunday, May 31st      Don't Forget to Remember  
(Joshua 4:1-7, 20-24)

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

#### Monday

6:30 PM Ladies Bible Study

#### Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship  
6:30 PM Youth

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6/3

#### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Service Attendance

Sunday, May 10



Indoor: 45

Online: 156

Wednesday, May 13

Online: 61

Youth: 11

### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget

Needs:

\$17,299.09

May

Offering

To Date:

\$5,646.00



### Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson  
Dianne Avery's Family  
George Browning (Irene's Brother)  
Gary Clontz  
Marlene Crider  
Sam & Wanda Goodwin  
Mike & Renee Helms  
Lillian Lewis  
Pam Majewski  
Debbie McKnight  
Patricia Mikel  
Jennifer Price (Jeremy's Mom)  
Kenny & Carolyn Street  
Irene Welch

### Choir Rehearsal

The next practice  
will be Wednesday,  
June 3rd at 7:30 PM.



Interested in singing with us?  
No experience needed! Contact  
Taylor Price (704-490-3776)

### Bible App

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

