

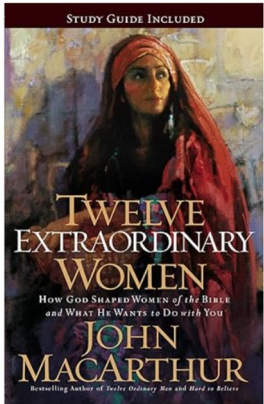
**End-of-Summer
Fellowship
TODAY**

Following Worship
Thank you for signing up
& bringing side dishes!



August 25, 2024

Ladies Fall Bible Study
Beginning Tuesday,
September 3rd @ 6:30 PM



Sign-up sheets will be available in the sanctuary, or you may call the church office. Books available for purchase on Amazon.

As you meet these women in Scripture and get to know more about their lives and characters, they will challenge you, motivate you, encourage you, and inspire you with love for the God whom they trusted, served, and loved, teaching us that:

- ▶ *Our personal struggles and temptations are the very same kinds of trials that all believers of all ages have confronted*
- ▶ *Even in the midst of our trouble, God remains eternally faithful*
- ▶ *Through God, anyone can become extraordinary*

From Eve to the Samaritan Woman, these twelve women each serve as reminders of both our frailty and our potential. Together, they all point us to Christ and His grace.

Soul Winning Workshop

Union Baptist Association

Saturday, August 31st 9AM-12PM

Join others in the UBA for an inspiring half-day workshop focused on equipping you with practical skills and spiritual insights to confidently share your faith and win souls for Christ.

Register for this event at: unionbaptist.com



“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’”

Matthew 25:21

Oakland Baptist Church
600 E. Sunset Drive
Monroe, NC 28112
704.283.5656
oaklandchurchmonroe@gmail.com
www.oaklandchurchmonroe.org

Sunday, August 25 2024

Baruch

Jeremiah 36:4-8, 16-18; 45:1-5

The Point: God will reward your faithful service.

The Bible Meets Life: When I started as pastor of our church, the church was rebuilding after a fire. Upon completion of the rebuild, a key question was: “Who gets keys to the new church?” One name was obvious—Dorothy Ursery. She wasn’t an official leader or a teacher, but she faithfully arrived at the church at least one hour before church started. She would just sit in her car with Mother Patterson, whom she picked up and brought to church. Dorothy was faithful, and so she was given a key to open the doors of the church. Then she started cleaning the church, and she was faithful even in that. Her favorite hymn that she sang was “Yes, God Is Real,” and it was obvious to everyone who knew her that God was certainly real in her life. When she passed away, she had only one request—a Sunday funeral, and although we didn’t have funerals on Sunday, we did this for her because of her faithfulness.

Faithfulness is what God is looking for, even in the small things like being on time. Faithfulness grows. Faithfulness builds as obedience grows. As we’re faithful, let’s see how we too may receive the keys the Lord wants us to have. And as we’re obedient, the Lord will open more doors for us.

Live It Out: Ask God for help. Thank God for the privilege of getting to serve Him. Ask Him to help you do so with excellence, in a way that brings glory to Him and good to others. **Repeat the message.** Like Baruch, start writing down the message by journaling your devotions or taking notes on your pastor’s sermon. Then repost the message online. Share the link to worship on your social media if possible. Text your notes to the family. Let’s digitally repeat the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ. **Become a teacher.** Shadow a teacher and ask to be trained as a substitute Sunday School or small group teacher/facilitator. We can multiply by reproducing our leaders.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Thrive: Living on Purpose

Sunday, September 1 Purpose Questioned
(Ecclesiastes 1:1-14)

Sunday, September 8 Purpose Abandoned
(Psalm 8:1-6; 14:1-7)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

11:15 AM Fellowship Lunch 8/25

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Wellspring Preparatory School

Wellspring Prep will be utilizing a couple of classrooms at Oakland during the week.

Their first day of class is Monday, August 26th!

Service Attendance

Sunday, August 18

Indoor: 47

Online: 59



Wednesday, August 21

Online: 37

Youth: 12

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



August Offering

To Date:

\$8,567.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Andy Cook

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Jean Granger

Ray Greene

Christine Hinson

Rodney Johnson

(Renee Helms’ Son)

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene’s Son)

Wellspring Prep



Bible Studies for Life

A new sermon series/BSFL unit starts next Sunday. The unit is titled *Thrive: Living on Purpose*. Books are available in the SS classrooms and in the vestibule.

