

Church Business Meeting

Following the Worship Service this morning, the members of Oakland will vote on extending an offer to Pastor Austin Graham to be Oakland's next pastor!



Fall Workday

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Fall Church Workday last Saturday!







Thanksgiving Meal

Sunday, November 22nd following Worship
Please join us for a meal celebrating this season of Thanksgiving! Sign-up sheets available in the sanctuary.

Ladies Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 6:30 PM

Youth Pumpkin Carving



Wednesday,
October 28th



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The Reason for Forgiveness

Isaiah 43:1-7, 21-25

In Focus: God loves us and wants to restore us for His glory.

Look at our World: When I was young, I struggled with feelings of being mistreated. I had a long *somebody-done-me-wrong* list. While some of the listings were legitimate, most were not; they were there because I thought the world revolved around me. I needed to grow up. I needed to learn to forgive and to take myself less seriously.

Today, I do not fixate on feelings of being mistreated. In fact, my tendency is to focus more on the thought that those I have wronged could not possibly have really forgiven me. Even after they forgave me, I find myself wondering if they really forgave me or if they just moved on.

There is a difference. Forgiving is different from moving past an offense. If we merely move past the offense, we can always return to it.

Unfortunately, it is easy to transfer this struggle to our relationship with God - something we should not do. God forgives us consistent with who He is. He does not move past our sin; He completely forgives us. After He has swept it away, He no longer remembers the sin (Isa. 43:25b).

Live It Out: View of God. Ask God to reveal anything that displeases Him. Spend time reflecting on your life and confess any sins that come to mind (Ps. 19:12). Trust that God desires restoration, not condemnation. **View of Self.** Write the sins that come to mind on a piece of paper. As a reminder of the way God forgives, place the paper in a fire or a paper shredder to destroy it. **View of Others.** If you discover a pattern of sin, speak with a pastor, deacon, or a close friend who you trust about any ongoing struggles you have so that person can pray for you as you gain victory over it.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Beauty of Forgiveness

Sunday, November 15 The Path to Forgiveness (Ephesians 2:1-10)

Sunday, November 22 The Declaration of Forgiveness (Acts 10:44-48; 16:30-34; 19:1-5)

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 Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Christmas Choir Rehearsal

The next practice will be Wednesday, November 11th at 7:30 PM. Interested in singing with us? No experience needed! Contact Taylor Price (704-490-3776)



Service Attendance

Sunday, November 1

Indoor: N/A

Online: 237

Wednesday, November 4

No Online

Youth: 7

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

October Offering To Date: $9,591.00