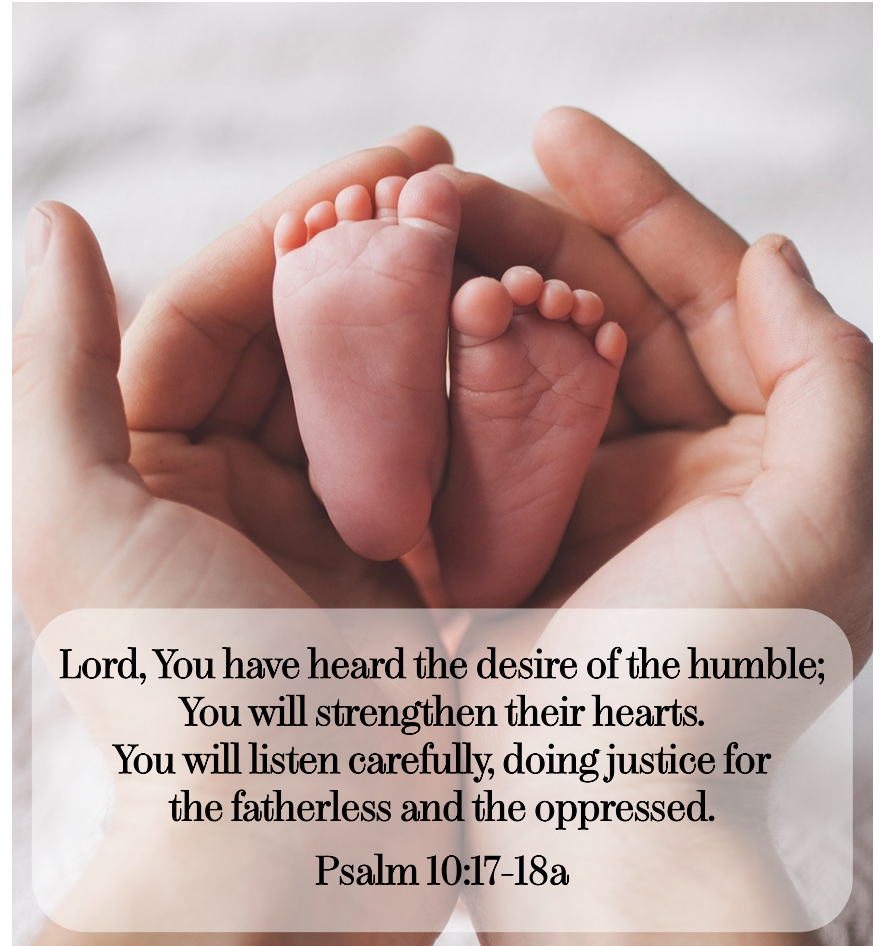


Yard Sale Interest

Several folks are busy cleaning out this new year and asking whether the church is planning a yard sale this spring. It's been two years since we hosted a sale, and it was a large one with many items that filled the Fellowship Hall and spilled out into several other rooms. The question is, do we have enough folks cleaning out that would donate items to support another yard sale this soon. Our yard sales are always a great time of fellowship, a blessing to the community, but also a lot of work! The revenue generated often provides for some special projects around the church. If you are interested in donating items to support a yard sale, could you let either the church office, Nancy Chapman, Stacey Chapman, or Leigh Ann know in the next few weeks. If we have enough response, then we will make it happen. Thank you!



January 21, 2024



Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble;
You will strengthen their hearts.
You will listen carefully, doing justice for
the fatherless and the oppressed.

Psalm 10:17-18a

Disciple-Making Conference

Tuesday, February 27th 9 AM-4 PM \$15
Breakout Sessions: 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:45 PM
Hickory Grove Mallard Creek Campus:
13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262



For more information or to register, visit
ncbaptist.org/events/2024-disciple-making-conference/
If you would like a ride, please contact the Church Office!

NC Baptists Make History Through Generosity

N.C. Baptists have given over \$15 million directly to missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, making this the biggest offering in our history. That means N.C. Baptists gave more than any other state convention, keeping us as the most generous givers to Lottie for a few decades running. Amazing!

N.C. Baptists have also had a record-breaking year as the top givers to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, with over \$7 million given to support church planting and compassion ministries.

AND, as if that were not enough, N.C. Baptists also broke a record with the North Carolina Missions Offering, giving more than ever in our history at over \$2.3 million to support church planting and disaster relief efforts. When charitable giving has been decreasing, N.C. Baptist missions giving has been increasing. N.C. Baptists gave over \$1 million more to the Cooperative Program in 2023 than the previous year. That is incredible!

Thank you for your generosity! To God be the glory!
It is a joy and privilege to serve on mission together,
Todd Unzicker, Executive Director-Treasurer, NC Baptists

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Sunday, January 21 2024

A Cry for Justice

Psalm 10:1-4, 12-18

The Point: Join God in seeking justice, including justice for unborn children.

The Bible Meets Life: There's something incredibly significant about the window of time when no doctor or test can tell that a woman is pregnant. It's a sacred space where only God knows this tiny little human He has breathed life into even exists. When that mom goes in for her first doctor's appointment, it's all about the heartbeat. Hearing a baby's heartbeat for the first time is one of the most significant moments in the life of an expectant mom. While life begins at conception, the heartbeat is often the first tangible sign that life is there.

Have you ever placed your fingers on your neck or wrist to check your pulse? If so, you obviously have a heartbeat, but you're trying to see how fast, slow, or irregular it's beating. Until your last heartbeat, you are full of life.

God's desire is that every life would be treasured, even those who can't yet speak for themselves. That's why as believers, our job is to do what we can to stand up against the brokenness in our world. Psalm 10 gives us a framework for articulating our response to this significant call on our lives.

Live It Out: Pray. Seek God's protection for those who cannot fight for themselves by praying for them and for those who care for them and minister to them. **Learn more.** Seek out a local Christian pregnancy center that is helping moms make choices that honor God and protect their babies. Sign up for their mailing list and participate in opportunities they provide. **Change some diapers.** Do you know a mom who is struggling? Ask for ways you can help. Care for her littles so she can run errands. Enlist your Bible study group to provide for their needs.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Owning a Faith That Matters

Sunday, January 28

Yielded Faith
(Luke 7:1-10)

Sunday, February 4

Expectant Faith
(Luke 8:41-42, 49-56)

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE**

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, January 14

Indoor: 50

Online: 132



Wednesday, January 17

Online: 40

Youth: 18

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING*

Goal: \$2,000

Received:

\$2,350

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

January Offering

To Date:

\$8,400.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Marlene Crider

Peggy Dean

Christine Hinson

Majewski Family

Evan Manly

JoAnn Perrin

Richie Raines



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.



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday TODAY



Our Bible Studies for Life curriculum has a special focus session titled *A Cry for Justice*

that highlights God as sovereign and author of life.