

Pastor Austin Graham

Pastor Austin Graham has been affirmed by Oakland to be our new Pastor starting in January 2027! Thank you for praying throughout the past few months as the Search Team looked for the Pastor that God has called to be here. Please continue to pray for Pastor Austin and his family as he transitions into this new role!

Operation Christmas Child

Please bring your filled shoe boxes back by Sunday, November 22nd.





Thanksgiving Meal

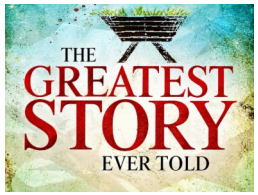
Sunday, November 22nd following Worship

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





Christmas Musical

The Greatest Story Ever Told
Join us on Sunday,
December 13th at 6:00 PM.

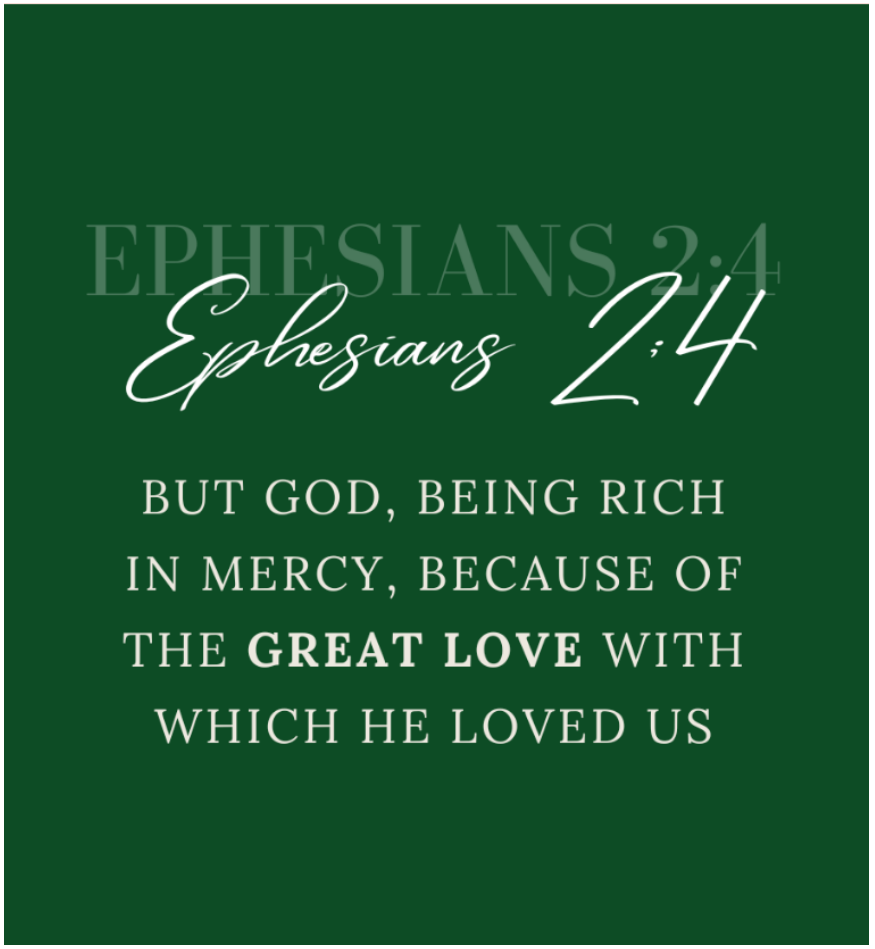
Living Streams Worship Center

Living Streams is having Baptism Sunday today!

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WORSHIP CENTER

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November 15, 2026



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Sunday, November 15, 2026

The Path to Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:1-10

In Focus: We can be forgiven because of what Jesus has done for us.

Look at our World: It is much easier to say the words "I forgive you" than it is to actually forgive.

We can justify our hesitance because we do not want to be taken advantage of. We are not doormats to walk all over. Besides, there is usually a heavy emotional toll to pay when someone harms us. We hurt. A recurrence will hurt even more, so we hold back.

After all, we rationalize, premature forgiveness could be interpreted as condoning the behavior. We do not want to enable a continued cycle of offense, forgiveness, repeat.

When we approach forgiveness in this way, it becomes a process that begins with saying the words but is not completed until those who hurt us have earned back our trust with changed behavior. We may say the words "I forgive you," because we do not know what else to say, but we withhold true, comprehensive forgiveness until they earn it. We watch them like hawks for departure from patterns of past behavior. Eventually, if they change, we forgive completely.

This is not the way God forgives.

Live It Out: View of God. Have you ever responded in faith to the grace God has extended to you. If you are not sure, ask your group leader to help you do so. **View of Self.** Reflect on how God has shaped you - your personality, passions, experiences. These are not random. They may be clues to the good works He has prepared for you. **View of Others.** Is it possible that the good works God has for you includes a call to ministry leadership? Talk to your pastor about possibilities.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE

The Beauty of Forgiveness

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

Sunday, November 29 — The Evidence of Forgiveness (Matthew 18:21-35)

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 Youth

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Christmas Choir Rehearsal

The next practice will be Wednesday, November 18th at 7:30 PM. Interested in singing with us? No experience needed! Contact Taylor Price (704-490-3776)



Service Attendance

Sunday, November 8

Indoor: 49

Online: 197

Wednesday, November 11

No Online

Youth: 6

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

November Offering To Date:

$5,117.00

