

# THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

July, 2022

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# THE PASTOR'S PEN

## Biblical References and Thoughts For a Church's Mission and Purpose

**Jeremiah 1:4-10 NIV** The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." But the Lord said to me, "Don't say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

What is our call as the church in this place?

Why do we exist where we do at this particular time?

What unique contributions to God's work are we called to make as a church at our particular time?

What unique contributions to God's work are we called to make as a church at our particular location?

**Proverbs 29:18 NIV** Where there is not revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction.

What is God saying related to the direction of the church?

**Ezekiel 36:26 NIV** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

The church needs to know where God wants it to go or it will be wandering and wondering.

**Matthew 9:17 NIV** Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

Not changing may not be an option.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE CHURCH!!**

In His Service,  
Dr. Wayne Bennett  
Interim Pastor

## LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU met on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> with 8 ladies present. Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

What a wonderful Father's Day Service on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Jamie Johnson brought a beautiful message on a father's love. I truly received a blessing. We surprised the dads in attendance with a bag of homemade cookies. Thank you ladies who baked cookies.

We continue to support Hospice Care Partner families each month. Team 2 provided snacks for the month of June.

Thank you to all who contributed to June's cleaning supplies for Black Mountain Children's Home. The month of July's needs are paper products, such as paper towels, napkins, paper plates, and toilet paper. Please put these items in back closet of sanctuary.

We supported one of our favorite missions on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for lunch. A few of our WMU ladies went to the Veteran's Quarters. We cooked hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, chips and cool watermelon. There were approximately 60-70 gentlemen there. They are always so appreciative and polite. We thanked them for their service. We had a wonderful time.

Some very exciting news. On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, as a church congregation, we heard a message from Rev. John Alexander. After the message we voted and Rev. Alexander will be our new full time pastor. He is so excited to join the Oakley Baptist Church family.

We have been so blessed for Dr. Wayne and Dawn Bennett being a part of our church family until we found our full time pastor. They have been a wonderful addition as our pastor and wife, dear friends and our shepherd. We have been so blessed.

Hebrews 13:8 **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever.**

Love to all,  
Sherry

## HELP IS NEEDED

The Cemetery Committee is looking for a volunteer(s) to help with the operations of the cemetery.

Requirements include:

Co-coordinating with Funeral Homes,  
Marking graves, maintaining the Cemetery Log-Book.

Training will be provided.

Those interested, Please see Robert Brown.

## MUSIC CORNER

Can you believe we are already half way thru 2022! The Ladies Bible Study has gotten off to a great start. The key scripture for *The Armor of God* by Priscilla Shirer is based on Ephesians 6:10-18. Please join us Monday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall even if you can only come some of the time. We would love for you to dive into the word with us.

I appreciate the Praise Team, everyone doing Special Music and those playing the instruments more than you will ever know. Look for an announcement soon on when we will start Choir Practice back on a regular basis. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, now is the time. If you enjoy singing unto the Lord, it is a wonderful place to serve each week.

Love in Christ,  
Norma



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## BERRY WHITE ICE POPS

### Ingredients:

1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups 2% milk, divided  
1 to 2 Tbsp. honey  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp. vanilla extract

1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups fresh raspberries  
1 cup fresh blueberries  
10 freezer pop molds or  
10 paper cups (3oz. each) and wooden pop sticks

### Directions:

1. In a microwave, warm  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup milk; stir in honey until blended. Stir in remaining 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups milk and vanilla.
2. Divide berries among molds, cover with milk mixture. Top molds with holders. If using paper cups, top with foil and insert sticks through foil. Freeze until firm.

