

THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

November, 2022

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

I am excited about Thanksgiving! I am looking forward to spending time with family while eating a big meal or two, and perhaps catching part of a football game or the parade on TV. It is a time of great enjoyment! For many it is a time to get a head start on the Christmas shopping season with all of the great deals that the stores advertise. Every family has their own traditions of things they enjoy doing together on Thanksgiving day and weekend.

I am especially excited because this will be our first Thanksgiving together serving the Lord! I am reminded of the One Hundredth Psalm which says, "Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before His presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

I always look forward to every worship service we have because I get to worship alongside you, who are making a joyful noise unto the Lord, serving the Lord with gladness, and entering His doors with Thanksgiving and praise! There is no other place I would rather be serving the Lord than with you here at Oakley Baptist Church. May the Lord continue to bless each of you!

Pastor John

LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU met on Tuesday Oct 11th with 7 ladies present. Our next meeting will be Tuesday Nov 8th at 6:30 p.m.

We continue to support Hospice Care Partners families each month. Team 1 will be providing snacks for the month of November.

Update on the baby bottles: we collected a total of \$505.09. A special thank you to everyone who took part in this project.

November is an exciting month! The week of prayer is Nov 6th -13th. A church-wide prayer walk is scheduled for Nov 12th. The Red Boxes are due back to the church on Nov 13th. We still have 2 boxes available if anyone would like to take part in this mission project. These boxes are for the women's prison ministry. The project for the Black Mountain Children's home for November is a special offering to be taken on Nov 20th.

A Brunch to kick off our Lottie Moon offering is in the planning stages. A sign-up sheet will be available with more details.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Col 4:2

God Bless you,
Paula

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 and maintaining the Cemetery Log-Book. Training will be provided.

Those interested, Please see Robert Brown.

MUSIC CORNER

Thanksgiving is such a special time of the year! I hope you will stop and take time to just write down things you are thankful for throughout the month.

God is so good and let's take time to praise and worship Him in an attitude of gratitude. God is doing great things at Oakley Baptist, and I know you are as excited as I am. We can't wait for Sunday Worship and Wednesday evening Bible Study to come together in the Word.

Please pray for Pastor John and the entire staff through the week. The power of prayer is so vital to the ministry.

Thank you for your encouragement and support every Sunday and please know when you can't come, you are missed.

Love in Christ,
Norma

COMEDY CORNER

MRS. WATSON

During his sermon on Jesus's teaching that we should love our enemies, the pastor asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies.

Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95. "Mrs. Watson," the pastor asked, "how could you possibly live for 95 years and have no enemies?" "That's easy," the senior citizen replied, "I just outlived them!"



Harrison and Anne Gudger
Jean Gentry

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Hearty Vegetable Soup

Total Time: Prep 25 min. Cook 1 hour 20 min. Makes 16 servings (4 quarts)

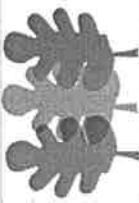

Ingredients

1 Tbs. olive oil	8 medium carrots, sliced	2 large onions, chopped
4 celery ribs, chopped	2 cups V8 juice	¼ tsp. pepper
1 garlic clove, minced	2 cups chopped cabbage	2 cups frozen cut green beans
2 cups frozen peas	1 cup frozen corn	1 15 oz. can garbanzo beans, rinsed
1 bay leaf	2 tsp. chicken bouillon granules	
1½ tsp. dried parsley flakes	1 tsp. salt	1 tsp. dried marjoram
1 tsp. dried thyme	½ tsp. dried basil	
4 cups water	1 28oz. can diced tomatoes, undrained	
1 large green pepper, seeded and chopped		

Directions

1. In a stockpot, heat oil over medium-high heat; sauté carrots onions, celery and green pepper until crisp-tender. Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in remaining ingredients; bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, until vegetables are tender, 1 to 1½ hours. Remove bay leaf.

Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; margin: 0;">NOVEMBER</h1> 2022						
<p>**The November Deacon's Meeting is scheduled for November 13th following the morning service. **</p>						
			2 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. No Evening Service	7	8 Listening Hearts 6:30 p.m.	9 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. No Evening Service	14	15	16 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Praise Team Practice 4:00 p.m.
20 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. No Evening Service	21	22	23 Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	24 THANKSGIVING  Office Closed	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. No Evening Service	28	29	30 Bible Study 7:00p.m.			