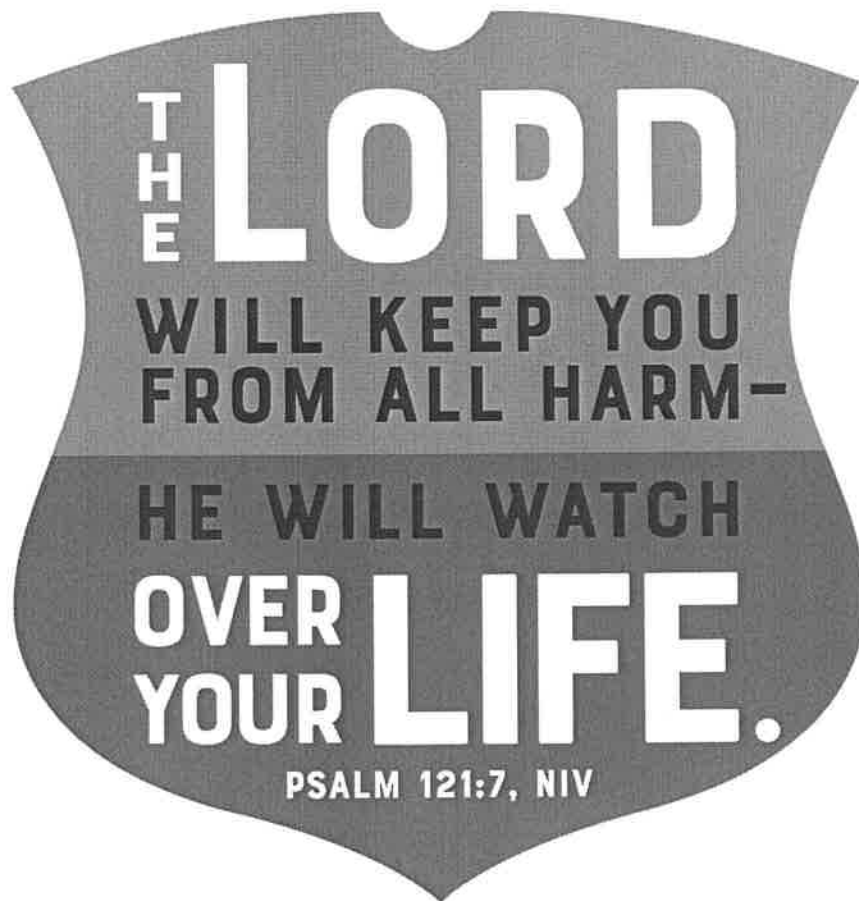


THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

April, 2024

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

As you know, Tonya, Sawyer, Lindsey, and I have been with you at Oakley Baptist Church for about a year and nine months, and I want you to know that this has been the best year and nine months we have ever had! I feel like we have always known each other, and we are thankful for our church family! We are enjoying every minute of the time God has given us together, and we are eagerly looking forward to everything the Lord has planned for us in the future. The Lord is certainly moving, and He has great plans for Oakley Baptist Church!

When I think about the services we have had, I am reminded of Acts 4:31 which says, "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness." Our services at Oakley Baptist Church have been Spirit filled services!! It is my prayer that every service we have and everything we do will be Spirit filled!

In Acts 4:31, the early church was living during a time when worshiping Jesus could get them arrested, thrown in prison, beaten down physically, or even killed. It was clearly a scary time for them but notice what they did in the face of persecution: **THEY PRAYED!!!** There is power in prayer! The key to having Spirit filled services and being led by the Spirit is to pray. Jesus died for our sins and rose triumphantly from the dead to give us the privilege of coming boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16). Therefore, we must be praying to the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit Who indwells in every believer.

When the church prays, God shows up!!! When God shows up, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can praise and worship the Lord Jesus Christ freely, and we will be bold to proclaim the Word of God in a world that is influenced by Satan! We must be a praying church! Pray the Holy Spirit will fill each service and everything we do. Pray for the leadership in the church and pray for each other as we serve the Lord Jesus Christ together.

Pastor John

LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU met on Saturday, March 9th at 2:00 p.m. We had 8 ladies present.

March was Pastor's Wife Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to have Tonya with us at OBC. We honored her on Sunday, March 24th during our morning worship service with cards, goodies, and flowers. We want Tonya to know how much she is loved and appreciated for all she does.

Friday, March 8th at 12:30 p.m. we had a senior get together. We ate soup and corn bread, and of course desserts. We played bingo and sang hymns. Everyone seemed to have a good time. There were 21 in attendance. If you have any ideas what we can do for our next senior gathering, please let us know.

We supported the Annie Armstrong Mission in March. A total will be in the next newsletter. Thank you to those who contributed to this mission.

Our mission for April is the Broyhill Children's Home Food Drive. We are collecting canned food and various other items. There will be a list of needed items in our church bulletins. Remember, as you go to the grocery store, pick up a few extra cans and bring to church.

Our next WMU meeting will be Saturday, April 13th at 2:00 p.m. I would love to see everyone there.

Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Love to all,
Sherry



The next session of Grief Share will begin March 5, 2024. Please Join our next 13-week session.

Jo Ann Young and Anne Gudger

MUSIC CORNER

HE LIVES

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading thro' all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, he lives Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

Love in Christ Jesus our Lord!
Norma

WOODLAWN CEMETERY

Woodlawn is a perpetual care cemetery. The funds are derived from the sale of grave sites. The general maintenance of the cemetery is ongoing.

Families and friends of those buried in the cemetery grounds can contribute toward these funds to ensure the cemetery is clean, well-maintained, and secure.

Please make checks payable to:
Oakley Baptist Church
for the benefit of
Woodlawn Cemetery
70 Fairview Avenue
Asheville NC 28803
or drop-off at the church

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mini Meat Loaf Sheet-Pan Meal

Ingredients

2 large eggs, lightly beaten	1/2 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon prepared mustard
1 cup tomato juice	1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef (90% lean)	1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
3/4 cup quick cooking oats	1/4 cup ketchup	3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt, divided	1/4 teaspoon pepper, divided	
1/4 cup finely chopped onion	3 tablespoons brown sugar	
3 large potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2 inch pieces	1 pound fresh asparagus, trimmed and halved	

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°. In a large bowl, combine eggs, tomato juice, oats, onion and salt. Add beef; Mix lightly but thoroughly. Shape into six 4x2-1/2in. loaves; place on a sheet pan or in a large shallow roasting pan. Combine ketchup, brown sugar, mustard and nutmeg; brush over loaves.
2. Combine potatoes with 2 tablespoons oil, 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; toss to coat. Add to pan in a single layer. Bake loaves and potatoes 25 minutes.
3. Combine asparagus with remaining 1 tablespoon oil, 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt and 1/8 teaspoon pepper; toss to coat. Add to pan. Bake until a thermometer inserted into meat loaves reads 160° and vegetables are tender, 15-20 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

****sweet potatoes, zucchini, green beans, carrots, and broccoli may be substituted for asparagus****

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The April Deacon's Meeting is scheduled for April 14th following the morning service						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			Praise Team Practice 4:00 p.m.	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.			Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			Listening Hearts 2:00 p.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.			Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.			Praise Team Practice 4:00 p.m.
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.			Bible Study 6:30 p.m.			
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