

THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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I can do
ALL THINGS
through
Christ
who strengthens me.
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THE PASTOR'S PEN

Often there is a debate among the sports world over who is the greatest athlete. As we know the Olympics just ended with a couple of those athletes being branded with that label. Athletes from the past are also mentioned in that conversation as well. Outside of sports there are also lists that people come up with about who the greatest politician or president is, greatest singer or actor, and there is even a list of the greatest humans.

The disciples had been disputing among themselves over who in their group was the greatest (Mark 9:33-34). I'm sure Peter was telling everyone he was the greatest because he was the spokesperson of the group. James and John, who Jesus branded as the sons of thunder due to their temperament (Mark 3:17), were seeking to sit on the right and left side of Jesus in heaven (Mark 10:37). The others were also chiming in as well and giving their reasons for why they were the greatest.

Jesus knew they were arguing back and forth about who the greatest was, and in Mark 9:35 He sat down and said this to them: "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." Jesus' teaching is the exact opposite of what our society teaches. Society teaches that if we want to be first, then we must "step on" every person that gets in our way. In other words, we are to make whoever gets in our way look bad to make ourselves look good.

Jesus tells us to be first, we are to put others before ourselves. Jesus tells us the way to put others before ourselves is to serve them. We are to seek to serve every person we come in contact with, which includes those that hate us. Jesus of course is the Perfect Example of service and love to others. In John 13:1-20, Jesus wrapped a towel around his waist, went to His knees, and washed the feet of all the disciples including Judas who betrayed Him. When He had finished, He said to them, "Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet (John 13:13-14)." May we all serve the Lord by serving others!

Pastor John

LISTENING HEARTS

WMU met on August 13th at Judy Proffitt's house. Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th at 6:30.

Team 1, Sharon's team, will deliver snacks to Hospice Care Partners for the month of September.

September 1st -8th, is the week to support the North Carolina Mission Offering. N.C. Baptists are sent across the state and around the world to share the hope of the gospel and bring relief to those in need. Let's be a part of Give the Gift of Relief for Today and Hope for Tomorrow.

RedBox Ministry boxes are due back to church by Sunday, November 10th.

We have several missions going on for the rest of 2024. Ladies, please join us and be a part of completing missions and doing God's will.

Be a Blessing! Continue in the grace of God. Acts 13:43

Love to all,
Sherry



The upcoming session of Grief Share began Tuesday, August 13th, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. everyone is welcome. Please Join our 13-week session.

Jo Ann Young and Anne Gudger

MUSIC CORNER

September is here and fall is in the air. Please plan to join us Sunday, September 8th @ 4:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study. If you have not been or missed a few, no problem. Each month it is a different topic. This time it will be **“God can help you thru any obstacle”**-Psalm 37 and **“Wisdom”**-Proverbs 3:13.

Also, if you are 45+ come join us in the Welcome Center on Friday, September 20th @ 6:30 p.m. for a time of Bible study, prayer, fellowship, fun, games, and food. At the kickoff in August there were 8 attending. Praise the Lord! We will begin a study of 1 Thessalonians.

Can't wait to see you.
In Christ Jesus,
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

Winning Apple Crisp

Ingredients

1 cup all-purpose flour	¾ cup rolled oats	1 cup packed brown sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon	½ cup butter, softened	4 cups chopped peeled apples
1 cup sugar	2 tablespoons cornstarch	1 cup water
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	Vanilla ice cream, optional	

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients. Cut in butter until crumbly. Press half into a greased 2 ½ quart baking dish or a 9 in. square baking pan. Cover with apples.
2. In a small sauce pan, combine the sugar, cornstarch, water and vanilla. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thick and clear. Pour over apples. Sprinkle with remaining crumb mixture.
3. Bake 60-65 minutes or until apples are tender. Serve warm, with ice cream if desired.

