

THE OAKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH MESSENGER

August, 2025

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Sunday, August 10, 2025
10:45 a.m.

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

What a great three years we have had at Oakley Baptist Church! This past July 13th marked three years since I officially began as your pastor. It has been an honor and a privilege to be your pastor, and to get to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ together. My prayer for each of us is to know Jesus Christ as closely as possible and to follow His will for our lives as we work together to glorify Him. As your pastor, I am continuously praying for you as you seek the Lord's will.

The Apostle Paul had a similar prayer for the church of Colosse in Colossians 1:9 which says, "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding." Paul started verse 9 by saying, "For this cause." For what cause? Verses 7 and 8 says, "As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit." Epaphras was "a faithful minister of Christ," who brought a report to Paul of the Colossian church's spiritual state.

Once Epaphras had told Paul about their "love in the Spirit," Paul wrote to them to tell them he hasn't stopped praying for them, and that it was his desire for the church of Colosse to know the Lord's will for their lives and to have "wisdom and spiritual understanding." What a great prayer for Paul to have for his fellow believers in Jesus Christ! As we continue serving the Lord, let's commit to pray for each other that we will know His will for our lives individually and as a body of believers, and that we will have Godly wisdom and spiritual understanding. May each of us continue to grow in the Lord!

Pastor John

LISTENING HEARTS

Our WMU met on Saturday, July 12th at Jean Gentry's house. We had wonderful fellowship with Jean. Our next WMU meeting will be Saturday, August 9th at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Please join us. We have our end of year missions to plan.

Offerings collected for Baptist on Mission (hurricane Helene) and Texas hurricane relief were delivered to the Buncombe Baptist Resource Center.

For the month of August we are collecting non-perishable and hygiene items for a local pantry in Oakley. A list of items can be found in the bulletin. They can be placed in the closet at the back of the sanctuary.

Love to all,
Sherry

CHURCH WIDE PICNIC

A church wide picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 24th at Lake Julian. Please see Paula Tomberlin to sign up.

TRIP TO THE ARK

The 45+ group is planning a trip to visit the ARK encounter in October. Please see Norma Carroll or Brenda Brown for more information.

MUSIC CORNER

Worship Leader

Please join us for "**Believing in Jesus**" Luke 9:18-27, Sunday, August 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will gather to study God's Word. As we walk this journey together, remember the things we can't do without: **Prayer**-pouring our hearts out to Him, **God's Word**-allowing the Holy Spirit to speak to us, and **Church**-hearing the message God has given our Pastor and to fellowship with other believers. We are family and need each other.

I hope you are involved in a Life Group and if not please consider doing so. The 45+ Class comes together every 3rd Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center. We have a great time in the Word, food, fun and fellowship. Throughout the month we share prayer requests, encourage each other, etc. If you are not sure when or where your group meets, ask one of us.

I look forward to seeing you every Sunday and miss you when you can't come.

Love in Christ Jesus,
Norma



A new Grief Share session will begin Tuesday, August 12th. It will take place from 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and will continue at the same time each Tuesday for 12 weeks. Make plans to join. Everyone is welcome.

Jo Ann Young and Anne Gudger

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