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The Oakhill Baptist Church Newsletter

PASTOR'S POINTS



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Dear Church Family,

One of the things I find myself doing on a regular basis in my ministry is encouraging others to trust in the Lord. So many times, people find themselves in situations that are bigger than they are. They have the tendency to look at their situations in life and try to figure it out on their own or try to power their way through it in their own strength. And I am just as susceptible to this as the ones that I encourage not to worry but trust God. We need to trust God in everything. And I mean everything! You name it, whether in our personal lives, or the corporate life of our church, we should trust God with it. Recently I read this devotional that really encouraged me on this topic of trusting the Lord. The author writes...

"Trust the Lord! It's one of those sincere, but often trite-sounding, statements we may say when we are trying to encourage or challenge someone. We may throw it around when someone has a hope deferred. *Trust the Lord.*

We say it when someone is anxious about provision. We say it to the terrified young mom as she brings her first child home from the hospital. We say it, perhaps in a slightly different way, to the wife who has just lost her beloved husband. *I'm praying for you. Lean on the Lord.*

And when we are miserable with fear — fear of the future, fear of man, fear of tragedy — we often say, *Trust the Lord.*

Those little words do indeed pack a lot of truth, but what does it really mean to trust the Lord and how might our encouragement better point us to the One we can trust? In other words, yes, we want to trust the Lord, but why can we?

Learning on the Job

We can learn a lot about why we can trust God from the story of Job. During great trouble, Job had to trust the Lord. I can only imagine the fear he experienced as one horrible event happened after another.

If you remember the story of Job, then you know that he lost everything. And by "everything," I mean everything that was of any importance to him. Job lost everything. At the end of his story, as he repents and sings great praise to God, Job proclaims, "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted" ([Job 42:2](#)).

Job suffered greatly, and, I imagine, he was very confused. His friends didn't do a good job of comforting him; Job even called them "miserable comforters" ([Job 16:2](#)). But Job turned to God and was convinced of the wisdom of God, even in the midst of great pain and confusion.

Sovereign, Wise, and Loving

We get a glimpse of Job's view of God when he says, "His wisdom is profound, his power is vast. Who has resisted him and come out unscathed?" ([Job 9:4 NIV](#)), and, "With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding" ([Job 12:13](#)). Job isn't thinking about how he feels at the moment or even his current circumstances, though there is no problem with considering those things. Instead, Job realizes that in order to minister to his own heart he must remember the character of God — who God is, and why he can be trusted. Job doesn't ignore his pain — but he does remember his King.

And what did God do? He restored Job and his fortunes. He gave him twice as much livestock as he had previously possessed and gave him more children: seven sons and three daughters. Job was restored to his family and friends. The Lord worked in unexpected ways."

God doesn't do anything in his sovereign will that isn't both wise and loving. If God is for you, who can be against you? We don't trust God simply because someone tells us to. We trust God because he is God. He is holy and awesome and righteous in every way. We can trust God because we don't serve a God who is only sovereign and wise. He is *also* infinitely loving.

I hope the portion of this devotional that I was able to share will encourage you in all situations to trust in our great God knowing that He is perfect in every way.

I love you and I love being your pastor!

Pastor A

THE STATS

	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
8:00 AM Worship	88	87	88	88
9:30 AM Worship	223	190	199	217
11:00 AM Worship	250	257	265	283
Total Worship	561	534	552	588
Oakhill Budget Offering	\$20,308.03	\$15,936.21	\$13,823.08	\$18,040.02
Mission Club	\$175.00	\$170.00	\$90.00	\$70.00

Exciting
Events
Are Coming
Soon!

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women's ministry

WOMEN ON MISSION

Problem: Global Hunger Solution: Us

We've seen them – photos and video clips that allow us to glimpse images representing the world's hungry. Gaunt faces, hopeless eyes, distended abdomens, desperate families, and dire conditions wrench our hearts. We feel the urge to collect and give food and funds for the hungry. How can we become a part of the solution to the problem of global hunger?

WMU encourages men, women, and children to join together to help the hungry by giving sacrificially to the Global Hunger Relief Fund. WMU works cooperatively with partners to provide facts and helpful resources, encourage volunteers, gather donations, distribute funds and necessities, and tell stories of helping the hungry. Learn more about Global Hunger Relief by visiting GlobalHungerRelief.com.

What can we do to address the families, children, and babies suffering from hunger, good insecurity malnutrition, and starvation? First John 3:17-18 states, "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

Global Hunger Facts

- In the United States, one in six people faces hunger issues. Good banks serve one in seven people.
- Close to 48.1 million people in the US live in food-insecure households.
- On a global scale, around 795 million people are undernourished.
- Throughout the developing world, 66 million primary school-age children go to school hungry.
- More than 3 million children under five die each year because of poor nutrition.
- One hundred percent of gifts to the Global Hunger Relief Fund helps alleviate hunger needs.
- Administrative and promotional costs are never supported by gifts to Global Hunger Relief. Partnerships with multiple organizations result in those costs being covered by other funds.

Return Hunger banks Sunday, August 4th.

Women on Mission will meet Monday, August 5th at 6:00 pm at the church. All our ladies are invited to be with us.



August Birthdays

1st—Carrie Dunn, Brian Zinn	16th—Stephen Williams
2nd—Jacob Townsend	17th—Daniel Cohoon, Jeff Hostetler, Nolan Potts
3rd—Denny Austin, Jon Coutts, Jack Yerkey	18th—Koy Hettenbach, Brennen Holland, Debi Kendle, Joe Kennada, Leonid Marsan
4th—Janet Brown, David Holland, Florence Treberg, Richard West	19th—Kaycee Holland
5th—Melanie Futrell	20th—Barb Burns, Annabelle Luttrell
6th—Isaac Baumholser, Ty Bishop, Jennifer Goebel, Preston McDonald, Dillen Sailer	21st—Jared Aman, August Gates
8th—Ben Hoffman	22nd—Angela Brown, Katie Lyle
9th—Lori Coutts, Emmett Driscoll, Lisa McElroy, Clara Russell	23rd—Sherry Braye, Sondra Schloss
10th—Jaelynn Casada, Janice Davison, Michele Dockery	24th—Percy Aliotta, Jasper Aliotta, Zachary Mehne, John Schultz
11th—Charlee Koberstein, Josh Owen	25th—Tish Gripenstroh
12th—Mildred Cage, Timothy Crow, Bob Fulkerson	26th—McKenna Olsen
13th—Donna Hagan	27th—Mat Ingram, Richie Johnson
14th—Becky Cosby, Caiden Moore, Keaton Nix, Ronald Wiandt	28th—Megan Reed, Shannon Wild, Arletta Zarazee
15th—Drew Render	29th—Kevin Knuckles, Megan Laurence
	30th—Alice Hutchcraft, Matt Virgin
	31st—Cooper Laur, Blake Roberts

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"Don't worry, be happy," was the mantra of the 80's. I used to love that song by Bobby McFerrin, so light and happy, but it's easier sung than done. Leaving worry behind is a difficult task, even for Christians. Sometimes our worries are founded, but many times they are not. We worry about things that we can't or shouldn't control. We let it consume us until we are physically, emotionally, and spiritually stalled. Dale Carnegie said, "Our fatigue is often caused not by work, but by worry, frustration, and resentment." I believe this applies to our spiritual fatigue as well. Why do we feel so dry and faithless? It's often because we let worry consume our life.

I'm pretty sure we all agree that worry is bad. When we realize this, many times we take off on a journey of freedom from worry on our own. We think, "If I just try harder" or "If I just refocus my thoughts". The truth is you can't do it on your own, because worry is not just a productivity problem. It is a faith problem. Worry is an act of faithlessness. Worry says to God that I am not willing to trust God, instead I am going to mull this thought over and over again. Deep down we know we can't change anything, but the act of worry is an attempt to control an uncontrollable situation.

The reality is that worry is not a biblical idea. We are challenged to be free of worry many times in scripture. The greatest refutation of worry is by Jesus in the sermon on the mount. Maybe you have heard this before, but try to look at it with fresh eyes. Open your Bible and read Matthew 6:25-34.

One of the major worries of those in Jesus' time was simple day-to-day necessities like food and clothing. Jesus tells them to not worry about these things. In fact God knows they need them and He will help them. He points to how God cares for the flora and fauna of the world and if God takes such good care of them how much more will He care for us, His most precious creation. Jesus is saying to trust God and have faith that God will provide. While we may not worry about food or clothing, the same idea is true. We need to trust God in all things. Jesus says that worry will not add one hour to our life span, so why worry. Basically worry won't change anything, so why do it. Instead, trust the Lord, who is in control of all things.

He also says, at the end of this passage, to seek God's kingdom first. Jesus is telling us that worry is the equivalent of seeking our own kingdom; however, when we put God's kingdom first we are exhibiting true faith. This means that the next time you are tempted to worry you need to turn to the Lord. The apostles help us with some really practical advice. Paul says in Philippians 4:6-7, that instead of worrying we should pray. We need to change our habit of worry. When we feel ourselves begin to worry, start to pray. The Bible promises that when we give those things over to God He will fill us with a great peace. While we can change very little by worrying we can go to the God of all things and ask Him to help us. What an amazing truth!

Peter also tells us in 1 Peter 5:7 to cast our cares on the Lord because He cares for us. This echoes what Jesus said in the sermon on the mount. God loves and cares about every detail of your life. So don't worry, instead look to Him, cast your burdens on Jesus. He can take it!

What fills your life with worry? For me it's mistakes of the past, present things that are out of my control, and future things that haven't even happened yet. I can control none of these things and worry only compounds my problems. Recently, I have challenged myself to let these things go and turn them over to the Lord. By His grace, He is helping me to do that. I am much more at peace and can focus on what God wants me to do. This can happen for you as well, instead of being worry ridden, be faith filled by trusting the Lord and giving Him all your worries.

STUDENT MINISTRY



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Dear Church Family,

The Summer is already drawing to an end, and as I look back, I can't believe how much time I've been able to spend with our students. We've been on mission, gone to camp and went white water rafting, went exploring in the City Museum in St. Louis, gone canoeing, had pool parties, and will have finished our Middle School Mission Week by the time you read this. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the time spent and ministry done with our students this Summer! The Fall semester is well primed with what the Lord has been doing in the lives of our students.

One thing that I have enjoyed the most this year is that for several of our events, we have had parents involved and investing in the lives of our students. From retreat earlier this year to camp, canoeing, and pool parties this summer, parents tend to make student events much more beneficial. There's just something about having a parent or two (or several) to bring their perspectives to the lives of the students. The biggest way parental involvement helps students is that it allows the students to see parents as normal people too. Parents were teenagers once. They grew up, made mistakes, and had to learn from them. But many students rarely see that. During student events, parents become more than just a mom or dad, though. They become an Adult Leader! As an Adult Leader, the students get to see these parents in a

different light. Now they are just normal people living out the same gospel and journey of life as the kids. The students start to identify with the older generation as parents serve the students and open up about their walk with Christ. This is something we should celebrate and seek to duplicate. Here's why:

The number one reason why students leave the church when they graduate is because they lack relationships with adults in the church. I don't have to cite this information, because it is in every student ministry book, survey, and website out there. If this is true, then we need parents to be invested in the lives of the students of our church. This does not mean just investing in their own students... If every parent intentionally and prayerfully invested the gospel in the lives of their children, then that would be spectacular! But even more is called upon us. We are also called to intentionally and prayerfully invest the gospel into the lives of our children's friends and acquaintances. That simply means that we are supposed to care about the salvation and growth of the other students in our church as well as our own. We all agree with this, but practically this means giving time and resources to serve and build relationships with students and include them into our lives. This looks like helping out in the Children's Ministry and Student Ministry, serving and investing weekly. It can easily look like helping out with a Student Event! It needs to look like letting your kids invite their unsaved friends over for dinner and then to church on a Wednesday night. For a start, it might simply look like saying hello to some students on a Sunday morning and getting to know their names. Whatever it may look like in your context, the question is, are you intentionally and prayerfully investing the gospel in the younger generation? If the answer is no, but you want that to change, come talk to me about Student Ministry or Pastor Bryan Gotcher about Children's Ministry... we can help you get started!

Sincerely,

Brian Van Doren

WORSHIP



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Church Family,

This month, I want to leave you with an article written by a man named David Santistevan, who serves as the Worship Pastor at Allison Park Church in Pittsburgh. In his article, he writes about the importance of corporate worship, and why we all need the Church. I would invite you to read this article, and to consider the role of corporate worship in your own life. We all need the Church! Here is his article:

"More than a few times I've heard from people who don't care to attend church because they can have their "time with Jesus" at home. There's nothing wrong with "Jesus time" at home. But if it's a replacement for the gathered singing of the people of God, it is a problem. And I don't think Jesus would be happy with your decision.

But let's be honest. Sometimes connecting with God is a challenge in church. Sure, it's amazing when you're in a room full of passionate people pursuing an all-glorious Savior. But there's something beautiful and necessary about the mess of your church on Sunday. It's awkward. It's inconvenient. And it's beautiful.

Of course, it doesn't look like a Casting Crowns tour. Your band isn't that good. Your production isn't that good. Your budget isn't that big. But do you know what makes the CHURCH impressive? It's not necessarily the creativity and production. It's the fact that

we are the BRIDE of Jesus – the inheritance of an all glorious, Savior. We are misfits from many walks of life gathered under ONE NAME. We are sinners who've screwed up our lives, gathered under ONE CROSS where there is mercy. We are orphans embraced under ONE FATHER, now called sons and daughters.

We are the large, we are the small. We are the rich, we are the poor. We are the smart, we are the uneducated. We are the talented, we are the glossed over. We are the brilliant, we are the broken. We are the church.

And we need your voice in the corporate gathering. And you need that beautiful distraction in your life. It's a fairy tale to only listen to Bethel records in the comfort of your home. Whether you like the songs or enjoy your band or not, you need Church. And the Church needs you."

If you would like to read more from this author, visit www.beyondsundayworship.com. See you Sunday!

In Christ,
Jared

Spiritual Development



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Dear Church Family,

As I'm writing this article I'm sitting in O'Hare International Airport in Chicago waiting at the gate for our flight to Tokyo. We're both so excited for this amazing opportunity to go and participate in the work that God is already doing in Japan through the efforts of faithful pastors, church leaders, and missionaries.

One thing that has been weighing on me as I have been preparing for this trip is that no matter how much time we spend preparing for something that God is calling us to do, we will never eliminate the need for faithful trust in Him. It is true that whatever God calls you to do He will provide what is necessary in order to complete it to His satisfaction. But even in knowing that I still feel so inadequate for this trip. I've spent countless hours researching Japanese culture by reading books, blogs, and articles. I've watched many videos of people talking about life in Japan. I've talked with people who have lived in Tokyo. I've even examined how to effectively share the gospel in the cultural context of Japan. But all of these things haven't been enough to take away the fear and anxiety that are present within me. That's because God does not ultimately want us to be knowledgeable above everything else. He wants people full of faith in Him. So please pray for me that I would be trusting in the power, the grace, and the love of God as I attempt to winsomely share the Good News with those who we are going to meet.

God is calling for all of us to trust Him in this way. And not just in the explicitly spiritual parts of our lives, like going on mission trips. No, He wants us to trust Him in all areas of our lives. Whether we find ourselves getting up on Monday to the same routine as the last week, or if we find ourselves sitting at an airport gate getting ready to embark on a new adventure, God's power is sufficient to meet our needs each day, His grace is sufficient to see us through challenges and difficulties, and his love for His children will never fade. God is so good to you and to me.

Another sweet blessing that the Lord has graced me with on this trip is the presence of my wife, Melissa. In many ways, I look to her as an example for my faith, namely for her passion for sharing the gospel with others, her desire for personal holiness, and her tender heart for those who are in need. God surely equips every believer individually with the gospel and the ability to make disciples, but its so much better to do it with someone else by your side. We need our brothers and sisters in Christ. They encourage us when we are tempted to despair, they help bear the burdens of ministry and everyday life, and they compensate their strength for our weaknesses. I'm happy that I have the opportunity to share this trip with Melissa, not only because she's my best friend, but also because I know that God will use her to help the mission of our trip be successful.

I could keep going, but it's about time to go. By the time you read this we may be back. But please know that without your prayer and support up until this point, we would not have been able to be here sitting with the assurance that our church family loves us. We are so happy that you value sending people to share the gospel with others who otherwise might not have an opportunity to hear it. We hope to honor the Lord in our efforts and bring back news of how the Lord is working on the other side of the world.

We love you and thank God for you,

Nick and Melissa Scott



Discover Oakhill

Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 pm

A class for new members and those interested in membership.

Dinner and childcare provided.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk or by emailing Shirlene Kilgore

at skilgore@oakhillbc.org

Registration - Wednesday, August 28th

In the Main Lobby Anytime

Between 6:00 - 7:30 pm

The Awana Clubs logo, featuring the word "Awana" in a large, bold, yellow font with a black outline, and "Clubs" in a smaller, bold, yellow font with a black outline below it. The logo is set against a background of colorful paint splatters in shades of orange, red, blue, and green.

Kick-off - Wednesday, September 4th at 6:00 pm

Kids 2 yrs before Kindergarten thru 5th Grade

August 2019 Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 6:00 pm Hispanic Worship		Wednesday Schedule 12:00 pm Prayer & Bible Study Luncheon		1 MS Mission Week	2 MS Mission Week	3
4 Regular Sunday Schedule Summer Discipleship Classes 6:00 pm	5 Student Ministry to Holiday World Women on Mission Meeting 6:00 pm Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	6	7 Regular Wednesday Schedule Deacons' Meeting 6:00 pm Elite Air Back to School Bash 6:00 pm	8	9	10 Food Pantry 9:00 am State Hospital Ministry 9:45 am
11 Regular Sunday Schedule Summer Discipleship Classes 6:00 pm	12 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	13	14 Regular Wednesday Schedule Discover Oakhill AWANA Volunteer Mtg 6:00 pm	15	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00 am
18 Regular Sunday Schedule Summer Discipleship Classes 6:00 pm	19 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	20	21 Regular Wednesday Schedule M3 Meeting 6:00 pm	22	23	24
25 Regular Sunday Schedule	26 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	27	28 Regular Wednesday Schedule AWANA Registration New Student Orientation 6:00 - 7:30pm	29	30	31

Serving Others at Oakhill

August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Deacon of the Week Alan Simpson (812) 447-7204 Chris Fischer (812) 630-9443	Deacon of the Week Chad Mehne (812) 774-6212 Robert Jackson (812) 491-6803	Deacon of the Week Brad Lamar (812) 480-9663	Deacon of the Week Matt Schloss (812) 483-1778
Chair Set-Up Team Kessler Life Group	Chair Set-Up Team Mosiatic/Schloss/A. Scott Life Groups	Chair Set-Up Team BASIC Life Group	Chair Set-Up Team Gotcher/Calverley Life Groups
8:00 am Service			
Nursery	Nursery Doris Rutledge, Maci Rutledge	Nursery Alice Mosley, Jane Jett	Nursery Larry & Bonnie Beckham
Greeters Bob & Angela Pressley	Greeters Randy & Penny Wilhite	Greeters Bob Williams, Margie Pontious	Greeters David Harmes, Sharon Harmes
Welcome Center April Helm	Welcome Center Amanda Washburn	Welcome Center Dawn Ommart	Welcome Center Mary Gamblin
9:30 am Service			
Nursery Steve & Deanna Comer	Nursery Matt & Morgan Virgin	Nursery Chris & Amanda Washburn	Nursery Heather Ntewo, Lauren Phelps
Greeters Sandy Dierlam, April Helm, Tom Stofleth	Greeters Ryan & Wynter Deckman, Jon & Heidi Hart	Greeters Brett & Tammy Creamer, Jeff & Janice Hostetler	Greeters April Helm, Tom & Fong Stofleth
Welcome Center Deann Moss	Welcome Center John & Pam Schultz	Welcome Center Robert Jackson	Welcome Center Sondra Schloss
11:00 am Service			
Nursery Amy Olsen, Cheri Koberstein	Nursery Jennifer Mummert, Valerie Luttrell	Nursery Kathy Masterson, Toni Stokes	Nursery Jon & Heidi Hart
Toddlers & 3yrs Gayle Reed, Sara Painter, Vicki Butler, Reagan Butler	Toddlers & 3yrs Lucy Thornton, Melissa Owen, Bryan & Sara Calverley	Toddlers & 3yrs Blake & Kelsie Palmer, John & Michelle Luttrell	Toddlers & 3yrs Ryan & Wynter Deckman
Greeters Jim & Barb Burns	Greeters Keith & Teresa Thomas	Greeters Ralph Rode, Shirley Williams	Greeters Sara Calverley, Sandy Jackson
Welcome Center Kathleen Qualkenbush	Welcome Center Becky Cosby	Welcome Center April Helm	Welcome Center Jacob & Gina Townsend
Van Driver Ron Wiandt	Van Driver Wandel Hagan	Van Driver Brad Lamar	Van Driver Steve Comer