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The Oakhill Baptist Church Newsletter

# PASTOR'S POINTS



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Dear Church Family,

We are entering a very exciting season in the life of our church. Exciting things are getting ready to take place. We are getting ready to take action to keep pace with the movement of God. But as we prepare ourselves for this we are first going to have to wait. I do not know about you but waiting is not one of my strong suits.

Rick Ezell shares this about waiting...

"No one likes to wait. But we wait in traffic, in carpool lines, in holding patterns, in grocery stores, for the doctor, for a spouse, for a baby, for retirement, for sermons to get over, or for Jesus to return.

Waiting is not just something we have to do while we get what we want. Waiting is the process of becoming what God wants us to be. What God does in us while we wait is as important as what it is, we are waiting for. Waiting, biblical waiting, is not a passive waiting around for something to happen that will allow us to escape our troubles. Waiting does not mean doing nothing. It is not fatalistic resignation. It is not a way to evade unpleasant reality.

Those who wait are those who work, because they know their work is not in vain. The farmer can wait all summer for his harvest because he has done his work of sowing the seed and watering the plants. Those who wait on God can go about their assigned tasks, confident that God will provide the meaning and conclusions to their lives and the harvest to their toil. Waiting is the confident, disciplined, expectant, active, and sometimes painful clinging to God. It knows that we will reap a reward."

As a church we are waiting to close on our property and gain possession of it. We are waiting on God as we prepare to enter into the time of raising funds for God's plan, we are waiting for the building plans to be drawn, and now we are even waiting upon the Lord to show us the next worship pastor He has for us. But while we are waiting, we can be assured that God is moving. He is going to work all these things out for our good and His glory! I know this because He has been faithful to do it many times in the past. And He is going to do it again!!

So, as we wait there is one main thing we can do. PRAY!! Let's pray like never before and ask God to do things that only He can do! Let's ask Him to do things that will only bring Him glory! And let's ask Him to do things that will require us to put our full trust in Him as we go forward together as a church family!! Let scripture encourage you during this season of waiting.

## Psalm 27:13-14

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

## Lamentations 3:25

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

## Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

I love you and I love being your pastor!

*Pastor Alan*

## THE STATS

	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
8:00 AM Worship	101	86	81	105
9:30 AM Worship	241	242	223	221
11:00 AM Worship	287	288	296	258
<b>Worship Total</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>584</b>
Hispanic Worship	26	29	25	33
<b>Total Worship</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>617</b>
Oakhill Budget Offering	\$20,209.76	\$20,018.82	\$14,552.58	\$16,890.43
Mission Club	\$60	\$110	\$75	\$200



## Valentine's Banquet

Sunday, February 9th  
at 6:00 pm

We are happy to announce  
that Comedian John Felts  
will be back!  
\$40.00 per couple.  
Dinner, Entertainment  
and Childcare included.

Purchase tickets at the Welcome Desk.



## Discover Oakhill

Wednesday, February 26th 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](mailto:skilgore@oakhillbc.org)

WOMEN ON MISSION

Thank you for your generous support of Missions.  
Here are the Oakhill Mission Receipts for 2019

	Mission Club	Special Offerings	Total
North American Missions (Annie Armstrong)	\$2,283.01	\$5,756.49	\$8,039.50
International Missions (Lottie Moon)	\$6,010.37	\$7,609.38	\$13,619.75
State Missions (C E Wiley)	\$1,164.80		\$1,164.80
Life Change Central (Oakhill Projects)	\$1,164.80		\$1,164.80
Highland Lakes Camp	\$1,025.02		\$1,025.02
International Seafarers Center		\$500.00	\$500.00
	Combined Mission Giving		\$25,513.87

In addition, \$63,726.61 was given through the Cooperative Program to the Southern Baptist Convention, the majority of which goes to the support of missions, as well as our seminaries and other entities.

Women on Mission will not meet in February.



February Birthdays

1st - Mark Schmitz  
2nd - Pam Bates, Olivia Hudson, Trae Ommart  
4th - Robert Jackson, Mitchell Johnson  
5th - Gladys Mason  
6th - Angela Pressley, Kathleen Qualkenbush  
7th - Jennifer Cronch, Teresa Thomas, Thomas Young  
9th - Kenia Mulet Perez, Brooklin Shoulders  
10th - Brian Wild  
11th - Michelle Luttrell, Sadie Thornton, Wayne Treberg, Angela Wilson  
12th - Trachelle Dennis, Abby Fegan, Marcia Ferguson, Aaron Freeman, Isaac Holland, Elijah Tempel  
13th - Gloria Lee, Nell McMillin  
14th - Rocco Cayzedo, Angie Hall, Kenzie Holland, Raina Kessner, Roger Nix, Marcia Vandiver  
15th - Beth Ruston

16th - Pam Haskins  
17th - Autumn Clark, Taylor George, Gina Young  
18th - Fran Dockery, Kathy Flowers  
19th - Connie Beavers, Brandon Broshears, Tommy Cohoon, Donovan Eastham, Rebecca Fox, Troy Greenwell, Jennifer Mummert, Heather Reed, Maci Rutledge  
20th - Doug Russell  
21st - Karl Fark, Ubi Ntewo, Heather Russell  
22nd - Katherine Painter, Gracie Swenson  
23rd - Azalea Ice, Zayden Nalley, Ron Stricklen, Heather Weatherford  
24th - Levi Colacecchi  
25th - Sherry Minor, Theresa Rabold, Brayden Ruston, Kayla Van Doren  
26th - Jane Jett, Ethan Schmitt  
27th - Carson Boulware, Sandy Falls, Emily Phebus, Peggy Pressley  
28th - Alice Deluca, Chad Mehne,  
29th - Barbara Robbins

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Combat False Teaching by Studying of God’s Word

Recently, we have been diving into 1 & 2 Timothy during our Wednesday Lunch Bible Studies. This has been a great reminder to me of the importance of these two books. They are written to Timothy, a young pastor and prodigy of Paul. Paul fearing that his life may end soon wants to impart knowledge that Timothy will need to carry on the legacy. One of the themes that is found in both of these books deals with adhering to and defending God’s Word.

I think Paul understands that people like to change things. A foundational characteristic of people is our desire to upgrade, update, or improve virtually anything. Buildings, technology, clothing, even ourselves are all things we like to improve. There are many things we should improve, but the truth of God’s Word is not one of them.

There is a temptation, or pressure, to come up with something new in the world of Christian religion. The old stuff is boring, people have heard the stories, they know the instruction, they need something new, bigger, flashier. This is the kind of thinking that many false teachers start with. I am sure that many are genuinely nice people that want to connect with people and create a following of their own. They just find a way to "tweak" or "update" the truth of God. Some teachers might just simply take scripture and contextualize it to the here and now. Seems harmless right? The problem is that culture is always changing, it can’t make up its mind what it believes half the time. However, we do know it is always skewing away from God’s truth. So, if we begin to interpret God’s Word by what is happening now, instead of how the author meant it we end up with false teaching.

This can happen very simply by well-meaning Christians not taking the time to study God’s Word. When we don’t take time to study we can be tricked by false teachers. It is not hard to trick people, that haven’t been in the Bible, to believe a false interpretation. That is why I am glad we challenge people by going through books of the Bible in our sermons and dive deeper into them in our Life Groups. We have trained people on how to read and handle the Word. We’re trying to do what Paul told Timothy in 2 Timothy 1:13-14:

*“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.”*

Christians need to know the Word and develop a theological background so when a false teacher crops up, they will be able to recognize it. Our church holds to the Baptist Faith & Message as a basic theological belief. This is a good starting point. Check it out on our website at [oakhillbc.org/about-us/what-we-believe/](http://oakhillbc.org/about-us/what-we-believe/) and read the scripture listed with the statement and see how the entirety of God’s Word informs our belief system.

When you think you might be listening to a false teacher, compare them to 1 Timothy 6:2-10. Paul has a great profile of how a false teacher operates. God has also provided the Holy Spirit to help us. Make sure to ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern the good teachers from the false ones. One simple way is; if all they do is make you feel good or give you warm fuzzies you might want to check them out closer. A true Bible teacher will challenge and encourage you.

We do need other resources when we study the Bible. We just need to be discerning on who we learn from. Find good resources like [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org) or [ligonier.org](http://ligonier.org). There are many others out there but that is a great starting point.

God wants us to be people of the Book! He wants us to study and know it, not just have a surface knowledge, but He wants us to wrestle with the truths found in His Word so He can shape us into Christlike believers. I pray you take time to really study God’s Word this week!

# STUDENT MINISTRY



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Dear Church Family,

What's so great about the Bible? That is a question that many people are asking today. Unfortunately our culture no longer has the same reverence for the Holy Book that it once did. There are many reasons for this, the primary ones being the popularity of skepticism and belief in subjective realities. In one sense these things can be very bad and lead people into hopelessness guided solely by their sinful hearts. But in a positive light, they can be tools to get people to think about why they believe what they believe and then point them to the hope that is found in the one objective truth that is God's Word.

People are skeptical about things that they are told to be skeptical of. In our world, which is dominated by a naturalistic worldview, people are told that the supernatural doesn't exist, so believing a book that claims to be supernatural is foolish. Therefore you must critique it with a naturalistic worldview and try to explain away any spiritual or supernatural aspects within it. That is how people approach the Bible today. Christians obviously know better than that. We are open minded to the reality of the supernatural. When we see it and understand it properly, we accept it, rather than try to explain it away because we don't want to believe. That is what a true scientific mind would do... pursue truth, no matter where it leads... even if it leads to

belief in a Triune, all-powerful Creator.

I believe that the Bible leads us to the truth. But why make such a big fuss about the Bible and not some other book? What's so special about this book? Well, one of the biggest reasons is that the Bible actually answers our questions. Instead of ignoring us or giving us unsatisfactory answers, the Bible tells us the hard truth. Question: Where did we come from? Answer: God made us in His image to glorify and enjoy Him forever. Question: What's wrong with the world? Answer: We rebelliously sinned and fell short of His glory and deserve His righteous wrath. Question: How do we fix this? Answer: We can't fix this, but God can, and He did when Jesus the Son came and died for our sins taking on Himself the wrath we deserve. Question: Where do we go from here? Answer: After we turn from our sin and turn to Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and given the Holy Spirit, and our desire is now to live for Jesus and proclaim the good news to all. We eagerly await His return and renewal of all of creation.

No other worldview, religion, or book makes sense of our world like the Bible does. And, historically speaking, no other book is as reliable as the Bible is. No other book has stood the test of time like the Bible has. No other book explains good and evil like the Bible does. And no other book reveals our Creator to us like the Bible does. That is why this spring the Student Ministry will be asking the question, "What's So Great About the Bible?" And we're going to answer that question by digging in and seeing for ourselves how truly amazing this book and its Author really are.

Please be praying that through this study, students' questions would be answered, their faith grown, and that some would come to saving faith.

Sincerely,  
Brian Van Doren

# WORSHIP



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Church Family,

This month I write this newsletter with a heavy heart. I wanted to take moment to share with you how God has been working in the life of me and my family. God is always moving, and He also moves in ways we don't expect, or in ways that we aren't ready for. But as we always say, as God moves, we move.

Over the last four years, it has been an absolutely joy and honor to serve as your worship pastor. We have seen God move in ways we never could have imagined. We have made relationships that we pray will last forever, and we have made memories that we will cherish for a life time. It is with a heavy heart that we want to let you know that God has called our family into a new season of life and ministry. God has called us to Alabama where I will serve as the Worship Pastor at Bethel Baptist Church. The Lord has been moving in our hearts for the past several months to lead to this decision, and we do not take this calling lightly. As we move on, we will carry the love that you have shown to our family each and every Sunday.

Being a part of this church family will always be one of the greatest blessings of our lives. We are so excited about the future for Oakhill, and we cannot wait to see where

God takes you all in this new season. God is moving strongly at Oakhill and it's hard for to us to know that we won't be present for the great things God has in the coming days and years at Oakhill. We can't wait to hear the stories of how God works in each and every life of this church and this community. I love you and I have loved being your worship pastor. My prayer is that we would worship God with our lives, no matter the circumstances. He is good and He is faithful, and we are believing in God for great days ahead.

I want to encourage you to never stop worshipping, and never stop singing. Make it a priority with your family. Go to church on Sunday, but keep worshipping on Monday. Worship isn't an experience, but it's lifestyle. Worship is like breathing, it's something we were constantly created to do. Don't stop. Keep going. And whatever we do, let's do it all for the glory of God.

In Christ,  
Jared

# Spiritual Development

## 7 Traits of Godly Repentance and Worldly Sorrow



Nick Scott

Pastor of Spiritual  
Development

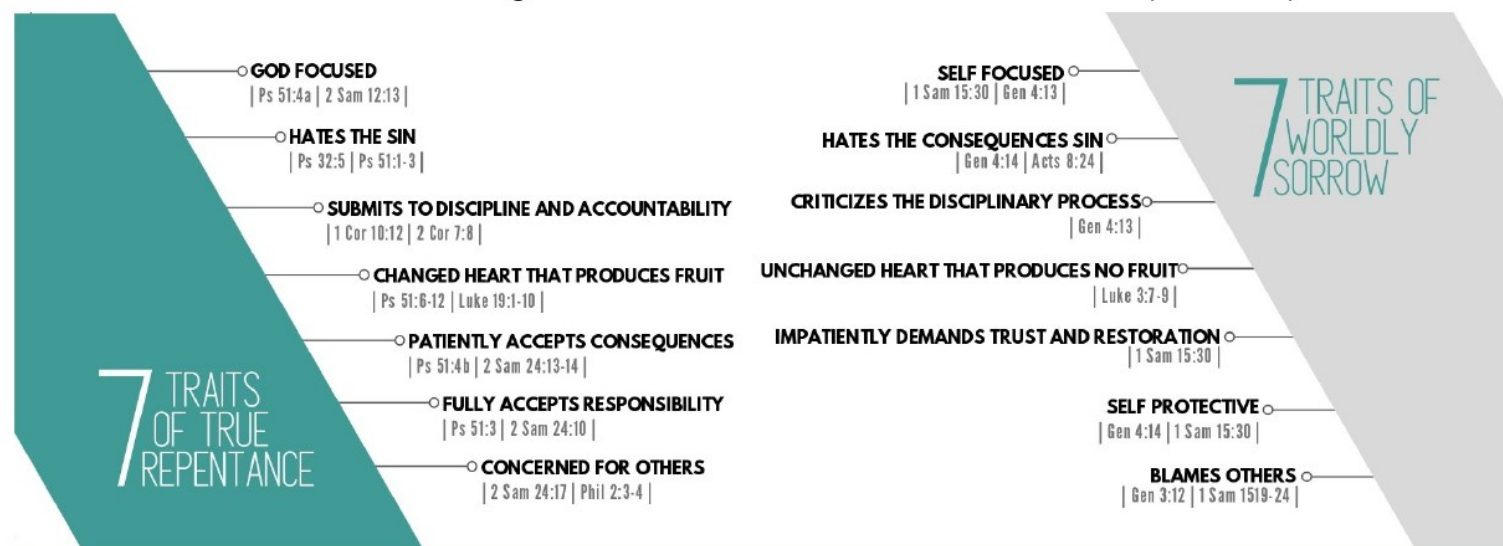
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*For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. (2 Corinthians 7:8-10)*

One category in Scripture that is crucial to understand is the distinction between true repentance and worldly sorrow. These distinctions are mentioned in 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 and speak to the motivations of why we experience grief or sorrow relating to our sin. Paul warns against a kind of grief that originates from worldly motivations of the heart and commends true repentance stemming from godly desires.

It is important to diagnose which type of sorrow is being produced by our hearts because while one “leads to salvation without regret”, the other “produces death”. What follows is a helpful chart produced by Dr. Jim Newheiser that can help us diagnose what type of sorrow is being produced by our hearts. Ask yourself, “When I am confronted with my sin, which traits listed on these charts characterize my sorrow?” Do you focus on yourself and what consequences might

come to you if your sin were to be completely exposed? Or are you focused on God and how much you hate your sin. Does your sorrow lead to the fruit of repentance? Or do you run back unhindered to the same sin over and over again? The answers to the questions are a matter of life and death. We should all take them seriously and seek to be people who run to God and throw ourselves on His grace. He is a Good Father who will receive back any of His wayward children.



### Recommended Resource— *Unstuck* by Tim Lane

Is there an area in your life that you want to change, but you don't know how? Is there a behavior that you've tried to stop, but you just can't seem to do it? Is there a negative thought pattern that you have attempted to move on from, but nothing you try ever works? In other words, do you want to change, but feel stuck?

Tim Lane takes you on a nine step journey towards lasting change, empowering you to break free from unwanted habits and behaviors that don't seem to go away. These steps are much more than strategies: they are truths that are rooted in Scripture. This practical and biblical guidance recognizes that the path to lasting change can only be found by growing in grace as we look to Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit. Whatever your struggle, this warm and encouraging book will help you to get unstuck as you look to Christ in the day-to-day pressures of life.



# Courage

*A Night for Women,  
Worship, & the Word*

*Friday, March 13th at 6:30 pm*

*Thrive Women's Ministry invites  
you to come and enjoy a night  
worshipping with other women  
and considering women of  
courage from the Bible.*

*We will meet in the Student Room  
and snacks will be provided.*

*Sign-up at the Welcome Desk for this  
FREE event and bring a friend!*

# February 2020 Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:00 am Traditional Worship 9:30 am Contemporary Worship 11:00 am Contemporary Worship 5:00 pm Student Gathering 6:00 pm Hispanic Worship		<u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 12:00 pm Prayer & Bible Study Luncheon 6:00 pm AWANA and Student Life Group				1 Upward Games 8 am - 5 pm
2 <a href="#">Regular Sunday Schedule</a>  Student Super Bowl Party 5:00 - 9:00 pm	3 State Hospital Ministry 9:00 am  Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	4 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	5 <a href="#">Regular Wednesday Schedule</a>  Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm	6 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	7 Upward Games 5:00 - 10:00 pm	8 Upward Games 8 am - 5 pm  Food Pantry 9:00 am
9 <a href="#">Regular Sunday Schedule</a>  Valentine's Banquet 6:00 pm	10 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	11 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	12 <a href="#">Regular Wednesday Schedule</a>	13 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	14 Upward Games 5:00 - 10:00 pm	15 Upward Games 8 am - 5 pm  Food Pantry 9:00 am
16 <a href="#">Regular Sunday Schedule</a>	17 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	18 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	19 <a href="#">Regular Wednesday Schedule</a>  M3 Meeting 6:00 pm	20 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	21 Upward Games 5:00 - 10:00 pm	22 Upward Games 8 am - 5 pm
23 <a href="#">Regular Sunday Schedule</a>	24 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	25 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	26 <a href="#">Regular Wednesday Schedule</a>  Discover Oakhill 6:00 pm	27 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	28 Upward Games 5:00 - 10:00 pm	29 Upward Games 5:00 - 10:00 pm

# Serving Others at Oakhill

February 2	February 9	February 16	February 23
<u>Deacon of the Week</u> Chad Mehne (812) 774-6212 Robert Jackson (812) 491-6803	<u>Deacon of the Week</u> Brad Lamar (812) 480-9663	<u>Deacon of the Week</u> Matt Schloss (812) 483-1778	<u>Deacon of the Week</u> Steve Comer (812) 437-2922
<u>Chair Set-Up Team</u> BASIC Life Group	<u>Chair Set-Up Team</u> Gotcher/Calverley Life Groups	<u>Chair Set-Up Team</u> Mitchell/N. Scott Life Groups	<u>Chair Set-Up Team</u> Deckman Life Group
8:00 am Service			
<u>Nursery</u> Daniel Bannister Mary Gamblin  <u>Greeters</u> Bob Williams Marge Pontious  <u>Welcome Center</u> Amanda Washburn	<u>Nursery</u> Larry & Bonnie Beckham  <u>Greeters</u> Bob & Angela Pressley  <u>Welcome Center</u> Shirlene Kilgore	<u>Nursery</u> Angie Brown Gail Moody  <u>Greeters</u> Ron & Shirley Wiggins  <u>Welcome Center</u> Mary Gamblin	<u>Nursery</u> Doris Rutledge Maci Rutledge  <u>Greeters</u> Randy & Penny Wilhite  <u>Welcome Center</u> Dawn Ommart
9:30 am Service			
<u>Nursery</u> Chris & Amanda Washburn  <u>Greeters</u> Brett & Tammy Creamer Sandy Dierlam, April Helm  <u>Welcome Center</u> John & Pam Schultz	<u>Nursery</u> Emily Grace Luttrell Valarie St. Germain  <u>Greeters</u> Ryan & Wynter Deckman Jeff & Janice Hostetler  <u>Welcome Center</u> Robert Jackson	<u>Nursery</u> Heather Ntewo Lauren Phelps  <u>Greeters</u> Cheri Koberstein, Teresa Nixon, Tom Stofleth  <u>Welcome Center</u> Deann Moss	<u>Nursery</u> Sean & Audrey McDonald  <u>Greeters</u> Jon & Heidi Hart, April Helm  <u>Welcome Center</u> Sondra Schloss
11:00 am Service			
<u>Nursery</u> Trevor & Kristin Ray  <u>Toddlers &amp; 3yrs</u> Rick & Cheryl Rollow John & Michelle Luttrell  <u>Greeters</u> Jim & Barb Burns  <u>Welcome Center</u> Kathleen Qualkenbush  <u>Van Driver</u> Duke Dockery	<u>Nursery</u> Jon & Heidi Hart  <u>Toddlers &amp; 3yrs</u> Rebecca Fox & Sasha Kinsey Lucas & Leigha Pettigrew  <u>Greeters</u> Sandy Jackson, Ralph Rode  <u>Welcome Center</u> Jacob & Gina Townsend  <u>Van Driver</u> Robert Jackson	<u>Nursery</u> Matt & Libby Schloss  <u>Toddlers &amp; 3yrs</u> Ryan & Wynter Deckman Bryan & Sara Calverley  <u>Greeters</u> Brett Creamer, Shirley Williams  <u>Welcome Center</u> Becky Cosby  <u>Van Driver</u> Ron Wiandt	<u>Nursery</u> Cassie Tempel Ella Thornton  <u>Toddlers &amp; 3yrs</u> Gayle Reed & Shannon Wild Bryan & Amanda Bishop  <u>Greeters</u> Nancy Andrews, Curtis Cronch  <u>Welcome Center</u> Darrell Ommart  <u>Van Driver</u> Wandel Hagan