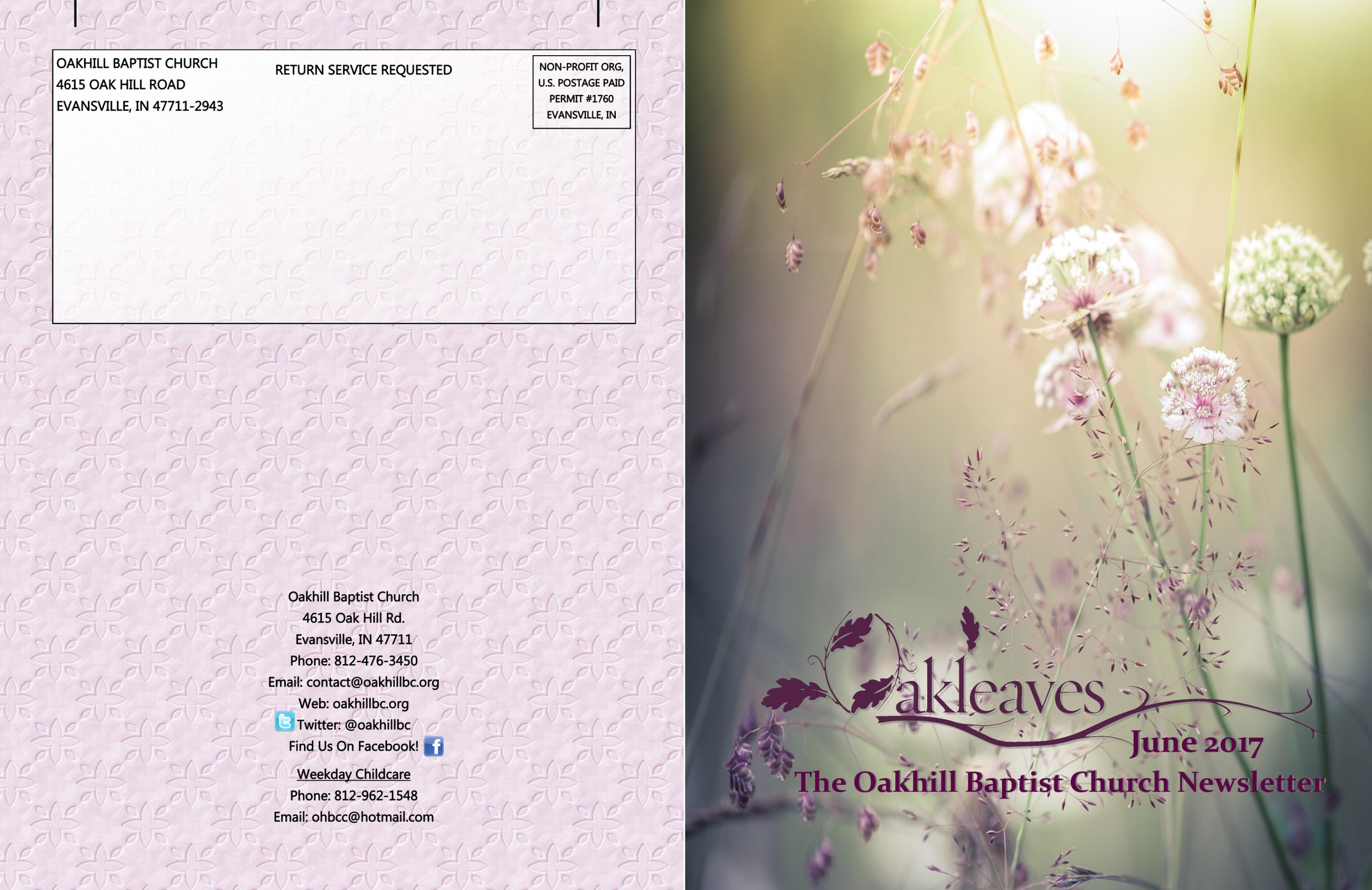


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PASTOR'S POINTS



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Last month I wrote an article declaring my love for our church. I meant every word of that article. I love our church deeply and pray you do as well. This month I want to share an article with you that **Daniel Darling** wrote a few years back entitled, “**Five Ways you can love your church**”. I pray it will encourage you to love your church in some very practical ways.

1) Extend your church the same grace you give yourself. I find it amazing that we are so good at finding all the flaws in our churches while simultaneously getting peeved because that same church is “judgmental” towards me. The truth is that the church, your church that you go to on Sundays, has flaws. Some are rather obvious. Some might be embarrassing. But if they are preaching the gospel, sharing the Word, and have a genuine sense of community, then why not give your church the same grace you want to receive?

2) Be intentional and dependable. Churches depend on volunteer effort. Without active members regularly giving their time and energy, the church simply can’t function. In fact, I would argue that every Christian should have active ministry in a local, Bible-believing church. In fact, the Bible says that it’s the pastor’s job to equip the lay people who do the ministry (Ephesians 4:12). Here is what can make your church function at optimum levels—your faithfulness and dependability. Be on time every week for services. If you sign up for a job, take it as seriously as you would your other obligations. And do it well. You have no idea how precious your gift of faithfulness is to a church.

3) Speak well of your church in the community. How do you speak of your church in the community? Do you regularly rag on its faults? I’m not saying to “spin” things that are wrong. Don’t do that. It’s inauthentic. But leave those things “in the family.” When you’re out, speak well of your church and the people there. Invite folks to the functions. Post positive things on social networks like Facebook or Twitter. You might even blog about it. If Jesus is the groom and the Church is the bride, then Jesus must love when we say nice things about the Church.

4) Build intentional relationships in your church. How many deep, satisfying relationships do you have with folks in your church? Maybe there is nobody like you, your age, your station of life so you shy away from deep relationships. Why not try to move out of your comfort zone and engage someone, that widow or that teenager. Have that family over for dinner. Do coffee with the retired school teacher. Your pastor is busy trying to make this happen, but he can’t do it all. Your intentional efforts at fostering community will help your church move forward in a big way.

5) Give regularly to your church. Yes, you should give out of the love in your heart toward God. And no, you shouldn’t give simply because the church needs money. But, let’s be honest, the church needs money. It takes money to keep the lights on, have that cool new Sunday School curriculum, and to host that missionary from Ecuador. So, be biblical, and commit to sustained, regular giving that the church can count on. This demonstrates the commitment to the local expression of Christ’s body in your community.

Let each of us experience the love of Christ in our church family. And let’s make sure that love for one another is the testimony of our lives to a watching world. They will know us by our love!! (John 13:35)

I love you and I love being your pastor!

THE STATS

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
8:00 AM Worship	100	90	96	92
9:30 AM Worship	107	138	92	85
11:00 AM Worship	237	229	243	257
Total Worship	444	457	431	434
Life Groups	178	166	267	167
Oakhill Budget Offering	\$13,734.23	\$13,596.32	\$11,006.58	\$11,024.31
Greater Things	\$1,152.00	\$1,826.00	\$1,287.00	\$582.00
Mission Club	\$285.00	\$230.00	\$175.00	\$145.00

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BABY SHOWER

honoring

Annaclaire Mitchell

Who: All ladies of Oakhill

When: Saturday, June 17th, 2-4 pm

Where: Oakhill Baptist Church

RSVP: *By Saturday, June 10th, by calling the church office*

or by emailing Melissa.Scott@kw.com with "Baby Shower" in the subject line

Jared & Annaclaire are registered at Target & Babylist.com

Bring a package of diapers or wipes to be entered into a drawing

Come celebrate with Annaclaire as we look forward to the arrival of Presley Ann



WOMEN ON MISSION

A FOCUS ON GLOBAL HUNGER RELIEF

Southern Baptists have always been concerned about the plight of world hunger.

In the mid-1970s, a worldwide food shortage caused us to develop an organized response to the problem. We have served the hungry throughout history, but the first World Hunger Day in the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) was in 1978.

SBC giving records for world hunger date back to at least 1977. In 1997, a resolution passed by the SBC referred to the “world hunger fund”, an informal way of talking about money given to help conduct hunger ministries.

Only the offering for Global Hunger Relief uses 100% of all contributions to provide relief for hunger related causes, including not just food, but also clean water and education. This is possible because personnel; are already in place and administrative and promotional costs come from other budgets. The North American Mission Board receives 20 cents of every dollar to support hunger projects in the United States. Eighty cents of every dollar go to the International Mission Board to be used for hunger relief, including water well drilling, agricultural education, water purification, etc.

When Southern Baptists give food or teach better ways to grow it, they are there for the long haul, seeking to build relationships with people and eventually lead them to a relationship with Christ.

-written by Ann Knowles

In the world today.....

An estimated 1.02 billion people, or about one-sixth of the world’s population, are undernourished. Every five seconds, a child dies from malnourishment. In the United States alone, 49 million people— 17 million of whom are children— do not have enough to eat. These are sobering facts for those of us who never miss a meal. What can we do to help change these numbers?

-statistics cited at GlobalHungerRelief.com

Hunger Banks will be provided for each family Sunday, June 4th. These will be returned to the church on Sunday, August 20th.

Women on Mission will meet Monday, June 12th, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Kathleen Qualkenbush. All our ladies are invited to be with us.

\$PARE CHANGE

Helping the Poor and Homeless



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What do we do when we see someone pan handling on the side of the road? Often, it’s at an intersection or at an off ramp. You try to look the other way and not make eye contact, but like any good Christian, there is a pang of guilt that won’t let go. What do you do? Give them money or ignore them? Are these the only two options? Through working with our food pantry, doing inner-city missions, and connections to organizations in the city of Evansville I have some insight that may be able to help you. I believe there are six things you can do to help someone that is in a desperate situation.

1. View them as a person created in the image of God

The first thing we need to do is make sure we are thinking about that individual correctly. They are a person created by God, in the image of God. No matter how dirty or disheveled they might be they are deserving of dignity and respect. We must fight the temptation to think less of them and think more highly of ourselves. The reality is that the greatest need of all of us is not money or food— it is Christ. I am fond of the old saying, “The ground is level at the foot of the cross.” In treating them as an image bearer you need to realize they have a story, if you can safely talk to them, try to understand their story. This will help you to make the decision about whether or not you should help.

2. Be familiar with the resources in your city/church

You would be surprised if I told you of all the help that is out there for poor and homeless people if they know where to look. Every year our city has a homeless connect event (www.evansvillehomeless.org) in which agencies and businesses come together to help people in this exact situation. There are several shelters where people can stay, provided they have not been kicked out for breaking rules. There are also several places where people can get a hot meal throughout the day. You need to be familiar with the resources that are in your area. For Evansville go to www.unitedwayswi.org and click on 211, you can search the many local resources that are available. Many people have ended up homeless through a series of bad circumstances and may just need a helping hand. Others have chosen to remain homeless despite the resources available to them.

3. Be wary of scammers

The reality is that we do live in a very fallen world and people will use your guilt to take advantage of you. I almost never give money directly to someone unless I have a relationship with them and the only thing that will help is money. We have all seen exposés on fake homeless people raking in the dough from suckers with tender hearts. There are some scammers out there, but there are also some genuine people that really do need help.

4. Think creatively about how you can help

Are there other ways to help besides giving money? I know many families that will carry around homeless packs that have nonperishable food and hygiene items. You can find many examples on Pinterest. This is another way to help without offering cash that can be used for drugs or alcohol. You can also volunteer at a soup kitchen or food pantry. This will help you to think creatively about meeting the needs of homeless people.

5. Offer the greatest gift - Prayer

I always try to offer a pray for someone. When Peter and John were confronted with a lame beggar they gave a gift in the name of Jesus- healing. Many people you meet do not need physical healing, but they certainly need healing from their circumstances of life and healing of their heart. The best thing you can do is turn to the Lord and openly pray for them in that moment.

6. Let the Holy Spirit be your guide

The Holy Spirit is a great gift to us. He will lead and guide us even in matters like these. I remember my wife, Kristi, telling me that when she was pregnant with our third child she saw a young pregnant woman that was homeless on Green River Road. Her heart broke and she wanted to help. She talked to the lady who really just wanted food. My wife went to Fazoli’s and took her a meal. That was truly a Holy Spirit led moment. Like Kristi, trust the Holy Spirit to guide you. We need to care for the poor and downtrodden, they matter to God and they need to matter to us.

STUDENT MINISTRY



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Dear Church Family,

Well, here we are! It's summer time! This is the time of the year where the living is easy and people are out having fun in the sun. Summer time has always been one of my favorite times of the year, but it has also been a very dangerous time for me. With the fun of summer activities, more free time, and many temptations, summer has been a time when it was much harder to say no to sin. I think that students and their parents need to be aware of this and take precautions to stifle sin before it awakens.

How do we guard ourselves from sin especially when it feels inescapable and surrounding? How can parents help their students be prepared to make the right decisions when faced with temptation? What do we do when we fail to triumph over that which is enticing us? How do we celebrate when we victoriously conquer trials and snares? The answer to these questions, I believe, is the key to living for and growing in Christ. The answer to these questions will be the decisive element that parents must have to raise their children to be godly people. But before I give the answer to those questions, there are two other questions that need to be asked. For the answer to the above questions to actually be helpful, you need to ask yourself these questions: Is this summer going to be about me and my pleasures, or is it going to be about Christ and His kingdom? Secondly, are my desires for the lives of the students I know in line with what Christ desires for and from them? Essentially these are the same question, but one is about yourself and the other is about the students in your life. They are both asking if Jesus and His desire for our lives is going to be what we actually pursue for ourselves and for others.

The reason we must ask ourselves that question is because we often take it for granted that we are living for Christ without ever evaluating what motivates our actions. We think, "of course I'm living for Jesus and showing others how to live for Him." But when we start really evaluating our choices, our motivations can be frightening. If living for Jesus in the mundane simple everyday things is not our motivation, then we will not find the answer to the first four questions to be very helpful. That's because the answer is the gospel.

The gospel is the answer to all our struggles in life. This is because the gospel is the only thing that can truly make us more like Jesus. The gospel is the only thing that can motivate students to fight temptation, have peace when sin prevails, ultimately overcome sin, and then give thanks to God when the temptation is far behind them. The gospel is what we need to be focusing on and motivated by every single day. When we think about what Christ did for us on the cross and remember that He is here with us even now, we are motivated to live for Him. More than that, when we rest in His righteousness (His perfection and right relationship with God) that He has given to us, we are empowered to overcome sin and grow more like Him.

This is how we fight sin! This is how we teach students to fight sin! We look to Christ and rest in the gospel of His death and resurrection for us. But, this answer will only be helpful to you if you desire Christ and His kingdom and His will for students' lives above all else. So, I will ask you the question I must ask myself; which do you love more? The summer and its pleasures, or Christ and His kingdom?

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 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

Why Should I Join a Life Group?



There are two reasons why you should join a Life Group. First, others need you. Second, you need others. (1 Cor. 12:12-31) Within our Life Group ministry we seek to prioritize practices that we see the early church doing as described in the book of Acts. Acts 2:42-47 provides a clear picture of what they prioritized and practiced. Listed below are seven attributes that we should all strive to cultivate in our Life Groups.

Community - True community exists when we surrender to God individually, serve together collectively, and sacrifice for each other willingly. By nature, community is a selfless concept. It has as its goal to build up each individual so that the whole ultimately grows stronger. Each Life Group should strive to teach people that they need the group just as much as the group needs them and vice versa.

Gospel-Centered - Every aspect of a believer's life should be centered on the gospel. The teaching and discussion that happens in Life Groups should have as its focus applying the gospel to the daily lives of people. We want to produce gospel saturated people who know the truth of Scripture and who can articulate the gospel to themselves and others.

Fellowship - Fellowship is rooted in the gospel and is for God's glory and our good. It is more than eating and gathering together. In the New Testament, fellowship is equated with participating in the lives of others by sharing. Life Groups can encourage believers in Jesus to glorify God by becoming intentional disciples who share the gospel and practice the "one another's" of Scripture.

Prayer - Prayer is a crucial component to the success of a Life Group. Without it, all efforts are in our own strength. We must make sure to pray together, make sure that our prayers are focused on God's will and not our own, be convinced that we must pray for the provisions that we need, and pick out certain times together that are focused on prayer and nothing else.

Mutual Care - As we live life together with others in our Life Group we must be aware of the needs and care that people need met. While we should pray for God to meet the needs and concerns of those around us, we must also consider how we can be used by God to meet the needs that arise through gospel-motivated sacrifice. The love that Jesus has for us should motivate us to care and intervene in the lives of others.

Unity - Every believer has a unique story that is valuable and helpful for building up God's church in a specific way. God has not called us to uniformity, but to unity. The diverse body of Christ that God has assembled at Oakhill should be united around the truth and relevance of the gospel for all people everywhere. We should strive to live in harmony with those around us not allowing Satan to divide God's children against one another.

Missional - Life Groups should be missional. They should not be closed groups. Each group should be intentionally inviting unbelievers to experience Christian community and gospel truth. For many people Life Groups may function as the "front door" of our church. We want people to repent and believe in Jesus as a result of being introduced to Him through being a part of a Life Group and seeing the church as Christ has called it to be.

The success of our Life Group ministry is ultimately in the God's power to move and work through the lives of his people at this church. Already this year we have seen a 10% increase in the average attendance of our adult Life Groups. To that I say, "Praise God!" We also now have 17 adult Life Groups that meet each week – 10 off-campus and 7 on-campus – with three more starting in the next few months. As more people participate in these groups and look to be built up by the power of the Word and be spent as they invest in others, we will continue to see more people come to know Jesus, grow in His grace, and give themselves away for the sake of others. Won't you join us?

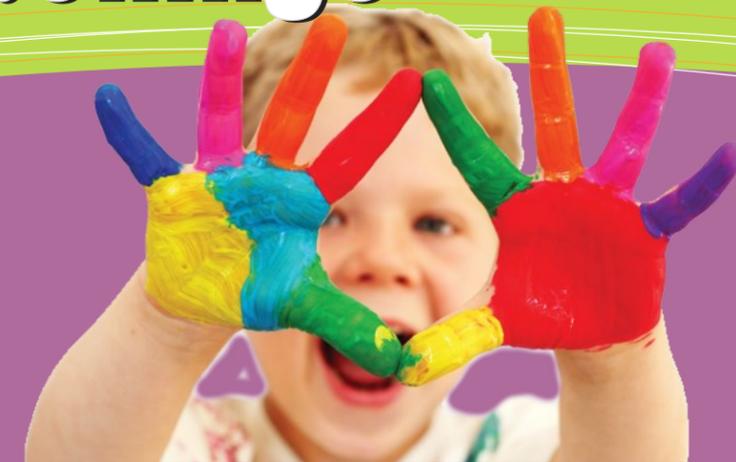
Nick Scott
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Kids Happenings



Proverbs 22:6
Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

April Sharp - asharp@oakhillbc.org
Children's Ministry Director



Hello Church Family,

It's Summertime!! Kids are out of school and parents are doing their best to schedule vacations, camps, childcare and daily entertainment for their little ones. I've been there, it's very stressful and time consuming... Well, Oakhill Children's Ministry is here to help! When you are calendaring your summer events, make it a priority to add **Vacation Bible School** June 26th through the 30th from 6-8:30pm. Your child will discover that the God who created everything there is - the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible - wants a relationship with them! Go to our church website and pre-register your kids NOW!

Ok, that's one week to mark off your calendar. Here is another week! If you have kiddos that have completed 2nd through 5th grade, sign them up to attend **Kids Camp**. Camp will take place July 24th through the 27th. Your child will have a blast at Crossings Cedermore Camp. They will experience age appropriate sermons, devotions, amazing high energy worship, and have a blast conquering the "Blob", ziplining, bazooka ball, etc. Our adult chaperones are amazing and ready to invest into your child's spiritual wellbeing and of course be extremely silly. ;) Sending your child to camp is one of the best investments a parent can make for their child's spiritual walk. If you or your child has any questions or concerns about camp please contact me.

To help fill your summertime entertainment, pick up one of our **Summer Calendars** in the main lobby and add even more fun events for your family. Thank you for allowing me to love on your children.

God Bless,
April Sharp



JUNE 26TH-30TH 6-8:30PM

Vacation Bible School
Pre-register your child! @
oakhillbc.org/events



Kids Camp
July 24th—27th
(completed grades 2nd-5th)
\$260
Register online
gocrossings.org/kidscamp2017/events

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Amazing Opportunities to Pour Into Children
During 9:30 & 11am service times starting in August**

- **One year Commitment to teach children. This is age specific. (Lifeway curriculum provided "Bible Studies for life") * You choose your service time to serve.**
- **Adult & Youth Worship Leaders and musicians during Kids Praise for mixed ages. (4 yr-2nd gr. & 3rd-5th gr.)* You choose your service time to serve.**

If interested please email asharp@oakhillbc.org ASAP

June 2017 Ministry Calendar

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday Schedule		Wednesday Schedule					
8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	12:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study Luncheon	9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship	6:00 p.m. Student Midweek - Jr. & Sr. High School				
11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship	7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice	Life Groups (Bible Study)					
5:00 p.m. Student Life Groups - Jr. & Sr. High							
4 Regular Sunday Schedule	5 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	6	7 Regular Wednesday Schedule Deacon's Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8	9 YOUTH POOL PARTY MINOR'S HOUSE 4:00 - 8:00 PM	10 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m. State Hospital Engage Event 9:45 a.m. LAMBSONG CONCERT 6:30 PM	
11 Regular Sunday Schedule RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 2:00 - 7:00 PM	12 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	13	14 Regular Wednesday Schedule	15 KIDS MINISTRY MOVIE (KUNG FU PANDA) SHOWPLACE NORTH 9:30 AM Upward Conference 6:30 p.m. - Youth Room	16	17 Food Pantry 9:00 a.m.	
STUDENT SUMMER CAMP							
18 Regular Sunday Schedule FATHER'S DAY	19 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	20 LLL SENIOR ADULT BREAKFAST CAROUSEL RESTAURANT 8:30 AM	21 Regular Wednesday Schedule SIX FLAGS YOUTH TRIP	22	23	24	
25 Regular Sunday Schedule VBS Setup	26	27	28 Regular Wednesday Schedule	29	30		
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL							

THE GROWTH INITIATIVE
 Habits for Highly Effective Christians
 June 2nd & 3rd

- Friday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Childcare Provided.
- Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Kids Praise Practice & Activities.

Sign up in the lobby or register online - oakhillbc.org/events

 **OHBC BLOOD DRIVE**
 Sunday, June 11th
 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Sign up in the foyer.

Student Summer Camp
 Dates: June 12-16 FUGECAMPS PRESENTS

 THE CONVERGENCE
 TWO PATHS. CHOOSE ONE.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 JUNE 26TH-30TH 6-8:30PM
 Ages 4y/o - 5th Grade
 (completed)
 Come join the fun!
DISCOVER THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE!
 Pre-register online : www.oakhillbc.org/events


Fireworks Celebration
 July 2nd • 6:00 pm • Association Fields
 Come eat with us! Burgers, hotdogs, drinks & chips will be provided.
 All Friends and Family Are Welcome!
 Please bring a dessert to share.
 Don't forget your lawn chairs, pop-up tents, & yard games.

 **KIDS CAMP • JULY 24TH - 27TH**
 \$260
 KIDS CAMP FOR KIDS WHO HAVE COMPLETED 2ND - 5TH GRADE
 SIGN UP AT OAKHILLBC.ORG/EVENTS