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The Oakhill Baptist Church Newsletter

PASTOR'S POINTS



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Dear Church Family,

Last month I shared an article with you about thankfulness. We have much to be thankful for as a church family! Thankfulness should not depend on our circumstances, or our emotions. Simply put we should just be thankful. We choose thankfulness. And one way we show our thankfulness to the Lord is by giving regularly and generously to Him. Currently our church is exceeding our budget by about 3% which we thank God for. But we are entering a time in the life of our church where we will need to raise funds over and above our regular giving to the church. This is an exciting opportunity for us to grow in our faith in the Lord as we give over and above our regular giving. **Consider this article written by Dr. Jason Allen, President of Midwestern Baptist Seminary about giving.**

“Did you know that Jesus spoke more about money than any other topic? That’s right. In fact, sixteen of Christ’s thirty-eight parables reference our handling of earthly treasure. In the Gospels, one out of every ten verses when Jesus is speaking addresses money. As John Piper observed, “Jesus spoke more about money than he did about sex, heaven, and hell. Money is a big deal to Jesus.”

I learned long ago that what is important to Jesus ought to be important to me. If this principle is true, then we must think intentionally about money, just as he did. If Jesus died to redeem every aspect of us—as we mentioned before—then the gospel affects our pocketbooks. As his gospel transforms our life, he transforms our view of money—and its use.

How then, should we view money? How should we evaluate earthly wealth? What does it mean for the gospel to redeem our pocketbooks? How can you honor God with your earthly resources? As we consider these questions, know the stakes are high. Remember Billy Graham’s observation: “If a

person gets his attitude toward money straight, it will help straighten out almost every other area in his life.”

Don't Love the Provision, Love the Provider

One of the reassuring realities of the Christian life is God’s scrupulous care and lavish generosity on his children. Not only is he able to care for us; he is committed to doing so. Not only is he willing to bless us; he delights in it. In Matthew 6:26-33 to see that this is true.

The sparkling reality of the Christian life is that God not only meets our needs but often far surpasses them. As he provides, we must worship the Provider. As he gives, sure, we can enjoy the gift, but we should delight in the Giver most of all.

Pursue Contentment More Than Gain

This is key, as the apostle Paul teaches us: “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Tim. 6:6). The reality is, discontentment is like a leaking basin that can never be filled regardless of how much water you put into it. Conversely, contentment is like an artesian well, never running dry regardless of how much you take out.

I love how Paul David Tripp frames this reality. He writes, “Love of money is really about contentment. Love of money is about humility. Love of money is about identity. Love of money is about worship that really roots at deep issues. Maybe the most subtle of the indications of love of money is an ongoing, chronic discontentment in me that, no matter what I have, I am still not content.”

Realize that in Christ, you have all you need. Be content in him.

View All That You Have through the Prism of Stewardship

Stewardship is a concept we are all familiar with, but perhaps not as much as we should be. To be a steward is to recognize that we are not the owners of our possessions—just temporary overseers. We will be judged by rightly stewarding—storing up for ourselves treasure in heaven.

As we conclude, ask yourself: How are you doing with the love of money? Are you content in Christ? How are you stewarding your resources? How you answer these questions will reveal a lot about what you actually think of the gospel.”

As we give regularly to the Lord, I pray we see it as an act of worship to the One who has given us everything! He is so good to us! And if you do not give regularly, please read these words and find encouragement to begin to give regularly and walk in the blessing of obedience. And in the coming days as we share about our church’s future, lets thank God for the opportunity to give sacrificially over and above what we normally give as we expand the footprint of our church for the continued growth of the church and most importantly for God’s glory!

I love you and I love being your pastor!

Pastor A

THE STATS

	Oct 6	Oct 13	Oct 20	Oct 27
8:00 AM Worship	92	85	104	78
9:30 AM Worship	192	173	210	214
11:00 AM Worship	314	206	228	285
Worship Total	598	464	542	577
Hispanic Worship	20	33	18	20
Total Worship	618	497	560	597
Oakhill Budget Offering	\$34,078.80	\$13,288.10	\$16,378.38	\$15,630.58
Mission Club	\$715.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$170.00

Thrive - Ladies Christmas Dinner

Friday, November 22nd at 6:30 PM

Join us for a Country CHRISTmas to simply celebrate Christ! Making ornaments, playing games, a meal, & a hot chocolate bar! Bring your favorite appetizer & Christmas dessert recipe for a game! Church is providing dessert! Sign-up at the Welcome Desk!

LLL Senior Trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse

Friday, December 6th

The Musical

Ticket Price
\$34.00 each

Depart from church
at 8:15 am

Sign-up at the
Welcome Desk

WOMEN ON MISSION

As we approach the end of this calendar year, I wanted to remind our members, as well as, inform the newer ones about our World Mission Club. This is an opportunity to give to missions on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. This is collected throughout the year and distributed at the end of the year, as follows:

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	51.6%
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	19.6%
Life Change Central (Oakhill Ministries)	10.0%
State Missions Offering	10.0%
State Camp Offering	8.8%
Our Goal for 2019 is	\$33,000

If you are not currently giving in this systematic way, please consider doing so in 2020. Boxed envelopes are provided by the church. You can designate World Missions Offering on your envelope (this is over and above our tithes). In addition, a special offering is taken for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering which is added to the club receipts at the end of the year. World Hunger Offering is a separate offering taken in the summer.

The Evansville Rescue Mission has asked us to collect macaroni and cheese for their Gobbler Gathering Thanksgiving Baskets. Our goal is 750 boxes! As of 10/27 we have received approximately 684 boxes.. Deadline is Sunday, November 10th.

Women on Mission will meet on Monday, November 11th at 6:00 pm at the church. All our ladies are invited to join us.



November Birthdays

1st - Duke Dockery, Landon Weinzapfel	15th - Isaiah Schmitt,
2nd - Jeremy Schmitt, Derrick Thompson, Lucy Thornton, Isabelle Ward	16th - Debbie Sutton
3rd - Blake Palmer, Charlene Stricklen	17th - Jimmy Braye
4th - Morgan Virgin	18th - Hannah Comer, Helen Evans, Drew Phebus, Kevin Wilson
5th - Addy Bishop, Moriah Ingram	19th - Rick Koberstein, Bode St. Germain, Samuel Van Doren
6th - Macie Swenson	20th - Jeff Thornton
7th - Amy Dassel, Addie Hendricks, Kelsie Palmer, Mourine Schmitt, Joe Shaffer, Kherington Smith	21st - Maria Broshears, Evalyn Shephard
8th - Brenden Cohoon	22nd - Randy Rich
9th - Carl Jones	23rd - Crystle Sailer
10th - Alex Connor, Angala Luttrell, Colt Schmitt	24th - Jett Ingram, Hank Ward, Noah Wilson
12th - Kevin Kunze, Joseph McElroy	25th - Debbie Simpson, Dana Tribble
13th - Kenny Gamblin, Emek Ntewo, Ashtyn Sharp	28th - Donna Swallow
14th - Bryan Bishop, Keegan Griepentroph	29th - Deann Moss, Hunter Rabold
	30th - Gracie Hart, Justin Scott, Kristie Swenson, Jaxson Wilhite

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Jamaica Mission Trip Report

Jamaica is a gorgeous country. It has crystal clear water, amazing beaches, lush jungles and beautiful mountains. We went there to help one of the rural schools in the mountains. We flew into Montego Bay, which is one of the big resort cities on the island. It was a nice city with shopping and many “touristy” things to do. We didn’t get to stay there long, however, we were actually staying in Mandeville, the largest town in Manchester Parrish, about 2 ½ hours away from Montego Bay; we had to travel over the mountains to get there.

Most every day we took about an hour journey on the curvy, windy roads into the mountains to Leicesterfield. We worked with Leicesterfield Primary School and Leicesterfield Baptist Church. Leicesterfield is a rural community in the mountains with very little infrastructure. The people have water delivered or collect water in big cisterns. Many work in the mountain fields harvesting various fruits and vegetables. Some do manual labor jobs like brick laying or other skilled trades. Others travel to the cities to work in businesses. Some even travel to work in the bauxite mines (bauxite is a key ingredient in aluminum). Even though they don’t have much, the people make the best of it.

The school is a charming three building structure. Many of the teachers travel from other cities to Leicesterfield. The teachers were amazing! They really keep the focus on helping these kids get a good education. The kids don’t have a lot and the school doesn’t have a lot of extra funds. The only play area the kids have is the parking lot, which has a couple of basketball hoops. Our goal was to provide a fun play area for the children. We had to remove some old concrete pads and put down fresh gravel for a play surface. We constructed a play dome and hired a local welder to make us a play structure that included some monkey bars, slide, and swings. We had to set it in the ground with concrete. We spent a total of three days working and playing with the children. The kids were so happy to have some new play structures. There is one video that we took of a little girl just standing on the play dome giggling and giggling. It was those things that filled our hearts with joy.

We also were able to worship with Leicesterfield Baptist Church on Sunday. Their worship was vibrant, and spirit filled. They were so welcoming and allowed us to give a Bible study lesson for the adults, children, and even preach in worship. It was so encouraging to be worshipping with other believers in another country. The church recently put in a basketball court next to their church and hopes to host a mission team that would do a basketball camp next summer. This might be a future mission opportunity, coupled with installing another play structure at another school.

Jamaicans are a proud people with a rich heritage. Almost everyone born on the island has ancestors that were slaves brought to the island by Europeans. While the country gained its independence in 1962, there is still much work to be done, especially in the area of missions. There is a large contingency of Christians, however, not all are orthodox believers. Many have been trapped by cults like the Seventh Day Adventists. There really needs to be a bigger gospel presence, especially with teenagers and young adults. Like America, the churches are not reaching this demographic. The young people chase after worldly things and want nothing to do with the faith of their elders. We need to be open to assisting the church in reaching the island of Jamaica for Christ. Just a short distance from America but still so much need. I pray that the Lord would bring more laborers into the harvest to reach Jamaica for His glory!

STUDENT MINISTRY



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Dear Church Family,

This October has been quite the adventure. As the month began, preparations for our mission trip to Jamaica were fully underway. My plan was to go with the mission team and help minister to the students and faculty of a primary school in the mountains of Jamaica. We were going there to teach Bible studies to the kids and build them a new playground. My plan from there was to meet Kayla and Samuel in California, where she was visiting her grandparents and celebrating her uncle's wedding. It was to be a great ministry opportunity followed by a great vacation.

However, "The heart of a man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps" (Prov. 16:9). After the flight to Jamaica, we had a good night's rest and then made our way up the winding mountain roads to the school. As we surveyed the dilapidated state of the "playground," we quickly realized we would have to remove a slab of concrete to make way for the geometric dome. So 30 minutes after we arrived, a rudimentary pick-axe and sledgehammer were acquired and put to quick use. I swung the pick-axe with vigor... too much vigor perhaps. The makeshift handle broke after the fifth or sixth swing. Someone then tried using the head of it to chisel away the concrete. Since we were limited on tools at that time, I decided to give it a try. I took it with both hands and began to swing down hard. On the fourth swing, it hit hard and slipped off the edge catching my pinky between the side of the pick-axe and the concrete, crushing the tip just beyond the joint and cutting it open along the side. Don't worry, that's all I'll say about the injury.

So with that, my involvement in the mission trip was severely altered. I say altered and not ended, because I found that through all of this, I was able to meet countless people and share with them why I was in Jamaica in the first place. The "hospital" that I stayed in was full of interesting characters. There is far too much that happened in that place to tell here, but thankfully I was able to pray with several other patients and bear witness to God's goodness in the middle of it all. At first I was fairly upset with the situation. I couldn't believe that I was once again sitting in a hospital, unable to do anything for myself and totally dependent on other people. Only this time it was people I didn't know in extremely unfamiliar surroundings. My team made sure I was taken care of, and visited me each morning to provide me with essentials. But they still had a job to do, and I had no desire to slow them down.

After many hours of waiting and praying, the Lord gave me peace of mind. He reminded me that while I wasn't doing what I had planned, I was doing what He had planned. He established my footsteps in Jamaica from the beginning of creation. Once I accepted His plan for me, I was able to see the blessings in it all.

And that is one of the many lessons God taught me through this trial. Amazingly, my pinky tip was saved, I don't require surgery, and there hasn't been any infection. God used the tip of my finger to take me many places I would never go on my own, and I am very thankful for it all. I even was blessed enough to go on vacation and experience the beauty of God's creation in California with my family. So if you're going through something difficult, remember that God has established this from the very beginning. He has a plan for you, and He will bless you through it if you will accept His plan and let go of your own.

In Christ,
Brian Van Doren

WORSHIP



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Church Family,

I hope this Fall season finds you well. We are entering into exciting times as a church family as we get closer to the holiday season. This month, I want to share a familiar verse that has been on my heart. 1st Corinthians 10:31 says, "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." I've recently been asking myself the question, "Am I giving God glory in everything I do? Am I giving Him glory for the good things in my life? Am I giving God glory in the hard times of my life?" And as I thought about it, I didn't like my answer. I found that I wasn't giving God the glory he deserves for how He is working in my life. I tend to think selfishly, "I did this! Look at me!" I end up glorifying myself. This is backwards way of thinking.

This past month, Annaclaire and I were able to take a trip to California to visit Yosemite National Park. It was breathtaking experience. The things we were able to see, the things we were able to do, it was a "once in a lifetime" opportunity. One day, we hiked up to the summit of this particularly big mountain. It was called "Sentinal Dome." This summit was about 11,000 feet in elevation, and it was a moment we truly felt like we were on top of the world. It's a funny thing, to be in the midst of something so big. Two people don't stand at the top of the mountain and argue about who is taller. We looked around. We saw God. We saw what He created. Every mountaintop, every valley, every river was His, and made by Him. And every mountain was doing exactly what it was created to do – point to the glory of God.

How you are glorifying God in your life? Sometimes, it's hard to realize that we aren't giving God the glory He deserves. For me, it took a hike going up 11,000 feet in elevation to realize how small I truly am. I pray that we all don't need to have such a dramatic reminder. I challenge us all to look around, every day. The greatness of God is there. The goodness of God is there. And when you see His greatness and His goodness, you will give Him glory. Lean into His presence, there's not much quite like it. I'll see you on Sunday.

In Christ,
Jared

Spiritual Development



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“#Blessed May Not Mean What You Think” by Christine Gordon

Search #blessed on Instagram, and you will find more than 100 million posts. The hashtag highlights pictures of beautiful places, toned bodies, new babies, graduations, successes, and abundance. Scrolling down, you'll see recent business startups, wonderful technology, new marriages, and fancy cars.

All of these are good things, gifts given to humanity by a loving God. But the hashtag seems to say this is the only way God blesses us—by giving us obviously good things. Have we defined the blessed life as one of abundance and power, popularity and success?

Imagine, instead, opening your Instagram feed and reading a story about a woman who has just lost her job. In her post she wonders how she'll cover her next mortgage payment, how she'll get school supplies for her children, and how she'll pay for the repair her car desperately needs.

What should her hashtag be? #notblessed?

Or what about a post by a mother whose child lives with a myriad of birth-related problems? Her most recent status talks about physical suffering, learning disabilities, and the independent life her child will never have. Her hashtag? #cursed?

#Blessed According to Jesus

In Luke 6:20–22, Jesus describes a life of blessing that is, at the very least, countercultural: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!

As we read Jesus's description, we notice several things. First, the blessing he describes isn't shallow, passing, or temporary. It's a deep, enduring sense of satisfaction. This isn't the good feeling that warms us for a moment and then fades. This is a rooted, deep-in-your-gut joy that doesn't shift with circumstances.

A picture of the blessed life is also found in Psalm 1. Here, the psalmist describes the blessed person as one who delights in the law of the Lord, meditating on it consistently. He is like a tree near water whose leaves don't wither in drought. His blessing endures despite circumstances. And Ephesians 1:3 tells us that God “has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms.” True blessings are anything but temporary.

Upside-Down Blessing

So who are the recipients of this kind of blessing? According to Jesus, this kind of blessing comes not to those who are rich, powerful, successful, and popular. Rather, it comes to those who endure suffering.

In Jesus's upside-down kingdom, these people know an enduring joy and blessing that doesn't dwindle as their situation changes. There is blessing that comes when you are powerless, for only then can you know the wealth and power of the coming kingdom. There is blessing when you are needy, for only then will you be satisfied with Jesus himself. There is blessing when you grieve about the brokenness and sin in the world, for only then will you laugh later when Jesus sets it right. Blessed are you now if you are excluded because of your connection to Jesus. That exclusion will lead to greater reward.

Unlike the fleeting happiness brought by sparkling circumstances and popularity, the conditions of neediness and dependency on God are the real places of blessing in his kingdom. Why? Because these things don't change with our circumstances. In fact, when we are weak, needy, grieving, or excluded because of Christ, the joy we have in Jesus somehow grows stronger.

You Are #Blessed

And this is good news for everyone who belongs to Christ. Though we may never get tickets to that concert or a reservation for dinner at that restaurant, we have a place in Christ's kingdom. Yes, our place at his table will inevitably come with suffering of many kinds (Rom. 8:17), but it will also come with greater blessing than we can imagine.

As believers, we should rethink our metaphorical and literal hashtags. Instead of just pushing through or trying to ignore suffering, Jesus is encouraging us to cherish it—not because grieving is easy or because powerlessness is pleasant, but because these conditions make us more aware of our need for him. As Corrie ten Boom wrote, “You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have.”

Are you in a place of weakness, grief, or exclusion because of Christ? Hear his words of blessing over you: Yours is the kingdom of God, you will be satisfied, you will laugh, and great is your reward in heaven. You will be #blessed.

Thanksgiving Fellowship

Sunday, November 24th

at 5:00 pm

Thanksgiving Meal Provided!

Bring a Dessert to Share

**Pick Up Your FREE Ticket at the
Welcome Desk.**

**This Will Allow Us to Keep Track of
Attendance Number.**

Christmas Church Decorating



Sunday, December 1st at 12:30 pm

**Please make plans to come out and help decorate the
church for the Christmas season! A meal will be provided!**

Please sign-up today at the Welcome Desk.

November 2019 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 Thrive - Ladies Give Back Night 6:00 pm	2 Fall Missions Conference 6:30 pm
3 Regular Sunday Schedule Fall Missions Conference 6:30 pm	4 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	5	6 Regular Wednesday Schedule Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm	7	8	9 Food Pantry 9:00 am State Hospital Ministry 9:45 am
10 Regular Sunday Schedule	11 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	12	13 Regular Wednesday Schedule	14	15 Student Ministry DNOW Weekend	16 Student Ministry DNOW Weekend Food Pantry 9:00 am
17 Regular Sunday Schedule	18 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	19 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	20 Regular Wednesday Schedule M3 Meeting 6:00 pm	21 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	22 Thrive Christmas Party 6:30 pm	23
24 Regular Sunday Schedule Thanksgiving Banquet 5:00 pm	25 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	26 Upward Practice 5:00 - 8:00 pm	27	28 Thanksgiving Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30

Serving Others at Oakhill

November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
<u>Deacons 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> Mosaic/Schloss/A. Scott Life Groups	<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
8:00 am Service			
<u>Nursery</u> Angie Brown, Gail Moody	<u>Nursery</u> Daniel Bannister, Mary Gamblin	<u>Nursery</u> Jeff & Janice Hostetler	<u>Nursery</u> Larry & Bonnie Beckham
<u>Greeters</u> Ron & Shirley Wiggins	<u>Greeters</u> Randy & Penny Wilhite	<u>Greeters</u> Bob & Angela Pressley	<u>Greeters</u> Bob Williams, Marge Pontious
<u>Welcome Center</u> Shirlene Kilgore	<u>Welcome Center</u> Dawn Ommart	<u>Welcome Center</u> Amanda Washburn	<u>Welcome Center</u> Mary Gamblin
9:30 am Service			
<u>Nursery</u> Matt & Morgan Virgin	<u>Nursery</u> Chris & Amanda Washburn	<u>Nursery</u> Emily Grace Luttrell, Valarie St. Germain	<u>Nursery</u> Heather Ntewo, Lauren Phelps
<u>Greeters</u> Brett & Tammy Creamer Jeff & Janice Hostetler	<u>Greeters</u> Jon & Heidi Hart Tom Stofleth	<u>Greeters</u> Ryan & Wynter Deckman Ty & Teresa Nixon	<u>Greeters</u> April Helm Tom & Fong Stofleth
<u>Welcome Center</u> Sondra Schloss	<u>Welcome Center</u> Robert Jackson	<u>Welcome Center</u> John & Pam Schultz	<u>Welcome Center</u> Deann Moss
11:00 am Service			
<u>Nursery</u> Pam Bates, Valerie Luttrell	<u>Nursery</u> Kathy Masterson, Toni Stokes	<u>Nursery</u> Jon & Heidi Hart	<u>Nursery</u> Matt & Libby Schloss
<u>Toddlers & 3yrs</u> Lucy Thornton, Melissa Owen, Reagan Butler, Vicki Butler	<u>Toddlers & 3yrs</u> Dana Bates, Vanessa Bates John & Michelle Luttrell	<u>Toddlers & 3yrs</u> Ryan & Wynter Deckman	<u>Toddlers & 3yrs</u> Ben & Sarah Hoffman Bryan & Sara Calverley
<u>Greeters</u> Curtis Cronch Sandy Jackson	<u>Greeters</u> Jim & Barb Burns	<u>Greeters</u> Keith & Teresa Thomas	<u>Greeters</u> Nancy Andrews Ralph Rode
<u>Welcome Center</u> Kathleen Qualkenbush	<u>Welcome Center</u> Becky Cosby	<u>Welcome Center</u> April Helm	<u>Welcome Center</u> Jacob & Gina Townsend
<u>Van Driver</u> Robert Jackson	<u>Van Driver</u> Ron Wiandt	<u>Van Driver</u> Wandel Hagan	<u>Van Driver</u> Brad Lamar