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The Oakhill Baptist Church Newsletter

PASTOR'S POINTS



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Dear Church Family,

I am convinced more than ever of the importance of having close, meaningful relationships with other believers in Christ. This world is just too hard to go it alone. Of course, those relationships are grounded in the most important relationship of all with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

My prayer for our church is that we truly will be, “A Family for Life”! We need to be a gathering of believers that does not just see Oakhill as “a” church that we attend, but that this is our church family where we belong.

I see the benefit of this reality every week in three separate ways. On Sundays, we gather in our worship services to worship together as we sing and hear God speak to us as we listen to His Word. I love seeing my church family as we worship together. It encourages me and is part of what God uses to prepare me for a new week. Second, I love meeting with my Life Group!! As we gather on Sunday nights we fellowship, discuss God’s Word, and pray together. This has been so good for me because for years I have not been able to participate in a group like this and now I can and I have benefitted greatly from it! And third, each week I get to come together with some of my church family as we gather for our Wednesday luncheon where we fellowship, hear God’s Word, and pray together. There is nothing better than to know that the people I go to church with are not just other attendees, but they truly are my brothers and sisters in Christ! We get the privilege of living out the “one another” passages together. You see we do not live those passages out between God and

ourselves, we live them out in community with each other! How awesome is that!!

So, I want to encourage you to a few things this month.

1. Make a commitment to be apart of worship each week unless you are sick, working, or on vacation. God will encourage you as He speaks to you and you will encourage others with your presence.
2. Get involved with one of our “Life Groups”. We have some on campus on Sunday mornings and many off campus as well. These groups will help you really get to know other people and will encourage you to grow in your faith. Most of the off campus groups meet in homes and I can personally testify to how much these groups have impacted those who are apart of them.
3. Make a conscience effort to switch your thinking from Oakhill being “a” church that you attend to being a church family that you belong to. Serve often, worship weekly, give regularly, surrender fully, prioritize others, and love deeply.

God is doing great things all around us! He is moving, changing lives, and will continue to open doors of opportunity as we continue to walk faithfully with Him! This fall and winter will be filled with ways that you can love and serve God like never before. Take those opportunities and watch what God will do in your life and the lives of others!

Finally, I want to share with you some exciting news! We have had a very generous monetary gift given to the church to be specifically used toward the purchase of a new church sign. Our current sign has served us well since the 1960’s but this gift will allow us to place a new sign in that spot for many more years to come! Praise God! Look for the new sign sometime around the first of November!

I Love you and I love being your pastor,

THE STATS

	Sep 3	Sep 10	Sep 17	Sep 24
8:00 AM Worship	106	99	89	81
9:30 AM Worship	149	206	189	178
11:00 AM Worship	234	212	236	219
Total Worship	489	517	514	478
Life Group	261	231	310	250
Oakhill Budget Offering	\$21,437.30	\$13,088.77	\$13,812.46	\$11,845.42
Greater Things	\$3,793.00	\$804.00	\$1,893.00	\$918.00
Mission Club	\$170.00	\$195.00	\$210.00	\$50.00



Registration Cost
Basketball - \$65.00
Cheerleading - \$75.00

Evaluations
10/27 from 6pm - 8pm
10/28 from 9am - 1pm

Important Dates
First Practice - Monday, November 27, 2017
First Game - Friday, January 5, 2018

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Friday, November 3rd - 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Saturday, November 4th - 9:00am - 3:30pm
\$35.00 per couple which includes materials and lunch on Saturday.

Register online @ www.oakhillbc.org/connect/events or at the Welcome Desk.

WOMEN ON MISSION

Receipts for the World Hunger offering are \$2,425.11. Thank you to all the Oakhill families who gave to this important ministry. We are told by Bread for the World that 1 in 5 children in the US are affected by this problem. We have been asked by the Evansville Rescue Mission to collect cake mix for their annual Thanksgiving Gobbler Gathering. We want to collect at least 600 boxes. These may be left in the main downstairs lobby beginning Sunday, October 8th. Deadline is Sunday, November 12th. We have been involved in this ministry since 1996, when we collected 740 cans of green beans. (Cash may be given to Carol Albin or Martha Russell if you want us to shop for you).

Women on Mission will meet Monday, October 9th at 6:00pm at the church. All our ladies are invited to be with us.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1st -	Wes Colson, Josie Schloss	16th -	Sandra Cheaney, Isaac Knuckles, Teala Osborne, Nancy Turpin, Tom Zarazee
2nd-	Noah Avis, Jordan Fluty, Jerry Guinn	17th -	Taylor Turpin
3rd -	Shirley Guinn, Danny Rutledge	18th -	Kara Fuller, Dale Potts, Alan Simpson
4th -	Pamela Schultz	19th -	Cole Mahon, Alexa Miles
5th -	Matt Schloss	20th -	Sondra Comer, Lalah Davault, Sarah Eaton, Caleb Olsen
6th -	Milo Nixon, Teresa Rich	21st -	Tammy Jackson, Charlie Sims
7th -	Noah Beck	22nd -	Steve Comer, Felicita Degree
8th -	Emmalynn Calverley, Shaun Hudson, Adam Knuckles	23rd -	Gracey Evans, John Kraft, Yvonne Woodard
9th -	Kathy Masterson, Gayle Reed, Amelia Schmitz	25th -	Grayson Conner, Ron Deluca, Olivia Givens, Dayman Parkman, Robert Pressley
10th -	Olivia Rich, Daniel Suddarth	26th -	Teresa Burnett
11th -	April Helm, Deanna Splittorff	28th -	Cindy Cronch
12th -	Darrel Bates	29th -	Jenny Eagleson, Cruze Monyhan, Darrel Ommart
14th -	Joshua Creamer, Samuel Spade, Gene Wilkinson	30th -	Benson Avis
15th -	Heidi Hart	31st -	Ty Nixon

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I simply want to remind you of the good work that our Southern Baptist volunteers do during natural disasters. Send Relief (a part of the North American Mission Board) has responded to the hurricane flooding and damage in both Texas and Florida. As a member of a Southern Baptist Church you should be proud not only because our people are helping but also that we contribute to the Cooperative Program (which supports NAMB) every month. You can also give directly to the NAMB online (www.namb.net) or over the phone (800-634-2462). You can feel good that every dollar goes to help with the relief effort. Below are some highlights from an article published by the Baptist Press on Sept. 11th by Josie Bingham.

FLORIDA (BP) -- Mark MacDonald walked around his Jacksonville home Monday morning (Sept. 11) assessing the damage done by Hurricane Irma.

"Our roof is leaking and a few trees are down," MacDonald said. "I was curious as to how our neighbors were doing their garden was completely torn to shreds. It's not ideal, but it really could have been worse for us. We're all thankful to God for that."

Monday, Sept. 11, MacDonald will be working on his own home and aiding his neighbors. But as the sun rises Tuesday, MacDonald will help lead teams of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief (SBDR) volunteers and

trained experts in feeding units, mud-out and more.

As the strategic communications catalyst for the Florida Baptist

Convention, MacDonald said he is "overseeing all our communications strategy for Hurricane Irma. Just like the early

response in Harvey, we've anticipated Hurricane Irma and the response she'd require ahead of time. I've met with our disaster relief teams over the weeks. We are ready to provide 500,000 meals a day in the southern parts of Florida. Feeding is the first thing we will be doing Tuesday."

Preparations are being made by the Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Pennsylvania/South Jersey, New York and Virginia Baptist conventions to respond to the needs of hurricane survivors as Irma continued to crawl up Florida and into South Georgia.

As of Monday, Sept 11, Hurricane Harvey SBDR response has witnessed 29 professions of faith and initiated 508 Gospel conversations; provided 444,765 meals, 7,240 showers and 4,534 loads of laundry; and completed 109 construction jobs including 47 roof repairs.



For donation and volunteer information:

Hurricane Harvey response: <https://www.namb.net/send-relief/disaster-relief/hurricane-harvey>

Hurricane Irma response: <https://www.namb.net/send-relief/disaster-relief/hurricane-irma>

Read the entire article: <http://www.bpnews.net/49513/irma-response-to-begin-harvey-relief-work-continues>

STUDENT MINISTRY



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Dear Church Family,

My last article was intended to be an encouragement to us all to pursue unity and discipleship by being people who speak the Truth in Love. That is one of the main themes I would like to become a trademark of the Student Ministry here at Oakhill, as well as the parents of our Student Ministry. My hope is that the students will grow in their willingness to be loved with the truth of the gospel. That is why our DNow that is coming Nov. 10-12 has been given the theme: **Speak Love**. I am really looking forward to this weekend to have the students discuss how to speak love in the midst of a culture that says it is loving, but has no idea what true love really is. I hope our students will be encouraged to go and love their friends by living out and speaking out the gospel. But what I think will actually ensure this outcome would be for the families of our church to be families who emulate this at home. What happens at home happens out of it as well. That is my motivation for writing this newsletter. I hope to encourage our families to pursue unified and godly homes. Note, I did not say perfect homes! But ones that *pursue* unity and godliness. That means that I hope to encourage you to be gospel centered homes.

You might hear that and immediately feel crippled by the weight of such a high expectation. But do not fear, being gospel centered at home is actually extremely liberating! It allows for failures and imperfection, and it brings about forgiveness and restoration! How can we have homes where imperfection and weakness can lead to abounding love and wholesome relationships? *By loving God more than your family*. What? How can loving something more than your family make you love your family more?? While the answer is simple, it does not usually mesh with our natural understanding. But, simply put, God is love. He is the source of it. All love (that is wholesome and good) comes from Him and His grace to His creatures. So the question ought to be, *how can we really, truly love our families without having the love of God first?*

Jesus put it this way: "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple." (Luke 14:26) If I were a disciple at that time I might be tempted to think, "well, there it is; He's lost it. All those miracles have worn Him out and He's gone crazy!" But Jesus obviously didn't want people to hate their families, because He told them to honor their father and mother in Matt. 19:19, Mark 7:10, Luke 18:20 and elsewhere. What He is saying is that to truly follow Christ, He must be first in your life. **He must be before your spouse, your children, your siblings, your parents, and yourself.** If you are like me, you love that list of people very much. And Jesus doesn't want you to love them less; but simply love Him more! He died for you! I haven't even died for my spouse... what kind of love is this, O my soul!! Because of this love, we now strive to die daily for Him, our spouses, our children, and our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is because of His love that we love so much more! So, let us ask ourselves, do I live like I love my family most, or God most? Do I have the order right? What would it look like to tangibly love God before my kids, my spouse, and myself? I think that would look like a gospel centered home. Not a perfect home, but a home full of the love of God.

Brian

WORSHIP



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Church Family,

I hope you have gotten off to a great start in your fall season! It has been an exciting season of ministry, with many great things to come. I want to take an opportunity to say a big thanks to everyone who was involved in our Family Night of Worship this past month, as we gathered at the Baptist Association fields to fellowship and worship. It was such a great event. I'd like to thank Pizza Revolution and Lolly's Pop Bar for coming and providing their food truck service. I'd also like to thank our incredible worship team for putting in much time and energy to prepare and lead our Church in worship. They went above and beyond, and I am so thankful for each one of them! I'd also like to take this chance to say thanks to a few people individually, who we could not have done this event without: Chad Mehne, Randy Kilgore, and Pat Moss. All three of these men put in a lot of hours starting months before to make sure this event would go well. Not only for this event, but every week. These three guys serve week in and week out to make sure worship on



Sundays goes well. They are great people, with great families, with great attitudes, who all serve God well by serving others. There is much more I could say, and many more people I could mention, but I feel these three need to be recognized, even though they would never want the recognition. I am thankful for these guys, and our ministry would not be the same without them. We believe here at Oakhill that family is important. We value our Church Family, and we believe God does too. Since we have three separate services on Sunday, various Life Groups meeting, etc., there aren't many times that we all get to be together to worship. That's why we loved our family night of worship, and we're so thankful that many of you made it a priority to attend. One church, one voice, all for the glory of God. That is our aim, and that is our mission.

Though we are all unique, though we are all different, we all come to the same place when we come to worship. We gather at the feet of Jesus. We sing for what He has done for us and through us. As we move forward, I am so excited to see how God will use our entire Church Family together, to further the advancement of His kingdom.

I love you all, and I love worshipping with you.

Jared



Spiritual Development

Knowing the Will of God



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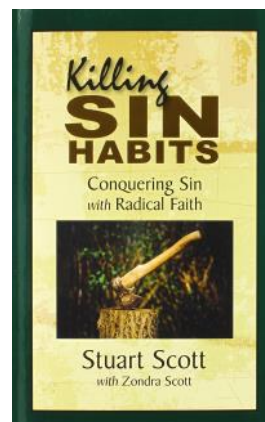
How would you define the phrase, “the will of God”? In the broadest sense, God’s will is expressed in all the commands and principles of Scripture. Specifically, the Bible says that God’s will includes that followers of Christ would be saved (1 Tim. 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9), Spirit-filled (Eph. 5:17-18), sanctified (1 Thess. 4:3-8), submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15), and content in suffering (1 Peter 3:17). Pastor Kevin DeYoung offers this definition of God’s will from his book *Just Do Something*: “God’s will for our lives is much simpler than the conventional approach. The will of God for our lives is that we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness. The most important decision we face is the daily decision to live for Christ and die to self.”

Acknowledging God’s will affirms His sovereignty over all aspects of life. We live and function only because God wills it. Living according to the will of God could be identified as a test of genuine saving faith. True Christians are characterized as “doing the will of God from the heart” (Eph. 6:6). On the other hand, a constant disregard for or lack of interest in God’s will is a mark of self-centeredness and pride in your life. Disregarding the will of God is the same as saying, “I am in charge of my life. I know what is best.” or “Things are working out pretty well for me right now. I don’t really want to mess it up by changing it.” A follower of Jesus will diligently seek to live according to God’s desires. “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (James 4:6)

Many of the questions that people have about whether specific events or choices are part of God’s will can be answered by knowing and applying biblical wisdom. Therefore, it is very important that Christians rely on the words that God has given us. Consider your own spiritual habits. How much time per week do you spend hearing God’s Word preached/taught? Reading God’s Word? Studying God’s Word? Memorizing God’s Word? Meditating on God’s Word? All of these disciplines are ways that God reveals his will specifically to us. The good news about this is that God’s will is not hidden from us. It is revealed to us in the Bible. He has already revealed what should be the primary direction of our lives, namely that we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness.

Recommended Resource—Killing Sin Habits by Stuart Scott

Feeling like you can’t gain victory over a particular sin struggle in your life? This short, little book provides a very helpful and practical strategy for understanding how temptation works, how to kill existing sin, and how to live in victory for Christ each day.



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.

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Children’s Ministry Director



My family as been going through some new, exciting, and even stressful/worrisome transitions these past months. In August, my husband and I drove our oldest daughter, Ashtyn to college. This was an exciting time for her and an overwhelming time for her mother... I know many parents experience this very season in the life of parenting but “WOW” this is all kinds of emotions and transition in our family.

In addition to sending Ashtyn to college, Sydnie (our youngest) started her junior year in high school and a few short weeks later she started driving herself from point A to point B without me or my husband sitting in the car with her. Again this is a season in parenting that adds new emotions. We have “been there, done that” with Ashtyn but it’s still the same emotions all over again. *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”* Ecclesiastes 3:1. Even though we feel we are still in a season of transition with our girls, we are thankful for God’s timing and word to keep us grounded knowing He is in control.

Our Children’s Ministry started a new transition of it’s own on August 13th. A new season per say... our children had new teachers, classrooms and even a new schedule to add to their **Kids Worship Experience**. This new “season” has had it’s ups and downs, but our teachers and worship leaders have persevered. We know that this new season will have it’s challenges but we are doing God’s work and are in His will and He will not allow us to fail in this calling. *Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”*

The season that our children’s ministry is in right now was put into perspective for me this past Sunday when I had the pleasure of seeing one of our 4 year old’s during lunch. I asked him if he liked singing and dancing in Kids Worship. He answered in the best childlike way... jumping up and down in the booth at the restaurant, with a smile like no other, he starts to sing “My God is so big and so strong and so mighty”. He was doing all the motions to the chorus and singing as loud as his sweet little voice could. Of course there were people looking his way probably thinking “get control of your kid”. But God was in control of him... in that moment I was so thankful that our teachers and leaders *did not give up* and trusted God’s timing during the season. This little one was excited to sing loudly and praise our God in the middle of a restaurant. I pray our church goes through transitions and seasons knowing God is in control and trusting in Him and His timing with our whole heart. *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*

I pray that we all will go forward in the seasons of life with a faith like no other. Even when things seem worrisome or stressful, know that we are doing the work of God and He is in control and will not allow us to fail. Trust in His timing and if you feel led... sing and dance, praising our Lord in the booth of a restaurant.

Thank you for allowing me to love on your kiddos.

God Bless,

April Sharp

October 2017 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 5:00 pm Student Life Group		Wednesday Schedule 12:00 pm Prayer and Bible Study Luncheon 6:00 pm Student Gathering & AWANA 7:30 pm Worship Team Practice				
1 Regular Sunday Schedule	2 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	3	4 Regular Wednesday Schedule Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm	5 Women's Bible Study 10 am	6	7
8 Regular Sunday Schedule	9 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm Women on Mission 6:00 pm	10	11 Regular Wednesday Schedule	12 Women's Bible Study 10 am Christmas Worship Choir Rehearsal 6 - 7:30 pm	13	14 Food Pantry 9:00 am State Hospital Engage Event 9:45 am Youth Fall Party 4:30 - 9:30 pm
15 Regular Sunday Schedule	16 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	17	18 Regular Wednesday Schedule	19 Women's Bible Study 10 am	20	21 Food Pantry 9:00 am
22 Regular Sunday Schedule	23 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	24	25 Regular Wednesday Schedule	26 Women's Bible Study 10 am	27 Upward Evaluations 6 - 8:00 pm	28 Upward Evaluations 9 - 1:00 pm
29 Regular Sunday Schedule	30 Open Gym Basketball 6:30 - 8:30 pm	31				

Serving Others at Oakhill

October 1	October 8	October 15	October 22	October 29
Deacon of the Week Dale Potts (812) 444-9092 Robert Jackson (812) 491-6803	Deacon of the Week Brad Lamar (812) 480-9663 Mark Schmitz (812) 454-2377	Deacon of the Week Brad Ditter (812) 897-1197 Matt Schloss (812) 483-1778	Deacon of the Week Lucus Pettigrew (812) 319-9971 Kevin Knuckles (618) 383-2543	Deacon of the Week Richard West (812) 853-7930 Steve Comer (812) 437-2922
Chair Set-Up Team Townsend Team	Chair Set-Up Team Gotcher Team	Chair Set-Up Team Deckman Team	Chair Set-Up Team Simpson Team	Chair Set-Up Team Townsend Team
8:00 AM Service				
Nursery Jessica & Angel Mahon	Nursery Larry & Bonnie Beckham	Nursery Doris & Maci Rutledge	Nursery Ashley Hughes & Mary Gamblin	Nursery Jane Jett & Alice Mosley
Greeters David & Sharon Harmes	Greeters Marge Pontious, Bob Williams	Greeters Bill & Sondra Bottoms	Greeters Jenny Campbell, Shirley Guinn	Greeters Bob & Angela Pressley
Welcome Center Amanda Washburn	Welcome Center Mary Gamblin	Welcome Center Shirlene Kilgore	Welcome Center Jacob Townsend	Welcome Center Dawn Ommart
9:30 AM Service				
Nursery Isaac & Jessica Principe	Nursery Mourine Schmitt & Eleni Jackson	Nursery Heather Ntweo, Lauren Phelps	Nursery Sean & Audrey McDonald	Nursery Brandon & Bethanne Long
Greeters Jon & Heidi Hart	Greeters Sandy Dierlam & April Helm	Greeters Jeff & Janice Hostetler	Greeters Cheri Koberstein, Ron Wiandt	Greeters Ty & Teresa Nixon
Welcome Center Sondra Schloss	Welcome Center Deann Moss	Welcome Center Robert Jackson	Welcome Center John & Pam Schultz	Welcome Center April Helm
11:00 AM Service				
Nursery Kathy Masterson	Nursery Emily McGeorge	Nursery Ty & Teresa Nixon	Nursery Jon & Heidi Hart	Nursery Toni Gillespie
Toddlers Melissa & Emma Lear	Toddlers Michele & Lia Fuller	Toddlers Lucus & Leigha Pettigrew	Toddlers Ryan & Wynter Deckman	Toddlers Rodney & Lori Pavlichek
Greeters Curtis Cronch, Dawna Fischer	Greeters Sara Calverley, Brett Creamer	Greeters Sandy Jackson, Ralph Rode	Greeters Nancy Andrews, April Helm	Greeters Keith & Teresa Thomas
Welcome Center Kathleen Qualkenbush	Welcome Center Becky Cosby	Welcome Center Gina Townsend	Welcome Center Amy Olsen	Welcome Center Becky Cosby
Van Driver Jacob Townsend	Van Driver Duke Dockery	Van Driver Robert Jackson	Van Driver Brian Gotcher	Van Driver Brad Lamar