



June + July 2026



- To magnify and glorify God in worship, prayer and praise.
- To fellowship, nurture and disciple all members and visitors in the ways of life based on Biblical teachings.
- To take Jesus Christ, His Word, and His Love to all people in our community and the world.

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Oak Isl and Evangelical Presbyterian Church

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Sunday's at 10:30 a.m.



This summer we will be celebrating some big anniversaries. Of course, 2026 represents the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States of America, declared into being by the Second Continental Congress in the Declaration of Independence. To be sure, our community will mark this anniversary well, given what is arguably the largest Independence Day celebration in the state of North Carolina occurs in our community.

Another major anniversary this summer (at least for our congregation) is one that will receive much less attention or fanfare. August 15 marks the 50th anniversary of the chartering of our congregation, (then) the Oak Island Presbyterian Church. Just over one month after the nation celebrated its bicentennial, our congregation was formally received as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (or as it was commonly known, the "Southern Presbyterian Church").

Since that day in August in 1976, our congregation has gone through many changes. None of the original charter members are with us any longer, the last one being Lynne Barmore, who departed this life recently. Yet, their faith lives on in those who, through the years, came here, joined with them in the life and work of this congregation, down to those of us who celebrate its 50th anniversary. This congregation is not like many others, marked by the presence of families settled in this community for generations. It is a place of constant coming and going. Yet, we nonetheless share in the heritage of this congregation, knowing that without the work of those who are no longer with us, we ourselves would not be a part of this church.

In Psalm 16, the writer of the Psalm celebrates the heritage, the inheritance, that he had received:

The LORD is my chosen portion and cup;
you hold my lot.
The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. (Ps. 16:5-6, ESV)

We may speak those same word, with reference to what we have received as members of Oak Island EPC. As we enter into this summer of anniversaries, let us give thanks for what we have received through the faith, diligence, and work of those who have gone before. And as a congregation, let us be thankful for those whom God raised up and called to form this congregation as a faithful witness to Jesus Christ in this place.

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!



Grace and Peace, Pastor Walter L. Taylor



JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 7: Communion

“Deliver Us from Evil”: What does this part of the Lord’s Prayer mean for us? From whom do we need to be delivered?

Hymns: 457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
428 Not Worthy, Lord
98 Now Thank We All Our God

June 14:

“The Kingdom Is God’s”: The doxology that ends the Lord’s Prayer does not occur in the oldest manuscripts we have of the Gospel of Matthew. Yet from an early time Christians added this to the text of the Lord’s Prayer. As we look at this fact, we will also look at the first part of this doxology, that the Kingdom belongs to God alone.

Hymns: 165 Ye Servants of God
14 New Songs of Celebration Render
441 Jesus Shall Reign

June 21:

“The Power Is God’s”: The pursuit of “Power” is a continuous human endeavor. Many people allow their lives to be consumed with the pursuit of power, in one form or another. But God here frees us from our idolatrous pursuit of power with the declaration that it belongs to him.

Hymns: 296 All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name
301 Join All the Glorious Names
384 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

June 28:

“The Glory Is God’s”: We live in a world where many people, nations, institutions, etc., cry out for and celebrate their own glory. But what does it mean when we say that the glory belongs to God alone? What sort of claim does that make over us?

Hymns: 123 God of Everlasting Glory
138 The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord
55 To God Be the Glory



JULY WORSHIP

July 5: Communion

"Amen": The last word of the Lord's Prayer is well known to us, the word Amen. Or is it? What does it mean when we give our "Amen" to the things that we, or someone else, prays?

Hymns: 710 God of Our Fathers
424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless
30 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Over the next four weeks, Dr. Taylor will be preaching from the Old Testament prophet Habakkuk. Habakkuk is a book of questions to God regarding the state of the world in the time of the prophet, a time shortly before the destruction of the nation of Judah by the Babylonians. It is a book written in the midst of an unstable international scene. Can Habakkuk say something to us today?

July 12:

"O Lord, How Long?": Hab. 1:11: The prophet complains to God about the state of the world, and especially the people of God, whose land is defined by injustice and wrong. Habakkuk seeks an answer from God, though Habakkuk may not like what he hears.

Hymns: 64 God, the Lord, a King Remaineth
570 Faith of Our Fathers
689 Be Still My Soul

July 19:

"How Can This Be?": Hab. 1:12-2:20: Habakkuk wonders how a perfect and just God can make use of an evil, idolatrous nation like Babylon (Chaldea) to be the instrument of his judgment against his own people. God gives his answer.

Hymns: 97 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator
398 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
168 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

July 26:

"Though the Fig Tree Should Not Blossom": Hab. 3:1-20: Habakkuk hears about the divine justice of God, who even as he judges Judah for their sins, will also judge Babylon for its sins as well. The prophet learns to wait on the ways of God, and states his trust in God even in the midst of destruction.

Hymns: 21 Sing Praise to the Lord
7 From All That Dwell below the Skies
449 We Rest on Thee




OIEPC SUMMER SCHEDULE

Several of our regular church programs and activities will be taking a break during June, July and August:

Our **Women's Bible Study** group will have its last meeting on Monday, June 1 at 7:00 PM to finish up Kristi McLelland's study "Luke in the Land".

The **From the Heart** women's group's last activity before the break will be a visit to the Brunswick County Animal Shelter in Supply on Saturday, June 6, to drop off the donations our congregation has gathered. We will meet in the parking lot of the church at 10:00 AM and carpool to the shelter. Of course, we will visit the dogs and cats that are in the shelter at that time!


The **Craft Club** will also take a summer break.



Two of our programs will only take a break during August:

Our Adult **Sunday School** (which meets from 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM) will continue to study the Book of Psalms during June and July, but will take a break during the month of August.

The **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting** (which meets from 10:05 – 10:20 AM) will follow that same schedule.



Ministries that will continue to be offered during the summer are our **Nursery** and our **Children's Church**, so don't forget to sign up to assist in those programs a couple of times during the summer months! You can find the sign-up sheet for the Nursery on the bulletin board right next to the Nursery, in the Fellowship Hall, and the sign-up sheet for Children's Church in the Children's Church room, which is the last room off the Fellowship Hall.

Another ministry that will continue is our **Fellowship Time** after worship. We would love for you to choose a Sunday to provide some snacks. We do NOT expect a lunch!



All our regular programs will start again on Sunday, September 13, when we will celebrate the beginning of a new church year with our **Kick-Off Sunday!**

Sunday, July 12 6pm



Join us!

Oak Isl and Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Presents:

Please join us Sunday evening, July 12 at 6pm in the sanctuary
for an:

old-fashioned Hymn Sing

We'll have a selection of well known favorites and ask you to sing
along using our hymnbooks, 1 or 2 verses per hymn.

If a hymn has a particular memory for you, you are welcome to
share that with the group (under 30 seconds, please so everyone
has a chance to share!).

Following the singing time, we'll enjoy yummy
summertime refreshments.

Hymn Sing Night

For Questions Contact: Donna Winrich (704)798-9842

Southport Elementary School Supply Drive

June 28 – July 28



TISSUES

COMPOSITION BOOKS, wide ruled only

CRAYONS, individual boxes

COLORED MARKERS, washable

COLORED PENCILS

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PENCIL TOP ERASERS

INDIVIDUAL ERASERS

PENCIL SHARPENERS

WHITE SCHOOL GLUE BOTTLES

GLUE STICKS

SAFETY SCISSORS

PLASTIC RULERS

Oak Island
Evangelical Presbyterian
Church

MARTHA'S
Circle

Please place supplies
in the basket in the hall.



Contact: *Ann Hunt Smith*
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To the Glory of God: A Carillon for Our 50th Anniversary

In August, OIEPC will celebrate its 50th anniversary. We plan to mark that occasion by installing a carillon in our steeple which will ring out a different hymn of praise each day at 12 Noon. Perhaps you have heard the sound of church bells in Southport, or hymns rolling across country fields or busy city streets. You know that these sounds serve as a daily uplifting reminder of Christian faith. Our carillon will call out to those in our surrounding community for years to come. While we do already have a single bell, (which you may have heard before worship on Sundays), this carillon will be capable of playing a large number of familiar traditional hymns, as well as special music for weddings, Christmas and other special events.

Our Outreach Committee has recommended, and the Session has approved, the purchase of a digital carillon to be installed in our steeple. This carillon will produce the beautiful sound of bells that one poet has called **“the voice of the church.”** While the Session has approved this project, we will need to raise funds for this purchase beforehand. We are asking members of our congregation to prayerfully consider their participation in funding this 50th anniversary project without impacting our regular gifts and tithes, with financial gifts to be specifically designated for the carillon. The cost of the digital bell system will not exceed \$19,500, and we have already received the first \$2,000 in pledges.

The Virtuoso bell system is capable of playing hundreds of hymns. We anticipate an initial schedule of music playing for a few minutes at noon daily, and before and after service on Sundays. As great care is taken with the selection of hymns for Sunday morning worship, the hymn playlist for the carillon will be carefully curated with the most familiar of traditional hymns. We have a list of proposed hymns for the playlist. Let us know if you'd like a copy. If you would like to hear a sample of how authentic the bells will sound, here is a link to the system: <https://www.verdin.com/electronic-carillon-bells/virtuoso/>

Our prayer is that we will have all the funds in hand by July 12th, so the carillon can be purchased and installed prior to our 50th anniversary fellowship dinner on August 16th. If you would like to support the purchase of our carillon, please note **“Church Bells”** on the memo line on your check and make your check payable to OIEPC. Your gifts are tax deductible.

If you have any questions, please email Dirk Mroczek: mroczek.dirk@gmail.com

Let's ring the bells!





Reformed University Fellowship at UNCW

10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

NOVEMBER 7-9, 2025

Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) is a campus ministry that reaches college students from all backgrounds with the hope of Jesus Christ. College is a time when beliefs are explored, decisions are made, and lives are changed. Students are invited into authentic relationships and the study of God's Word. Through the ministry of RUF, students discover the love of Christ, find their significance in God's redemptive story, and engage in the life of His church.

Our local RUF chapter at UNCW is led by ordained minister, Sam Kennedy. Our congregation has supported the work of RUF at UNCW since its beginning, 10 years ago. Sam has been a guest speaker at OIEPC several times in the past, and has just completed his 7th year at UNCW. The ministry has grown under his leadership and his latest newsletter reports that this year, more than 200 students have been involved in Large Group teaching, led by Sam, small group Bible study, or met face-to-face with staff for counseling or prayer.

A highlight of this spring semester was a Spring Break trip to London with 8 students. The students were trained by Serge Missionaries in apologetics, church planting, prayer and cross-cultural ministry. Sam states, "I think it was the single greatest equipping event I have ever done with students." Initially he had hoped that the students would get some training and tips on how to grow in their practice of prayer. God did so much more than simply equip them with some training on evangelism or apologetics; He gave them a heart for prayer.

May 11-16, over 30 people from UNCW drove down to Panama City Beach, FL for the annual RUF Summer Conference (SuCo). The training and experiences at SuCo help to build the group and develop student leaders for the next year of ministry.

Pray for Sam Kennedy, his staff, and the student leaders at UNCW. Sign up for his newsletters at sam.kennedy@ruf.org and follow this wonderful ministry as they connect the big truths of the Bible with the big questions college students face.

Contact: Susan Smith ssmith_sl@yahoo.com



FROM THE HEART

We are collecting items for the Brunswick County Animal Shelter. There is a box for donations next to the information table just off the Office Foyer, plus there will be additional boxes in the Lounge, next to the Church Library.

From the Heart will take the donations to the Animal Shelter on Saturday, June 6.

We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:00 AM so we can carpool to Supply.

Items the Animal Shelter needs are:

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| Puppy Food | Flea and Deodorizing shampoo |
| Kitten Food | Blue Dawn Dish Detergent |
| Bleach | Laundry Detergent |
| Towels (bath & hand) size | Pill Pockets |
| Dog Kongs | Hand Sanitizer |
| Cat Toys | Newspaper s |
| Fabuloso | Paper Tow- |



Oak Island EPC ACTIONS OF THE SESSION May 20, 2026

A joint meeting with Deacons was held with information regarding flocks being provided.

Missions Committee: SOIIF will sponsor Days of Hope. Presentation regarding Paths of Hope was well received at past Presbytery meeting.

Outreach Committee: Organ concert was well attended and positive comments were received. Men's BSF organizational meeting was attended by 18 gentlemen. Funds are being requested to purchase a digital carillon system.

Worship Committee: Communion will be observed June 7, 2026, and July 5, 2026.

Scholarship Committee: Scholarships were awarded to 3 South Brunswick High School students.

Communications Committee: Information was publicized regarding scholarship recipients and the organ concert.

Pastor's Report: Dr. Taylor reported that he will attend conference in Pennsylvania May 31 - June 4, 2026, He reported that he and Dirk Mroczek will attend General Assembly June 15 - 19, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Hall, Clerk

MONTHLY REPORTS OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS

Apr2026

April		
Contributions Received Year To Date For General Funds		\$ 145,089
Budgeted Monthly		\$ 29,473
General Fund Contribution For Apr2026		\$ 25,493
<u>Special Funds Contributions</u>		
Choir Fund	\$ 100	
Human Needs	\$ 609	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 50	
Lynne Barmore Memorial Fund	\$ 100	
Margaret Pettrey Memorial Fund	\$ 100	
Mission - General	\$ 25	
Total Special Funds		\$ 984
Total All Funds Received in Apr2026		\$ 26,477



August Newsletter

Due: July 15

~ Prayer ~List ~

Nursing/Rehab Homes:

Suzan Fogle Southport Health & Rehab Center, #605, 630 Fodale Ave, Southport, NC 28461

Shelvy Pasour Peak Resources Gastonia, #302, 2780 X-Ray Drive, Gastonia, NC 28054

Our homebound, hospitalizations, those suffering with long-term illnesses, and other prayer requests:

Chris DeArros; Pat Kelly; Allen Walts; Bonnie Diana (friend of David and Paula Paxton), treatment for brain tumor; Jose Pena, ongoing health concerns; Charlene Harding (mother of Kent Winrich), in memory care with Lewy Body dementia; Nate Winrich (son of Kent Winrich), non-believer; Jim Gerlach, in remission for multiple myeloma; Evelyn Reynolds, hospice; Vickie Potter (friend of Glenda Dennis), cancer treatment; Bob Jenkins, under treatment for cancer; Merle Scherle, under treatment for acute lymphocytic leukemia; Dan Bressler (brother-in-law of Patricia Bressler), ongoing cancer treatment; Glenda Dennis, retina issues; Robin Godwin (cousin of Jane Wydra), has suffered multiple strokes; Ryan Dew (grandson of Jose and Sandi Pena), needs positive changes in his life; Sue Jones, cancer treatment; Mark Lemley (brother of Patricia Bressler's neighbor), ongoing cancer treatment; Linda Dorman, recovering from a stroke; Phyllis Hendrick, home hospice in Hamlet; Scott Lyon (brother-in-law of Susan and Phil Nazzaro), healing of ongoing health concerns, Leslie Reynolds (daughter of Nona and Bill Flythe), high risk pregnancy; Sue Kaiser (friend of Barbara Weese), upcoming open heart surgery; Laura Sierat (mother of Agnes Taylor), congestive heart failure; Linda Robinson (mother of Lisa Milligan), cancer. Evelyn Townsend and George Sewall (Goddaughter of Jane Wydra), June 20th upcoming marriage.

If you have a need or prayer request, please call the church office or email us.

All urgent prayer requests will then be shared through email to all church members. This will allow your prayer requests to be shared universally with your church family. Due to privacy laws, hospital admission information is not available to your pastor.

For PRAYER
Request

Thank you.

Rev. Dr. Walter L. Taylor, Pastor
Rev. Agnes Taylor, Assistant Pastor
Sherry Hardison, Office Administrator
Michael Byers, Bookkeeper
Donna Winrich, Director of Music
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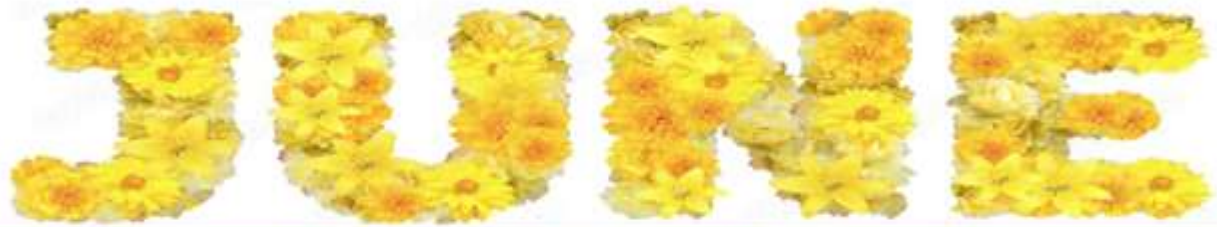




6/1 Dirk Mroczek
 6/2 Sandy Pena
 6/4 Christa Viney
 6/8 Shelvy Pasour
 6/10 Agnes Taylor
 6/11 Ann Johnson
 6/13 Sandi Scott
 6/13 Keith Jackway



6/16 Jeff Seavy
 6/18 Ken Eagle
 6/20 Cindy Lane
 6/21 Caroline Delancey
 6/25 Mary Margaret Carman
 6/26 Ann Miller
 6/27 Ann Love



Sunday	Monday	Tues day	Wednes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:30 Missions Committee	3	4	5 8:00 Emmaus	6 10:00 Meet at Church From The Heart Visit Animal Shelter
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:05 Pre-Service Prayer 10:30 Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
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JULY

- 7/6 Gary Jones
- 7/7 Lynn Seavy
- 7/11 Sandi Winstead
- 7/13 Donna Winnich
- 7/19 David Carman
- 7/21 Leslie Boyd
- 7/28 Marshall Scott
- 7/28 Keith Faile



Sunday	Monday	Tues day	Wed nes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:00 Choir Practice	2	3 8:00 Emmaus	4 July 4th Holiday 
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:05 Pre-Service Prayer 10:30 Worship	6 OFFICE CLOSED 	7 6:30 Missions Committee	8 3:00 Choir Practice 4:00 Deacons Mtng	9	10	11
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