



AUGUST 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 ISLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday's at 10:30 a.m.



Sunday  
August  
16

On Sunday, August 15, 1976, the Oak Island Presbyterian Church was formally chartered as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. Several years earlier a group of people came together with the desire to plant a Presbyterian congregation on Oak Island. Previously, a number of these people drove to Southport to worship with the congregation which had long existed there. But that was in the days of "the swinging bridge." One of the struggles that they faced was this: if they were on their way to worship in Southport, and the bridge was opening or was opened for local boat traffic on the Intracoastal Waterway, they were arriving too late for the service. Also, enough people on the island were interested in establishing a Presbyterian Church. First these founders met in homes, then in facilities offered to them by other churches and organizations on the island. In the summer of 1976, a young ministerial student, Jay Coker (who was from Leland), came to serve as a student intern with the mission to prepare the participants in the Presbyterian fellowship to become a chartered congregation, which he did. In fact, the Rev. Dr. Jay Coker is a retired Presbyterian minister, and remains a cherished friend of mine.

Our congregation has a history characterized by change, like Oak Island itself. Earlier this year our last Charter Member died, Lynne Barmore. So as we celebrate our anniversary, this will be the first year we will do so without a charter member among us, something of a milestone in our congregation's life.

Yet, amid all the changes in our congregational life, something remains the same at Oak Island EPC—the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic faith is taught, believed, expressed, and lived out. The Person and the Work of Jesus Christ remains at our center. This faith is what sustains us and will continue to sustain our congregation well after all of us who are here presently are no longer here—whether from moving away or being "transferred" to "The Church Triumphant."

Join us on Sunday, August 16, for our regular Lord's Day Worship, in which we will express our thanks to God for his faithfulness to this congregation for a half century. We will remember those who have gone before us in the faith, by whose work all of us here found this congregation already waiting on us when we arrived. Immediately after our worship service, we will have a half-hour organ recital by Mr. Lynn Dean, who served as an organ consultant for us in the purchase of our new organ. Then, we will all retire to the Fellowship Hall for a fellowship lunch together (please bring a dish for sharing!).

I hope to see you all then.

In the service of Christ, Pastor Walter L. Taylor



# AUGUST

## Worship

### August 2: Communion

"The Table of the Lord": Luke 24:13-35: Did you know that when Luke reports one of the resurrection appearances of Christ, he reports it using the language of worship, the language that the first readers and hearers of his Gospel would have recognized from their Sunday worship? What is Luke teaching us in this? We will share in the Lord's Supper.

Hymns: 116 For the Beauty of the Earth  
 Insert: Come Risen Lord, and Deign to Be our Guest  
 76 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

### August 9:

"What Do These Stones Mean?": Joshua 4:1-9: When the Israelites crossed over into the land of Canaan, Joshua commanded that they set up a memorial to remember what had happened, and so that future generations would also remember. As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our congregation, we are likewise called to remember.

Hymns: 382 God Himself Is with Us  
 364 Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds  
 598 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

### August 16:

"A Beautiful Inheritance": Psalm 16: "The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance." These words from Psalm 16 are a poignant reminder to us as we remember and celebrate the heritage of our congregation on its fiftieth anniversary.

Hymns: 342 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation  
 345 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken  
 355 We Are God's People

Dr. Taylor will begin a series of sermons from the "thankful letter" of Paul to the Philippians.

### August 23:

"A Thankful Letter": Philippians 1:1-18: Paul begins his letter to the Philippians as a thankful letter, and that sense of thankfulness permeates the letter. Even in the midst of his difficulties, he says that he is thankful.

Hymns: 18 You Holy Angels Bright  
 103 Holy God, We Praise Your Name  
 131 Children of the Heavenly Father

### August 30:

"Living in Christ": Philippians 1:19-30: As Paul reflects on the reality of life and death, which confront him, he calls on the Christians in Philippi to live in and for Jesus Christ.

Hymns: 5 God, My King, Thy might Confessing  
 88 With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring  
 94 How Firm a Foundation





## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR KICK-OFF SUNDAY!**

**On Sunday, September 13th, we will Kick-Off our new educational year with a big bang!**

### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** **9:15 AM**

At 9:15 am, our **Adult Sunday School** will meet again for the first time after the August summer break, and we want to invite you to join us! Sunday School provides a great opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge, plus it gives you a chance to get to know others in our congregation better. Pastor Walter will resume his study of the Book of Psalms during September.

Would you be interested in teaching a four- to eight-week study? Whether you are interested in teaching about a Bible book, church history, or a topic related to our life as Christians, the Nurture Committee would love to hear from you! Maybe you do not want to teach a whole study, but you would be interested in being a substitute teacher? The Nurture Committee would love to hear from you as well! Talk to our Assistant Pastor, Agnes Taylor, and she will share your name and ideas with the committee!

### **POTLUCK LUNCH**

After worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a celebratory **Potluck Lunch**. Bring a dish to share and enjoy a delicious meal together! What better way to start the new educational year than with church family?

### **NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**STARTING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 @ 7:00 PM**

Join biblical culturalist Kristi McLelland as she unpacks the life of the early church in the book of Acts in her Bible study: *The Gospel on the Ground: the Grit & Glory of the Early Church in Acts*. Kristi is a wonderful Bible teacher, with a great knowledge of Jewish culture in the time of Jesus.

For the vast majority of his life, Jesus never travelled outside of a one-hundred-mile radius from where he was born, but today his name is spoken in every corner of the earth. *The Gospel on the Ground* is the story of how Jesus' message of hope and reconciliation began to spread from Jerusalem and how it is still spreading today.

Learn how the kingdom of God is always on the move - always looking outward to bring meaning and joy to a world searching for true fulfillment and hope. Explore the call of Jesus to his disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in his kingdom of celebration.

Ladies, we invite you to join the Women's Bible Study, gain new insights and enjoy warm fellowship! We meet in the Disciples (Sunday School) Room. You can order your own book or talk to Pastor Agnes.





### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Would you like to get to know others in our congregation better? Join us on Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall to connect with others while enjoying some coffee or another beverage, plus some goodies.

**We are looking for people willing to provide snacks (and maybe some beverages) for a Sunday!** We keep our snacks simple, so you only need to provide lunch! Are you willing to host a Sunday? There is a Fellowship Time

sheet on the long table in the Fellowship Hall. Do you want more information before you commit to a Sunday? Contact Lisa Milligan or our Assistant Pastor, Agnes Taylor, and they will be happy to answer any questions you may have!

### NURSERY NEEDS

To provide a safe and welcoming environment for nursery-age children (ages 0 through 3), and to protect the liability of our church, **we need to have two adults (18 years and older) present in our Nursery at all times.**

**Assisting our Nursery Coordinator Keena Knox is easy and fun!**

You do NOT have to get on the floor, pick up children or change diapers! Keena will take care of that. What we need you to do is to be a loving and friendly presence in the Nursery, making the children feel welcome and at home. This is a ministry opportunity for women and men, young and old (that is, 18 and older). Many Sundays there will not be any children in the Nursery. In that case you will be able to go to the Sanctuary to hear the sermon if you want. Otherwise, you can watch the worship service on the tv in the Nursery.



**Please note that if we do not have two adults in the Nursery, we unfortunately cannot provide childcare, which may cause a problem for visiting families!**

There is a sign-up sheet on the small bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, outside the Nursery. Pick a couple of dates to assist in the Nursery and help us to provide this ministry to families with young children!

### Community Hymn Sing Reflects on Favorite Melodies and Memories

On Sunday, July 12 at 6:00 PM, about 50 people gathered in the sanctuary for our third annual Community Hymn Sing. It was a wonderful evening filled with music, as we sang favorite, familiar hymns requested by those in attendance. We had a few visitors from the area as well as our "home folks." Ann Myers played the piano for us and Donna shared some facts about how singing is good for your brain, body and disposition. The harmonies and descants were lovely!

During the event, several attendees shared touching or funny stories about what these hymns mean to them. Some recalled hearing their grandmothers singing the tunes while cooking dinner, while others remembered parents singing them during family events. Attendees asked if we could do this more often and have a Christmas song edition. What do you think? Please let Donna know.

Following the singing, we adjourned to the fellowship hall to enjoy delicious refreshments served by the Nurture Committee. Thank you to everyone who came out to make this such a meaningful evening of music and fellowship. Best regards, Donna

*Hymn Sing*



From Beugen, the Netherlands

OIEPC Mission support reaches out into many parts of the world. In the Netherlands we have special friends, Scot and Lydie Fogle, working together for the glory of God. Scot has the leadership of this vibrant training center where another busy school year ended in June. We have sent mission teams in recent years to help improve the beautiful but aging structure, once a monastery, and enjoy the multicultural blend of students from all over the world preparing for mission ministry. (Scot's parents have been long time members of OIEPC for those of you who are new.)

Scot reports a highly positive change in the community this past year. 2 local schools invited Cornerstone to share the Christmas story with them, the town is offering tours of the campus to newcomers, the local Aerobics Club and a civic association have asked to use space on the site. Some have begun to turn to faith. Some are taking steps to plant a church. After being cautiously viewed for years, Cornerstone is feeling accepted in Beugen.

The 2nd year students graduated June 27th. Some will be in ministry in Thailand, Nepal, Germany, Japan, North Africa, Ecuador, South Korea, and other places in the Netherlands. Others will continue exploring, get married, or finish responsibilities they left for a while. Many are visiting their sending churches and home support. The college is on summer break

Scot and Lydie are visiting, reading, walking and reflecting while rejuvenating in France, Germany, Switzerland and the Netherlands. They are praying about what comes next for them after Cornerstone, possibly in a couple more years. They've asked us to pray that the Lord shows His next steps for them that they can employ their gifts and lives for His glory.

Other prayer requests Scot sent to us are: **more students to enroll for the next school year**, and **wisdom and good counsel for setting up a new legal foundation for the school with approval from the government oversight agencies that receive their registration.**

Mission Committee: *Bonnie Pendergast*



**Scot and Lydie Fogle**

Save  
the Date

September 12  
8am -2pm

Bake Sale

# Church YARD SALE

Our OIEPC Yard Sale is being held to support the Lamar McKee Scholarship fund. This fund helps local High School graduates continue their education at University and Trade Schools. Your unwanted items can make a real difference.

Donations and baked good accepted:  
10am - 2pm Wednesday, **September 9**  
10am - 2pm Thursday, **September 10**

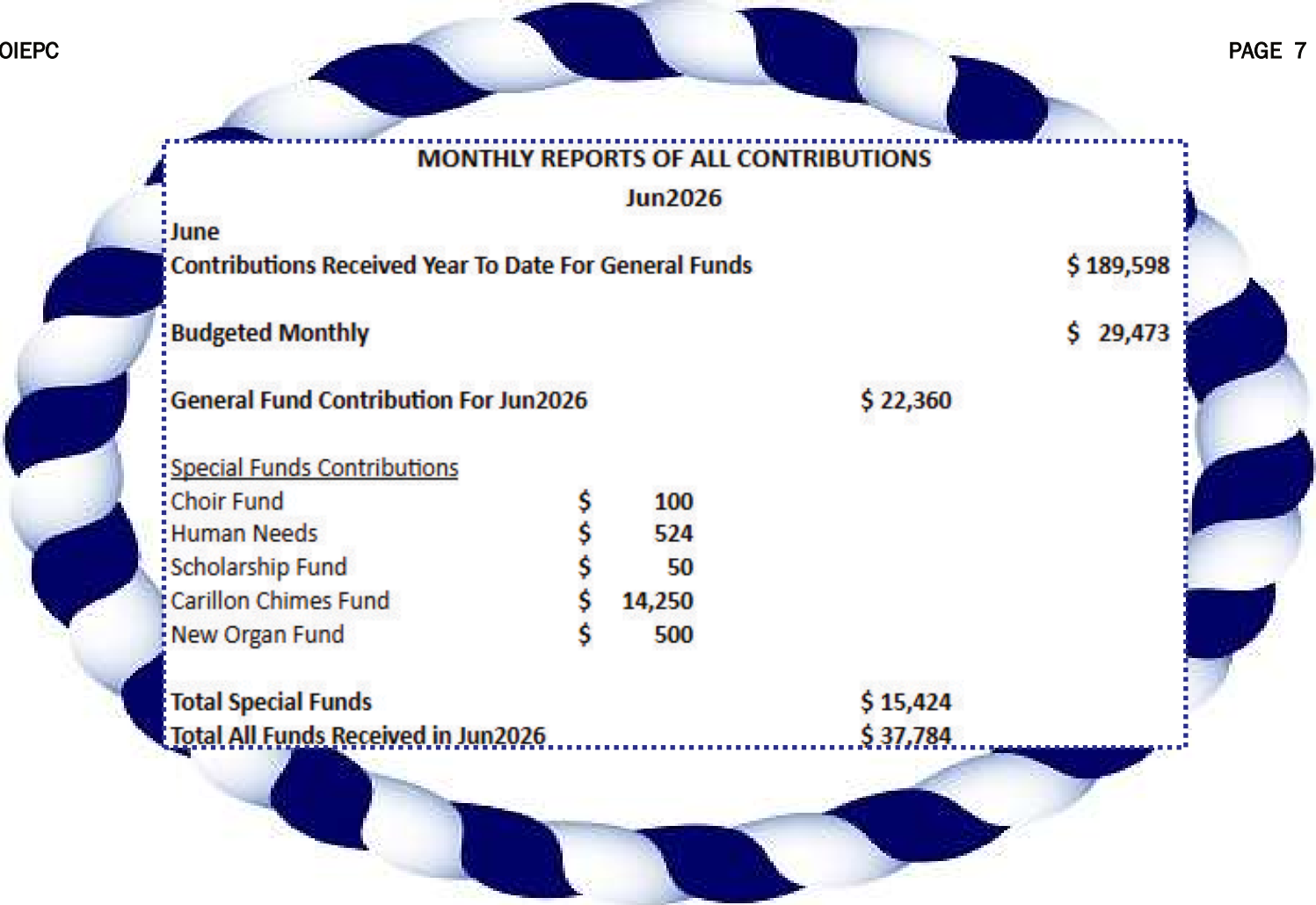
All household items and furniture are welcome. We cannot accept clothing.

If you can help with any of the donation days, or the day of the yard sale, please contact:

**Sandi Scott** 901) 493-3832

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

Thank you!



### MONTHLY REPORTS OF ALL CONTRIBUTIONS

Jun2026

June

Contributions Received Year To Date For General Funds \$ 189,598

Budgeted Monthly \$ 29,473

General Fund Contribution For Jun2026 \$ 22,360

Special Funds Contributions

Choir Fund \$ 100

Human Needs \$ 524

Scholarship Fund \$ 50

Carillon Chimes Fund \$ 14,250

New Organ Fund \$ 500

Total Special Funds \$ 15,424

Total All Funds Received in Jun2026 \$ 37,784

Oak Island

### EPC ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

July 15, 2026

**Nurture & Education Committee:** Amanda Jackway reported that Sunday School has been suspended for the month of August. The Church's 50th Anniversary will be celebrated on August 16, 2026 and there will be a Fellowship Dinner following the worship service. There will also be a Fellowship Potluck Dinner following services on September 13, 2026.

**Missions Committee:** Mary Margaret Carman reported that missionaries to Pakistan, Asaph and Lynn Din, will meet with the Mission Committee on August 5, 2026.

**Outreach Committee:** Dirk Mroczek reported that sufficient funds have been raised for the purchase of The Virtuoso system from the Verdin company. Hopes are that it will be installed prior to anniversary celebration.

**Worship Committee:** Patricia Bressler reported that communion will be held on August 2, 2026, with congregants coming forward.

**Stewardship and Finance Committee:** Glenda Dennis presented financial report and funds balances.

**Communications Committee:** Phil Johnson reported news releases regarding Church's Anniversary Celebration would be handled by the committee.

**Scholarship Committee:** Sandi Scott reported that the yard sale will be held on September 12, 2026.

**Nominating Committee:** Sandi Scott reported that the committee will meet on August 11, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Hall, Clerk



# September Newsletter

## Due: August 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), severe aortic valve stenosis; Linda Robinson (mother of Lisa Milligan), cancer.

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

For PRAYER  
*Request*

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. **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  
Ann Myers, Organist  
Keena Knox, Nursery Coordinator

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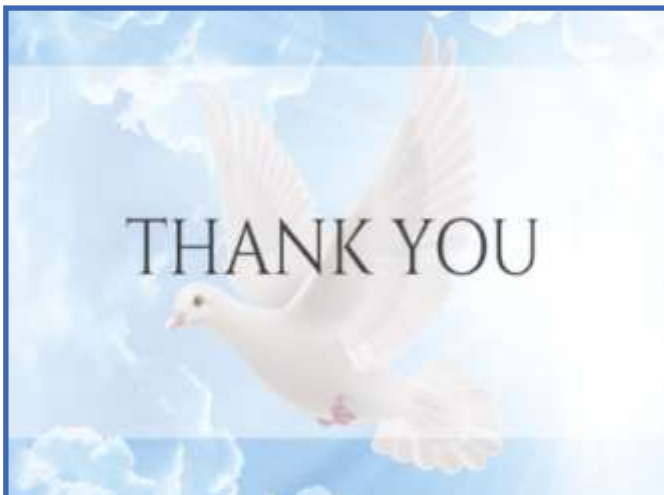
**CHURCH STAFF**



### REMARKABLE DONATION FROM OUR GENEROUS FRIENDS!

They've done it again...the From the Heart Women's Group from Oak Island Evangelical Presbyterian Church has showered us with donations of all kinds. We are amazed and grateful and so much better off because of devoted friends such as all of you! Our deepest thanks....may you all enjoy the love of a precious furry friend for all you do!

*Brunswick County Animal Shelter*



Just a brief word to all of you regarding my husband's demise with all the prayers, support, cards, food and the divine people who have been phenomenal addressing my husband's death.

Thank all of you for being my second family throughout all these years.

I've attended OIEPC and would appreciate your prayers, God be willing, for my journey after losing the love of my life. Ernest is finally at peace.

Thank you everyone and my God bless you.  
Brenda Brooks



8/5 Buzz Smith  
 8/9 Barbara Weese  
 8/12 Dara Royal  
 8/15 Walter Taylor  
 8/16 Tommy Miller  
 8/16 Brenda Hall  
 8/16 Gabriel Logue



8/23 Leda Sloat  
 8/26 Brenda Brooks  
 8/27 Mary Cobb Woodard  
 8/30 Jean Young  
 8/30 Cynthia Boyd  
 8/31 Trudy Wells  
 8/31 Bonnie Davis



# August



| Sunday                                                                 | Monday | Tues day                     | Wednes day                                          | Thursday | Friday            | Saturday |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
|                                                                        |        |                              |                                                     |          |                   | 1        |
| 2<br>10:30 Worship<br>NOON Nurture Committee                           | 3      | 4                            | 5<br>3:00 Choir Practice<br>6:30 Missions Committee | 6        | 7<br>8:00 Emmaus  | 8        |
| 9<br>10:30 Worship                                                     | 10     | 11                           | 12<br>3:00 Choir Practice<br>4:00 Deacons Mtng      | 13       | 14                | 15       |
| 16<br><br>10:30 Worship<br>NOON Fellowship<br>Dinner: OIEPC 50th Anniv | 17     | 18<br>9:00 Finance Committee | 19<br>3:00 Choir Practice<br>7:00 Session           | 20       | 21<br>8:00 Emmaus | 22       |
| 23<br>10:30 Worship                                                    | 24     | 25                           | 26<br>3:00 Choir Practice                           | 27       | 28                | 29       |
| 30<br>10:30 Worship                                                    | 31     |                              |                                                     |          |                   |          |