

October 4, 2026

E-Connections

News from **Oakmont Baptist Church**

A Word from Our Pastor

What are your fall traditions? When October arrives, do you instinctively put pumpkin spice creamer in your coffee, put a pumpkin out on the porch, and use pumpkin-scented candles and air fresheners? In years past, have you identified the trees with the best fall leaves in Greenville, and do you eagerly watch those trees as the leaves change colors? I'm guessing a lot more of us are out walking in our neighborhoods as the temperature gets cooler.

One fall tradition at church is just around the corner: Trunk or Treat! On Sunday afternoon, October 25, we set up our cars in the church parking lot, decorate our trunks, and give candy to the community's children. We have games and food and tons of fun! It's a great way to bless and be with our neighbors. This year's arrangement will be different due to the ongoing construction of our new youth room, but we think the new set up will be a good one. As always, we need volunteers! If you would like to bring your car and decorate your trunk, please sign up and let us know you're coming. If you can help with food or games, please sign up as well. Thank you for helping people get to know our church through this fun event.

Another less frequent tradition is also occurring this month: pictures for our Church Directory! Thank you to all who have signed up and are getting their pictures taken this week. There are still spaces available for the Friday-Saturday sessions on October 23-24. We want your smiling face in our Directory!

And thanks so much to the many people who have volunteered to help this process go smoothly.

For me, October marks the beginning of a three month season of deeper spiritual reflection and spiritual practices. From now until the twelve days of Christmas are ended, I find the seasonal emphases of the church and of our culture create an environment that helps me pay more attention to God and people. It's a busy time to be sure! And it's likely to be busier this year than most with all the wonderful new things going on at church. But somehow, somehow, the cooler temperatures, the changing leaves, being outside with you and our neighbors for Trunk or Treat, then Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas ... all these wonderful things can be used by the Holy Spirit to draw us into a holy stillness.

So, smile for the camera! Help us out at Trunk or Treat! Strap yourself in for the busy and beautiful ride that takes place every year at this time! And most of all, look for moments to listen to God, listen to your family, listen to your sisters and brothers, listen to your neighbors. I believe you will hear the voice and experience the presence of Jesus.

Grace and peace,
Eric Porterfield





OBC Updates



October 4

Philippians 3:4b-11
Service of Holy Communion
Eric Porterfield preaching

October 11

Philippians 3:12-14
Eric Porterfield preaching

Pictorial Directory Update

It's not too late to sign up to be a part of our new church directory...we want to include everyone! We have added two new dates for additional photo sessions: Friday, October 23 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. As before, you can sign up online, in-person in the narthex before or after worship on Sundays, or call the church office and speak to Nicole Davis to do so. Let's fill the photo sessions and try to include everyone in the new pictorial directory!



PLEASE NOTE: If you & your family are unable to attend any of our scheduled dates for photo sessions, UCD does offer other options for inclusion in the directory: a photo session at another local church or a submitted photo. Ayden Christian Church is having photo sessions on Monday, October 19, and they have open slots in the afternoon & evening. If you would like information about how to sign up for these photo sessions or how to submit a photo for the church directory, please contact Nicole Davis in the church office. Thank you!

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions Are Here!

- Oakmont's photo sessions will take place in our Multipurpose Room.
- You are welcome to park in the circle drive in front of the sanctuary and enter through the double glass doors to the left of the sanctuary doors OR you can park by the Fellowship Hall and enter through those doors.
- We will have volunteers to greet you and guide you through the process. We will also have seating available in a waiting area for you.
- Please plan to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your appointment time, if possible, in order to complete the check-in process.
- If you plan to purchase photos and/or gifts, cash (in small bills), checks, credit, and debit cards are acceptable forms of payment.
- If you need to change your appointment or have any questions, please call Nicole Davis in the church office at (252) 756-1245.
- We do have two additional dates for photo sessions on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24.

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS FOR FAMILY APPOINTMENTS



- Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com)
- Click on the box on the right side of the homepage entitled “photography appointment scheduling login.”
- Enter your church code (nc643).
- Enter your church password (photos643).
- Click on the “Enter” button.
- Click on the desired photography date.
- Click on the “Reserve Time” button beside the desired photography appointment time.
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields (indicated by the asterisk).
- Click on the “Schedule Appointment” button at the bottom of the screen to reserve the photography appointment time in your family’s name.
- If you have more than six family members being photographed, please reserve two appointments consecutively (such as 6:00 and 6:10 p.m.).
- Print the next screen to use as a reminder of your family’s photography appointment.
- Contact Nicole Davis in the church office to change or cancel your photography appointment at (252) 756-1245 or nicole@oakmontchurch.com.



Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 25, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

Our favorite fall community ministry will relocate to the **very back parking lot** due to the Youth Room construction affecting the grassy area and where we normally park the trunks. More details to come!

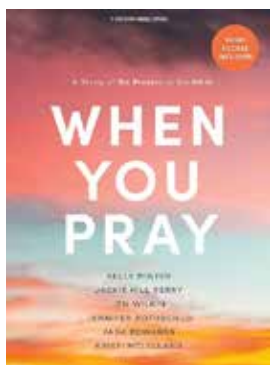
- **CANDY NEEDED:** Individually-wrapped candy (*peanut-free, if possible, due to allergies*). Please drop the candy off in the tubs in the narthex and by the church office.
- **CAKE WALK GOODIES:** Individually-wrapped treats (cookies, brownies, Rice Krispies Treats, and cake slices (no icing, please). These can be homemade or store bought! Treat drop-off will be Friday, October 23 or Sunday morning, October 25 in the church kitchen.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** GAME HOSTS, food helpers, greeters, parking attendants, and bathroom guides (Fellowship Hall bathrooms).
- Sign up to volunteer [HERE!](#)

Wednesday Night Ministries Are Back!



What a gift to gather in the middle of the week, to be together and study God's Word and encourage one another! We're so grateful for all the teachers and workers who make our Wednesday night ministries possible. We started another semester of this wonderful mid-week rhythm on September 9. The semester will end the week before Thanksgiving.

Activities for preschoolers, elementary age children, and youth begin at 6:00 p.m. The Large Group Bible Study taught by Eric Porterfield begins at 6:00 in the Multipurpose Room. The Women's Bible Study, led by Alicia Porterfield, Dot Seay, and Sharron Edwards begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Orchestra and choir rehearsals have also resumed.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Our third session centered on Psalm 139, and our video teacher was Jen Wilkin. We learned about the connections between adoration and petition and how honoring and celebrating who God is reorients our hearts and reframes our petitions. In October, Dot Seay and Sharron Edwards will be back with us and leading the last three sessions of the study.



Senior Adult Coffee Talk

Tuesday, October 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

The cost is \$3, and you can pay at the door.

**Sign-up sheets will be in your Sunday school classrooms;
or you can let PJ Castles know that you plan to attend!**

See you there!

Oakmont will be having a Flu Shot Clinic the same day at 10:15 a.m. Other shots will also be available. Please sign up on the clipboards located around the church or call Nicole Davis in the church office to sign up.



Senior Adult Ministry Council Meeting

It's almost time for the SAM Council to meet again! It will be held Tuesday, October 13 at 10:30 a.m. in The Potter's Clay classroom (Room 300), and we will discuss our fall agenda!

**Do you know someone who is not
receiving the newsletter?**



Please let us know if you would like to receive *E-Connections* online. All we need is an email address. If you have received it in the past and seem to have missed some issues, please check your trash or spam folder, as sometimes it goes into those folders. If you think you should be getting it and you are not, please call us in the office at 252-756-1245. Or if you have any questions, please call us. Thank you.



Lost and Found

A wallet was found on the preschool hallway, and a pair of bifocals were found on a column outside of the sanctuary. If you have lost these items, please stop by the church office. Thank you!

Music Ministry Memos

Here's a [link](#) to a new song in our canon that we will be singing again in the coming weeks.



Wednesday, October 7

6:00 p.m. | Orchestra rehearsal (*sanctuary*)

7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir rehearsal (*choir room*)

Thursday, October 8

10:00 a.m. | JOY Singers rehearsal (*choir room*)

Sunday, October 11

3:30 p.m. | Handbell rehearsal (*room 607*)

Contact Laurie Cosby if you are interested in joining any of these groups at laurielee@oakmontchurch.com.

WANTED: TECH Operators for the TECH Team Ministry

We are in the process of offering advanced training for current operators and we will be offering beginning training for new operators on all four positions for in-house and broadcast audio media: Sanctuary Power Point/Light Operator, Sanctuary Sound Mixer, Broadcast Video Camera Operator and Broadcast Sound Mixer. If you would be interested in serving on the TECH TEAM as a new member, contact Laurie Cosby at: laurielee@oakmontchurch.com.



Nursery/Preschool Toys and Books Needed at Hope of Glory

If you have toys or children's books to donate, please share them with Hope of Glory, our community ministry partner. Combining our resources with that of our new Jarvis at Oakmont friends has resulted in an abundance of books and toys—even after both groups did some paring down! Thanks for sharing your extra children's items with Hope of Glory which will support their financial empowerment ministry.



Senior Adult Trip to Lancaster

The Senior Adult trip to Lancaster, PA., was A LOT of fun! For more pictures, please see the bulletin board outside of Room 300. If you weren't able to join us this time, we would love for you to travel with us in the future.

Purpose of the Prayer Garden



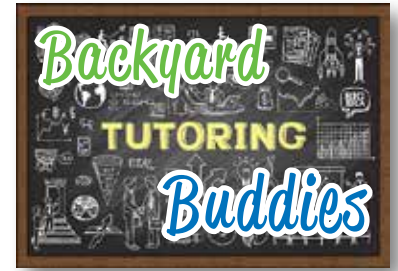
The purpose of the Prayer Garden is to provide a sacred and peaceful outdoor space where individuals, families, and the community can come away from the busyness of daily life to pray, reflect, remember, and experience spiritual renewal. Surrounded by the beauty of God's creation, the garden is intended to be a place of comfort, healing, gratitude, and hope—a quiet sanctuary where hearts may be strengthened, burdens may be lifted, and faith may be deepened. It will serve as a welcoming place for personal devotion, guided prayer, remembrance, fellowship, and moments of stillness, reminding all who enter that God is present, peace is possible, and prayer remains a powerful source of strength.

Oakmont Mission Corner



Backyard Buddies After-School Ministry

We are excited about the cooler weather and look forward to doing some of our homework outside. We're on our regular Monday/Tuesday 3:20–4:30 p.m. schedule for now until Monday, October 12, which is a teacher workday, so no tutoring that day. On Tuesday, October 13, we are back up and running. Thanks for praying with us for our students and tutors.



The Village Update

It was good to be back with the moms and preschoolers of the Village on Monday, September 28. Kahla and Alicia read books, colored, and played outside with the three toddlers and preschoolers while their moms were studying scripture with Chris. The Bible study focused on forgiveness, using Matthew 6:9-15 as a base to focus on three things: God forgives us; we need to forgive others; and we need to forgive ourselves. We read in 1 John 1 that “He is faithful and just to forgive us.” The Matthew verses told us that God expects us to forgive others, and we discussed the peace, patience, love, and unity with others that accompany forgiveness (Colossians 3:12). The apostle Paul provided us with an example of one who could have been slow to forgive himself, but who experienced that “the grace of our Lord was more than abundant.” Then the moms made “Salvation bracelets,” stringing beads of black, red, blue, white, green, and yellow to remind them of the darkness of sin, the blood of Jesus, the waters of baptism, the cleansing from sin, the new life in Christ, and eternal life in His presence. Please pray for these moms as they experience God’s forgiveness and move towards forgiving themselves and others.

Please pray for these prayer requests from the moms:

- Anonymous: please pray for me and my new baby, L, whose due date is December 11, and for my five kids.
- M: please pray for me as I am trying to find housing and come up with \$400 to get my driver’s license and state tags for my car.
- A: please pray for my friend for depression, another friend for guidance, and another friend for motherhood; for my baby and her health, and for me and my reunion with my son and help staying in the path of Christ.
- J: I’d like to lift up my family and my child’s father. I asked God to show Himself mightily to him and He knows their needs. I just ask God to help heal the brokenness and break generational curses in our family.
- S: I plan on leaving the program soon. I already have my own place to stay, but I need furniture. I’m also asking for strength to carry on and stay on this path.
- Anonymous: please pray that my kids stay safe and untouched by harm. And that I get to successfully complete the Village program in December to return home to my family with stable housing for me and my kids.

Backpack Pals



The Backpack Pals team is working hard to pack and deliver 35 backpacks of food to our friends at Eppes Middle School. These backpacks help students living in food insecure situations have enough kid-friendly and kid-accessible food over the weekend. Donations of proteins are especially helpful: cans or packs of tuna and chicken and pastas with meat. Thanks!

Clothes Closet



The clothes closet is now accepting donations again! IT IS LOCATED IN THE OLD YOUTH ROOM! The entrance is at the youth room double doors facing the parking lot on the Oakmont Square side of the church. This vital community ministry is open on first and third Tuesdays (no fifth Tuesdays) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. We will be open again on October 6.

If you can help, please contact Robin Congleton at rebecca.congleton55@gmail.com or Alicia at alicia@oakmontchurch.com!

ESL Classes



Our ESL classes have resumed on Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our Tuesday class is temporarily meeting in the Multipurpose Room while construction on the 500 hall continues. Please continue to pray for our neighbors and friends who are learning English!

LINKS



Please pray for these teens in foster care and the leaders at DSS who support them. LINKS meets the second Tuesday evening of each month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and learning opportunity. Diane Myers leads this ministry of hospitality with much appreciated support from Nicole Davis. LINKS will be with us again on Oct. 13.

Young Lives



Young Lives, a ministry of Young Life that supports teen moms and their children, gathers in the Fellowship Hall the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00–9:00 p.m. Lillie Moore from Young Lives and Bethany Bradsher lead this ministry. Please pray for their new mentors and the moms and children as well. Their October date is October 20.

Tuesday
Meals Ministry



Tuesday Night Meals

These meals go out to our homebound Oakmonters as well as those who are dealing with illness, grief, or other difficult circumstances. This was our OFF week as September 29 was a fifth Sunday. We will be back in the kitchen on October 6.



Spiritual Formation at OBC

Prayer Team at Oakmont



Oakmont, you have a prayer team that wants to pray for the issues in your life that challenge you! We have set up four prayer boxes around the church; two at the back of the sanctuary, one in Grand Central, and one in the back hallway near the choir suite. There is no issue too small; it would be our honor to support each of you this way. Please put us to work!

Care Team Update



The CARE (Connecting, Appreciating, Responding, Engaging) Team provides a ministry of love and support to some of our members who are not able to attend worship and other church activities on a regular basis. The team makes visits, phone calls, and remembers birthdays, just to name a few things. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Lynne James at lynnej@suddenlink.net or Kimberly Williamson at kfwilliamson@suddenlink.net.

Join us on Sunday mornings!

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
this Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

LIVE-STREAM WORSHIP
at 10:45 a.m.

WATCH US ON CABLE CHANNEL 7
at 12:15 p.m.



Watch our worship services online!

You're invited to subscribe to Oakmont's YouTube channel to watch our worship services online! Access it via YouTube by typing in the channel's name: "Oakmont BC Greenville NC." You can also access it by clicking [here](#) or on the YouTube logo above.



Join us for live-stream using the QR code above!



Small Group Connections AT OAKMONT



Life Lessons Bible Studies

Co-ed Small Group for adults ages 40s–50s

Teacher: Sharron Edwards & Mac Williamson

Location: Room 311

The Journey Class

*Co-ed small group for adults ages 30s–50s
who may have school-aged children*

Teacher: Lauren McGee

Location: Room 502

***Formations Adult Bible Study**

(Smyth and Helwys)

Potter's Clay

Co-ed ongoing class for middle/older adults

Co-teachers: Tim Britton, Ed Congleton, Bill Gaston

Location: Room 300

College/Young Adult Class

A class for young adults in college and/or ages 20s–30s

Co-Teachers: Jane Archer, Sylvia Fuller

& Alicia Porterfield

Location: Room 506

***Formations Adult Bible Study**

(Smyth and Helwys)

Disciples

Co-ed ongoing class for older adults

Co-teachers: Dot Seay, Fred Daniel,

Wayne Taylor, and Pat Dunn

Location: Fellowship Hall

***Connections Adult Bible Study**

(Smyth and Helwys)

Messengers

Co-ed ongoing class for senior adults

Teacher: Joyce Robins

Location: Room 307

***Formations Adult Bible Study**

(Smyth and Helwys)

Pathfinders

Co-ed ongoing class for senior adults

Co-teachers: Tom Durham, Gerry Jolly

Location: Room 609

Koinonia

An ongoing class for women who are single, divorced, widowed, or women who do not attend a class with their husbands.

During the summer, this small group chooses a contemporary book on a relevant subject, often written by a female author, to study together.

Teacher: Bridgette Williamson

Location: Room 610 (and off-campus on occasion)

WE ALSO HAVE THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN:

*Preschool–Kindergarten,
first–fifth grades, middle school,
and high school. We hope that you
and your children will join us!*

Children's Connection



FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, OUR CHILDREN WILL BE HEARING STORIES FROM THE BIBLE THAT REMIND THEM THAT “GOD’S GOT IT.” THESE LESSONS WILL TEACH OUR CHILDREN THAT GOD—WHO MADE EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING—LOVES US MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. BECAUSE OF THIS INCREDIBLE LOVE, GOD SHOWS UP FOR GOD’S PEOPLE. THIS MONTH, WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO KNOW THAT OUR STRENGTH COMES FROM GOD AND THAT WE CAN

TRUST GOD NO MATTER WHAT COMES OUR WAY. GOD USES HIS INCREDIBLE POWER FOR GOOD. THIS MONTH, WE WILL TEACH OUR CHILDREN THAT THEY CAN TRUST THAT GOD HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL...SO LET US TRUST GOD WITH ALL OF OUR HEART.

Our Bible story for this week comes to us Exodus 3:1-4:17; 6:11; Psalm 118:7. Our stories this week teach us that God always calls the right people, even if they do not feel ready or prepared. In the Exodus story, Moses encounters God in the desert, but in the form of a burning bush. During their conversation, God told Moses that God wanted him to lead the Israelites, God’s chose people, out of slavery in Egypt. But when Moses heard God say this, he was afraid. Moses felt like he wasn’t the right person for this task. Moses came up with plenty of excuses on why God should pick someone else. But no matter what Moses

“Moses and the Burning Bush” | Click [HERE](#).

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PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

October Bible Study Lessons

(Bible story video & resources emailed out each Friday)

OCTOBER THEME: GAME TIME – GOD’S GOT IT!

Game time is all about play, and children learn through play more than anything else. Games give children opportunities to make choices, try new things, and feel proud of their accomplishments. They want to feel capable and in control, but when they don’t feel that way, we want them to know that they can turn to the One who is. So, our memory verse this month is Proverbs 3:5: Trust in the Lord with all your heart.

The same God who made everything and everyone we see loves His people more than anything, and God showed up for His people throughout the Bible in powerful ways. A bush that is on fire but doesn’t burn up, the dry path in the middle of the Red Sea, the flour and oil that never runs out? These are incredible stories that display God’s power and how God uses it for the good of God’s people.

We can trust God because nothing is too big for God, and we sum this up in our monthly bottom line like this: **God’s got it.** We want our children to know that our strength comes from God and that we can trust Him no matter what comes our way. So, let’s pray for our children this month, that they will see both the power and love of God in these stories and that they will grow to trust that **God’s got it!**

October Memory Verse

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart.” – Proverbs 3:5 NIV

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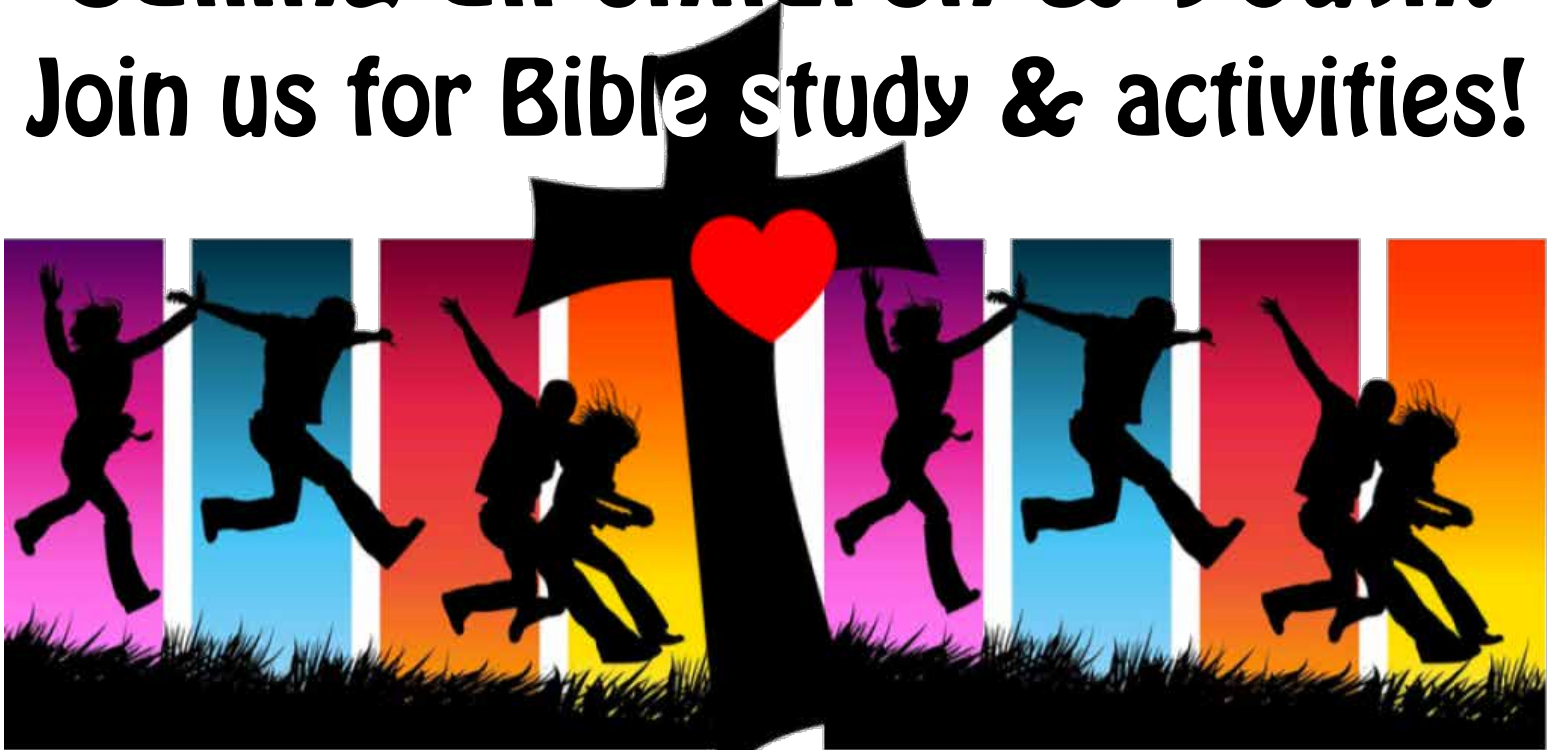
said, God reassured him that God would be with him every step of the way. God even told Moses His real name, which is YAHWEH—which means “I AM.” God is the One who does all things, God is the answer to every question, the solution to every problem...God IS everything. Eventually, Moses agreed to do what God asked him to do, and he went to Pharaoh and told him to let the Israelite people go. The verse from Psalm 118:7 reminds us that God is with us and helps us, even in the moments when we are most afraid.

I want you to think about a time that you had to do something that you were nervous about. Maybe you felt unprepared, not qualified, or unsure of yourself. How did that situation turn out? You see, even in the moments when we might not have confidence in ourselves, God reminds us to simply trust in Him. We do not have to do everything on our own in life. Whenever we face difficult challenges, or moments of uncertainty, God is there. If God has called us to complete a task, then we can trust that God is going to help us through it. Even Moses, one of the most famous people in the Bible, was nervous, afraid, and unsure at times. But who helped him through everything...God did! And just like Moses trusted God, we can do the same thing!

So, the next time you are faced with a difficult challenge, or you think that God is asking you to do something that you are not ready for, remember the story of Moses and God as the burning bush. Remember that God is the “I AM” to everything in life. Remember how the Psalm tells us that God is our helper, someone we can ALWAYS trust! Let us give thanks to God this week for God’s never-ending love and faithfulness. It is so amazing how we can always put our trust in God!

—Ben Gurganus
Associate Pastor for Youth
& Christian Education
Resources and ideas are from Orange Curriculum.

Calling all children & youth! Join us for Bible study & activities!





Youth Fall Retreat

Fall Retreat sign-up is going on now! The deadline to sign up is Friday, October 9. Plan to join us October 23–25 at Camp Oak Hill for a weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun. The cost is \$125 for students and \$60 for chaperones. Click [here](#) to sign up or view the sign-up outside of Ben's office.



New Youth Sunday School Class

Oakmont has started a new Sunday School class for our middle school students in grades 6–8. They meet on Sunday mornings in Room 501. Thank you to Liza Knight and Emily Wilson for teaching this class! As a result, the high school students now meet with Ben in the Rawl Parlor during the Sunday School hour.

First – Sixth Grade

1st–6th Grade October Bible Study Lessons

(Bible story video & resources emailed out each Friday)

OCTOBER THEME: THE SAFE PLACE – God Is My Strength

In October, school is well underway, and kids are facing down big things: tests, homework, sports competitions, finding their place in friend groups, and maybe even standing up to a bully. This world can be a dark place, and kids already know that. This month, we want to equip our kids to understand that no matter what they face, God is facing it with them and for them. Because in the end, everything will be made right, even if it's not our timeline. With this truth in mind, we can always find strength and courage in God! Our theme for this month is to help kids discover that God is our Safe Place because God is stronger than anyone or anything.

— Weekly Bottom Lines for October —

October 4

God is strong, so I can be brave.

October 18

God is in control, so I can trust Him.

October 11

God is with me, so I can stand for what's true.

October 25

Jesus wins.

October Memory Verse

"God is our place of safety. He gives us strength. He is always there to help us in times of trouble."

– Psalm 46:1 NIV

— This Week's Events —

Sunday, Oct. 4

Communion Sunday

9:40 a.m.

Bible Study/Sunday School

10:45 a.m.

In-Person & Live-Stream Worship

12:15 p.m.

Worship on Cable
Channel 7

1:00 p.m.

Korean Church Service & Lunch
Fellowship Hall

3:30 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsal
Room 607

5:30 p.m.

Youth Dinner & Bible Study
Branches

Monday, Oct. 5

3:15 p.m.

Backyard Buddies Tutoring
& ESL Classes

6:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday, Oct. 6

9:30 a.m.

Senior Adult Coffee Talk
Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.

Oakmont Handcrafters Group

10:15 a.m.

Flu Shot Clinic

1:00 p.m.

Homebound Meal
Preparation & Delivery

2:00 p.m.

Clothes Closet

3:15 p.m.

Backyard Buddies Tutoring
& ESL Classes

Wednesday, Oct. 7

11:00 a.m.

Drop-in Bible Study

5:45 p.m.

Women's Bible Study
Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Activities
for All Ages
Large Group Bible Study
ESL
Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Oct. 8

10:00 a.m.

JOY Singers Rehearsal

Our Record of Our
FINANCIAL
Sunday



September 27, 2026

FAITHFULNESS

2026 MISSIONS AND MINISTRY SPENDING PLAN: \$1,304,524

Receipts (This Week)	\$18,735	Building Fund (This Week)	\$1,610
(\$2,780 Online \$15,955 Mail)		Building Fund (MTD)	\$2,750
Receipts (MTD)	\$95,837.71	Building Fund (YTD)	\$20,594
Receipts 2026 (YTD)	\$871,350.90	Disaster Relief (This Week)	\$320
Receipts 2025 (YTD)	\$815,227.73	Disaster Relief (MTD)	\$570
Communion Offering (This Week)	\$160		
Communion Offering (MTD)	\$2,005		

The Worship of God at Oakmont

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Rev. Eric Porterfield

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alicia Porterfield

HYMN

"How Great Is the Greatness of God"

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Eric Porterfield

HYMN

"I Will Stand (The Solid Rock)"

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

OFFERTORY

"Sparrow"
Jim Gilliam, piano

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Rev. Ben Gurganus

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:4b-11

Rev. Eric Porterfield

SERMON

"The Surpassing Value of Knowing Jesus"

Rev. Eric Porterfield

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Rev. Eric Porterfield

COMMUNION MEDITATION

"Just As I Am"
Joyful Sounds

HYMN

"All for Jesus"

SENDING FORTH GOD'S PEOPLE

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Rev. Ben Gurganus

BENEDICTION

Rev. Eric Porterfield

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Music Assistant

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