

May 17, 2026

# E-Connections

News from Oakmont Baptist Church

## A Word from Our Pastor

I had absent-mindedly gone to the second floor of the hospital when my intention was to go to the fourth floor. But I hadn't figured out my mistake yet. Two nurses kindly volunteered to look up the patient's room number on their computer, but the computer was moving achingly slow. I was in a hurry. And I was at the mercy of the computer. I was waiting, waiting, waiting.

Two good things happened during the wait. First, before the computer identified the room number, I realized I had come to the wrong floor. Waiting moved me from absent-mindedness to full memory! I had the right number, just two floors below. When we slow down and wait, we create space for our minds and souls to catch up with our bodies.

Second, while waiting, I had a delightful conversation with the nurses, both of whom were at the end of long shifts, one of whom is from Chattanooga, Tennessee, where I lived from 1st grade through 3rd grade. I think I blessed them with encouragement, and they blessed me with their kindness. The wait really wasn't that long, and I was soon in the right room visiting a member of our church. Waiting isn't always a bad thing. Waiting can be a time when God slows us down, teaches us, and keeps us focused.

Wait. This is the final message Jesus gives to his disciples before he ascends into heaven in Acts 1. It's been forty days since his resurrection (Acts 1:3). In Acts 1:8-9, Jesus says, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,

and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted

up, and a cloud took him out of their sight." Wait on the Holy Spirit, Jesus says.

Thursday, May 14, was the 40th day since we celebrated Easter together. I'll preach about Jesus' ascension this Sunday, May 17th. On May 24, Dr. Laurie Cosby will preach about Pentecost Day from Acts 2. In between, we practice what the disciples did after the ascension; we wait on the Lord.

Of course, the Holy Spirit has already come upon us. The moment we trusted Jesus by faith, the Spirit took up residence in our hearts. We're not literally waiting for the Spirit to come again. Instead, we're entering into the rhythm of the biblical narrative to relive it and to allow that narrative to shape our current, ongoing waiting.

As always, we wait for Jesus to return and make all things new. And in our daily lives, as we love and pray and worship and serve, we're actively waiting for God to work through us, among us, and beyond us, furthering the kingdom.

Alicia and I will be on vacation following our worship service this Sunday, celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary! But we'll still join you in the biblical rhythm from Ascension to Pentecost, waiting for the Spirit to work in and through us.

Grace and peace,  
Eric Porterfield





# OBC Updates



## May 17

Romans 8:31-39  
*Eric Porterfield preaching*

## May 24

Acts 2  
Pentecost Sunday  
*Laurie Cosby preaching*



## Memorial Service

We give thanks to God for the life of Janice Taylor, who died May 12. A memorial service will be held at Oakmont Baptist Church on Friday, May 15, at 1:00 p.m., with visitation at noon. We extend our prayers and love to Janice's family, including to her son, Wayne, our facility manager.



## Graduate Information & Pictures Needed

Graduate Sunday is coming up on June 7 during Oakmont's worship service, and we would like to celebrate all of our high school, college, and graduate students who will graduate from their respective programs this summer. If you would like to be recognized during the service, please submit the following information to Nicole Davis at [nicole@oakmontchurch.com](mailto:nicole@oakmontchurch.com):

- Your Name
- Your School
- Any Awards/Scholarships Received
- Degree Received, if graduating from college
- Post-Graduation Plans

Additionally, we will be creating a slide show to be shown during worship that day. Please send the following pictures to Ben Gurganus at [ben@oakmontchurch.com](mailto:ben@oakmontchurch.com):

- **High School Students:** baby picture and senior picture of your choice (senior portraits, cap & gown, etc.)
- **College Students:** senior picture of your choice or cap and gown

*The deadline to submit the information and photos is Tuesday, May 26.* Thank you for helping us celebrate you and your accomplishments!

# Senior Adult Trip to Jefcoat Early American History Museum

*Wednesday, May 27*



Join us on Wednesday, May 27 for our senior adult trip to the Jefcoat Early American History Museum! We will depart from the church at 9:15 a.m. to travel to Murfreesboro. Lunch will be afterwards at Napoli's Italian restaurant. The cost for the museum is \$8 per person, and it will be collected on the day we leave. The cost for lunch is on each individual, and the restaurant prefers cash (but it will take cards, if necessary). We should be returning to the church by 4:00 p.m.

## Senior Adult Ministry Council

*Thursday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m.*



We are pleased to announce that we are restarting our Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) Council. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 300. We look forward to more social activities including a monthly Coffee Talk fellowship, quarterly day trips, and some two-to-three day overnight trips in the fall and/or spring. Mrs. PJ Castles has agreed to serve as Senior Adult Ministry coordinator (thank you PJ). We welcome other ideas for this ministry. If you are interested in serving on the Senior Adult Ministry Council, please contact PJ ([pjcastles2000@gmail.com](mailto:pjcastles2000@gmail.com)), or call Nicole in the church office.

## Senior Adult Fall Trip to Lancaster, PA

*September 22–24*

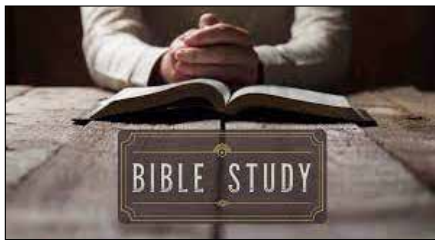


We still have a few spots open for the Senior Adult trip to Lancaster, PA. The trip dates are September 22–24, 2026. The trip includes tickets to see the show "Joshua" at the Sight and Sound Theater, a visit to Kettle Kitchen Village, shopping at an Amish Farmer's market, admission to the Bible Tabernacle experience, two nights hotel accommodations, two breakfasts at the hotel, two dinners including one Amish-style dinner, and deluxe motor coach transportation departing from and returning to the OBC parking lot. The deposit deadline has been adjusted to June 1, and final payments are due by August 3. Flyers with more information and registration forms are available in the Narthex, outside the church office and in Grand Central. Single, double, and triple occupancy are available. Trip insurance is also available for an additional fee. Please contact Lisa Stevens for more information.

# Spring Wednesday Evening Bible Studies Take a Summer Break



Please remember that all Wednesday evening activities are finished until the fall. We'll see you on Sundays and for all of our fun summer events!



## Drop-In Bible Study

Our Drop-In Bible Study has concluded studying Paul's short letters for the summer. Please join us again in the fall!

## Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study



After a meaningful study on waiting on God's timing, we are taking a summer break. Praying for all of us as we continue studying scripture, deepening our prayer life, and listening for God's voice. We're looking forward to gathering again in the fall!

## Nehemiah Initiative's BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, May 29 | 10:30 a.m.



Support a great cause at the Nehemiah Initiative's first-ever BBQ Fundraiser! Pre-order your plates online [here](#) for convenient pickup at Covenant Church, or take advantage of delivery for business orders of 10 or more. Paper tickets are also available upon request, and a limited number of plates will be available for drive-thru purchase the day of the event.



Tomorrow is the big day! Please pray with us for Stop Human Trafficking NC's "Fairway to Freedom" Golf Tournament fundraiser and for Pam Strickland, executive director, and her team. This vital organization educates about the prevalence of human trafficking among us and advocates for survivors. We're praying all will go smoothly and everyone has a fun time playing golf and raising funds!

## Music Ministry Memos



**Wednesday, May 20**

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

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

***Are you interested in being a part of the music ministry?***

Regardless of your age or skill level, we have so many options for you!

We offer Seniors' Choir (JOY Singers), Children's Choir, Womens' Choir (Joyful Sounds), Band, Youth Band, Handbells, Orchestra, Chancel Choir, and Praise Team. Would you like to learn more?

Contact Laurie Cosby at [laurielee@oakmontchurch.com](mailto:laurielee@oakmontchurch.com).

## Flowers in Honor/Memory for Worship



Friends: When you would like flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone, please contact Chris Rodgers, as she is the head of the Flower Team. (If you need her contact information, please contact Lauri Johnson at Oakmont Baptist Church.) This will alleviate any confusion. Also, if you would like a note in the worship outline on Sunday morning, please contact Lauri Johnson at [lauri@oakmontchurch.com](mailto:lauri@oakmontchurch.com). Thank you!



## Save the Date & Sign Up!

This year's VBS is scheduled for July 12–16 at The Memorial Baptist Church. Use the links below to volunteer and/or register your child to participate. Let's make this another successful week for our kids and neighbors!

Sign up to volunteer [here](#).

Register your child to participate [here](#).

## The Wheels Are Turning for a New Church Directory!



Don't recognize everyone you see in church? Looking to match faces and names? Help is on the way! A long-awaited church directory is in the works, most likely with pictures taken in the fall. It's a massive project requiring lots of help. If you're interested in helping lead or would like to volunteer for this project, please contact Nicole Davis in the church office.

## Online Giving



When you give through ACS online (via our website), please remember that this can ONLY be used to send the money to the "Operating Fund" (which is our regular budget). Please do not use the other two options in the drop-down menu. We welcome all other gifts for our various ministries (including—but not limited to—communion, building fund, Backpack Pals, and other special events gifts during the year) to be sent to the church either as cash, check, or through your bank. If you write a check, please use the memo line to indicate where your gift should be directed. Also, if you set up a gift through your bank's online platform, most banks have a 'memo' line or a 'note' line where special instructions may be given digitally. This will be a

great help to the church, the tellers who count the money on Mondays, and this also helps our CPA. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Lauri Johnson in the church office at 252.756.1245; or you may send an email to [lauri@oakmontchurch.com](mailto:lauri@oakmontchurch.com).

Jesus said, "let the little children come to me." Matthew 19:14

# Jarvis Preschool

## ENROLLMENT

**2026-2027** **New Location!**

Oakmont Baptist Church  
1100 Red Banks Rd.  
Greenville, NC 27858

\*Christian, play-based half-day program for babies (6 weeks) through pre-k.  
\*Early Drop Off available every day at 8am for additional cost  
\*Lunch club and Suzuki violin lessons are available for 3 & 4 year olds for additional costs

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## 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.

# Oakmont Mission Corner



## Backyard Buddies After-School Ministry

We are back on a regular after-school tutoring schedule from now until Memorial Day when we will be off. Spring is in full flower-mode, and so is our students' energy! Alicia will be away Monday and Tuesday of next week and the following Tuesday after Memorial Day. Leslie Rogers and Pam Templeton are covering Mondays and Susan Ainsley and Glenda Askew have Tuesdays. Thank you, friends! The end-of-year party is on June 1 in the Fellowship Hall!



## Clothes Closet



WE ARE IN OUR NEWS DIGS! Take a look at the Clothes Closet's new home in the old Youth Room! This new space has everything in the same (HVAC-blessed) place and has a convenient entry for our guests. Special thanks to Ed Congleton for putting the racks up for us and to all the faithful Clothes Closet volunteers who got everything moved and organized. This vital community ministry is open on first and third Tuesdays (no fifth Tuesdays) from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our next open date to love our neighbors is May 19.

If you can help, please contact Robin Congleton at [rebecca.congleton55@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.congleton55@gmail.com) or Alicia at [alicia@oakmontchurch.com](mailto:alicia@oakmontchurch.com)!

## The Village Update



We hope to meet again either the end of May or beginning of June with the moms and kids of The Village.

**GOOD NEWS:** Three of our moms are graduating soon from the program. Praise that all three have housing and one has a job secured! Pray with us, please, for the right next steps for their healing and flourishing. Please pray especially for

one mom whose due date is right near the timing for her move.

**MORE GOOD NEWS:** One of our moms entered the program saying she wasn't sure if she was a believer and was at a very low point in her life, understandably. She now is part of our Bible studies, is actively engaging, and open to what transformation God will create through this program and in her. Please pray for her as she does the work of healing, letting God love her, and leaning into a future of hope.

## ESL Classes



English as a Second Language classes meet Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. A dedicated team of teachers and conversation partners makes this ministry possible each week. Our Wednesday Evening Class has finished for the summer, and our Tuesday afternoon class will have its last gathering before summer break on Tuesday, May 26.



# Walmart Fridays

For May, June, and July while ECU is on a summer schedule, our Walmart Fridays drivers will move to an every-other-Friday schedule. Here's the plan for the rest of this month: May 29: Kim Hodges.

# Young Lives



This ministry of Young Life supports teen moms and their children. On the third Tuesday of the month, this lively group meets from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lillie Moore, from Young Lives, and Bethany Bradsher lead this ministry for moms and their children. The next gathering is May 19.

# LINKS



On Tuesday, our friends in LINKS, which supports teens in foster care in preparation for their coming independence, gathered in the Fellowship Hall to share dinner and learn about how to plan a meal, shop for groceries and keep to a budget. LINKS meets on second Tuesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Diane Myers leads this ministry of hospitality with help from Sharron Edwards and Nicole Davis. Please join us in praying for these teens as they take the next right step in their lives. Summer schedule: LINKS will not meet in June. During July and August, we will meet during the day from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

# Backpack Pals!



Just a few more weeks of Backpack Pals after another busy, fruitful year of loving our friends at Eppes living in food insecure households. This team is so faithful in making sure the bags are packed and ready each week. We're grateful for leader Liz Evans' experience in balancing supply and demand here in these last few weeks. We thank God for the chance to support our students in a way that nourishes the body and the soul.

Tuesday  
Meals Ministry



# Tuesday Night Meals

Our team is back at work cooking, packing, and delivering hot meals for our homebound and neighbors in need. May dates are the 19th and 26th.



# 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](mailto:lynnej@suddenlink.net) or Kimberly Williamson at [kfwilliamson@suddenlink.net](mailto: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  
Teacher: Sharron Edwards  
Location: Room 311

## **\*Formations Adult Bible Study**

*(Smyth and Helwys)*  
Co-ed Small Group  
Teacher: Cal Hayslip  
Location: Room 606

## **Nurturing Faith Bible Study**

Co-ed Small Group for adults in 40s–50s who may have children in middle and/or high school  
Teacher: Mac Williamson  
Location: Room 501

## **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 college-age coeds  
Teacher: Michele Mazey  
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, Pat Dunn  
Location: Fellowship Hall

## **\*Connections Adult Bible Study**

*(Smyth and Helwys)*  
**Messengers**  
Co-ed ongoing class for senior adults  
Teacher: Carol Foor  
Location: Room 307

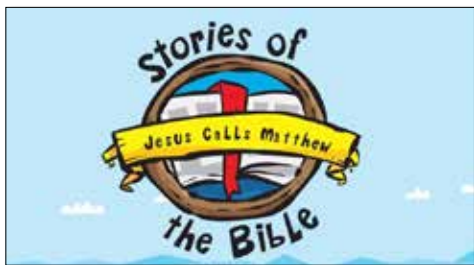
## **\*Formations Adult Bible Study**

*(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)

# Children's Connection



FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT HOW JESUS CARES FOR EVERYONE! IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO A PERSON IS, WHERE THEY COME FROM, OR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, JESUS CARES FOR EVERY SINGLE PERSON JUST THE SAME! IN OUR BIBLE STORIES THIS MONTH WE WILL READ ABOUT HOW JESUS TOOK CARE OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF PEOPLE THAT HE WAS AROUND. FROM SICK PEOPLE TO LONELY PEOPLE, AND EVERYONE IN BETWEEN,

**JESUS SHOWED PEOPLE WHAT GOD'S LOVE TRULY LOOKED LIKE BY HELPING EVERYONE JUST THE SAME!**

Our story for this week comes to us from Mark 2:13–17; Luke 5:27–32. This week we get to learn about one of my favorite stories in the Bible, when Jesus called the disciple Levi (also called Matthew) to follow Him. The reason that I love this story so much is because of what Levi's job was before he became a disciple. Do you have any guesses? Levi was a tax collector! A few weeks ago, we learned about Zacchaeus and tax collectors and how people hated anyone who was a tax collector. Now, here is Jesus calling a tax collector to be one of His disciples. After Jesus called Levi, He and the other disciples went to Levi's house for dinner. While they were eating, a group of Pharisees came up to the house and began complaining about how Jesus was eating at the home of a sinner. But Jesus responded to the Pharisees by saying, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

I often wonder what the other disciples must have thought when Jesus called Levi to be a part of their group. I imagine that they were not happy about it at first. But here Jesus was, inviting an "enemy" to not only learn first-hand from the Son of God, but to then trust this "enemy" to go and share these teachings

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"Matthew's Dinner" | Click [HERE](#).

## **PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**

### **May Bible Study Lessons**

*(Bible story video & resources emailed out each Friday)*

### **MAY THEME: HATS OFF—JESUS CARES ABOUT EVERYONE**

First responders and community helpers show up and care for the people in their community, and when preschoolers learn about these people, they learn who they can ask for help. And when people help us, we can say, "Hats off to them! Thanks for caring so much!"

We want our children to know that there is someone else who cares for them every day, but He doesn't wear a hat to show us who He is. We can read story after story in the Bible where Jesus shows us that He cares for every single person—no matter who they are, what they've done, or where they're from! We want every child to know "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:18 NIV). This month let's pray for our children, that they will grow to love and admire Jesus more and more as we discover that Jesus cares about everyone. And join us this month as we say, "Hats off to Jesus!"

### **May Memory Verse**

*"How wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." – Ephesians 3:18, NIV*

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with the rest of the world. By calling Levi, Jesus was challenging His other disciples, and us, to realize that no one is excluded from knowing Jesus. No matter how we feel about someone, Jesus invites everyone to be His follower... and Jesus expects us to do the same.

Jesus' words to the Pharisees also remind us that Jesus is the only one who can heal a broken soul. Jesus is our spiritual doctor, the one who fixes our sins and mistakes and makes us whole again. This story teaches us that Jesus never stops caring.

This week, I have a special challenge for you. I want you to think about the people in your life that you don't always get along with, the people who really get under your skin, the "Levis" of your own life. Now I want you to think, how would Jesus want you to care for them? How would Jesus want you to include them? What does it mean to you that Jesus welcomes and calls those kinds of people just like He welcomes and calls us? Jesus never stops caring for others, and neither should we. Amen.

—Ben Gurganus,  
Associate Pastor for Youth  
& Christian Education

*Resources and ideas are from Orange Curriculum.*

## First – Sixth Grade

### 1<sup>st</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Grade May Bible Study Lessons

*(Bible story video & resources emailed out each Friday)*

## **MAY THEME: TREK- Don't Stop. Don't Give up. God's With You!**

### **GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN TRUTH AND GOD'S CREATION, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY**

Following Jesus and carrying out the good work He left for us to do is an epic quest—a journey that none of us can complete on our own. That's why this month's theme is "Trek: Don't stop, don't give up—God's with you"—so kids can remember that God will help them on this grand adventure, every step of the way.

### **— Weekly Bottom Lines for April —**

**May 3**

Keep going because of what God has done.

**May 17**

God can help you see things in a new way.

**May 10**

Keep following God, even when you have questions.

**May 24**

Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

**May 31**

God will make everything right in the end.

## **May Memory Verse**

*"Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up."*

— Galatians 6:9, NIV

## — Youth Calendar —

- May 17 | Normal Youth Activities
- May 22 | Mission Trip Registration DEADLINE. Mission trip dates are July 29–August 5 in West Yellowstone, Montana.  
*Reminder: The mission trip is for high school students only.*
- May 24 | NO YOUTH for Memorial Day  
Mission Trip meeting directly after worship in Room 300
- May 31 | Normal Youth Activities—Senior Recognition Night
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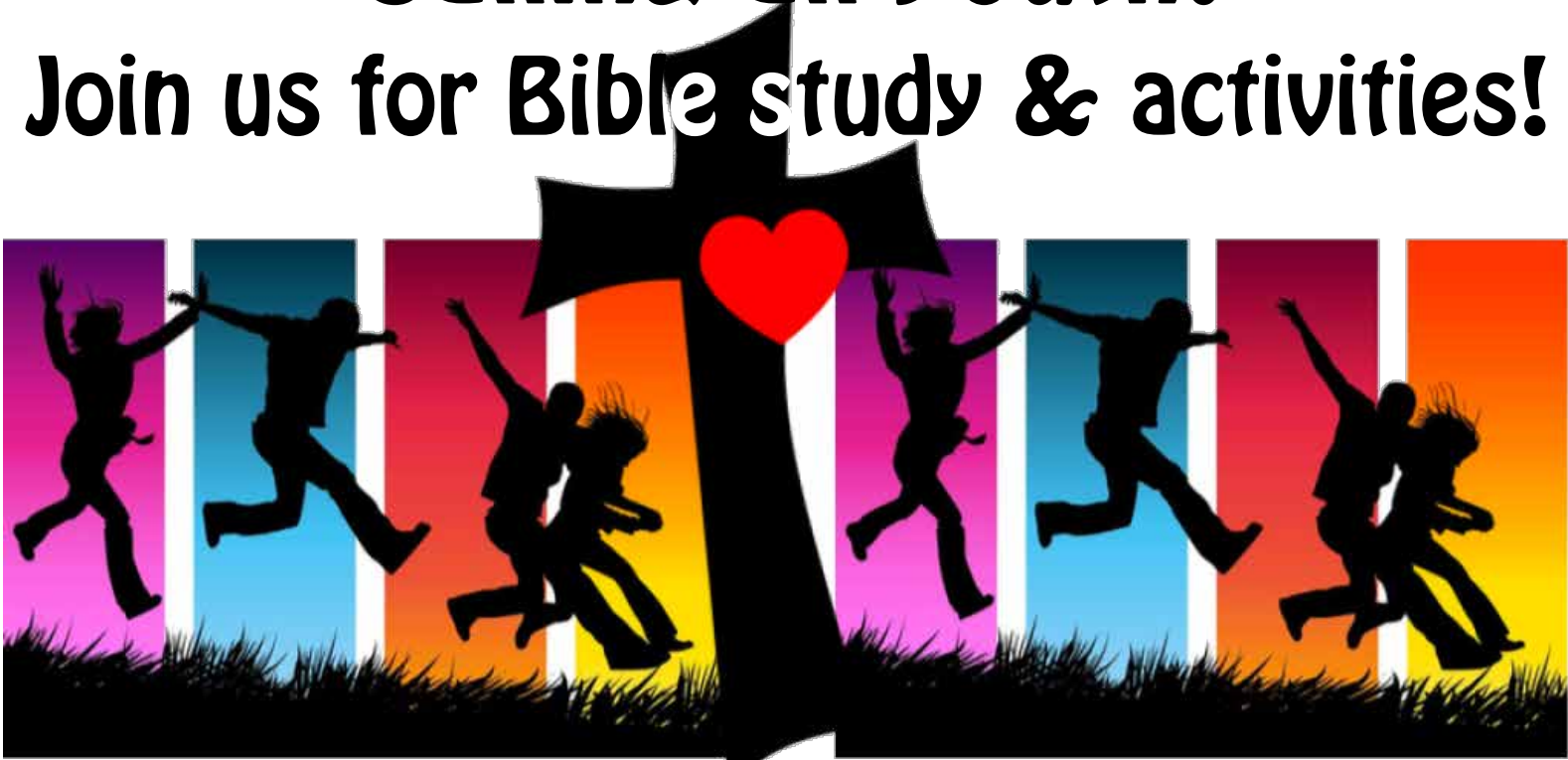
The youth group will meet on a regular weekly basis, every Sunday and Wednesday night, unless otherwise posted.

ON SUNDAY EVENINGS, the youth will arrive at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., and small group Bible study will begin at 6:30. Youth can be picked up by 7:30 p.m. each Sunday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT Bible study is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. each week.

# Calling all youth!

## Join us for Bible study & activities!



# — This Week's Events —

## Sunday May 17

9:40 a.m.  
Bible Study/Sunday  
School

10:45 a.m.  
In-Person & Live-Stream  
Worship

12:15 p.m.  
Worship on Cable Chan-  
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1:00 p.m.  
Korean Church Service &  
Lunch *Fellowship Hall*

5:30 p.m.  
Youth Dinner & Bible  
Study

## Monday May 18

3:15 p.m.  
Backyard Buddies

6:30 p.m.  
Celebrate Recovery

## Tuesday May 19

10:00 a.m.  
Oakmont Handcrafters  
Group

1:00 p.m.  
Homebound Meal  
Preparation & Delivery

2:00 p.m.  
Clothes Closet

3:15 p.m.  
Backyard Buddies

7:00 p.m.  
Young Lives Meeting  
*Fellowship Hall*

## Wednesday May 20

6:00 p.m.  
ESL  
Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Our Record of Our  
**FINANCIAL**

*Sunday*



*May 10, 2026*

**FAITHFULNESS**

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

Receipts ( <i>This Week</i> ) .....	\$15,749	Building Fund ( <i>This Week</i> ) .....	\$100
	(\$2,140 Online, \$13,609 Mail)	Building Fund (MTD) .....	\$270
Receipts (MTD) .....	\$38,201	Building Fund (YTD) .....	\$5,475
Receipts 2026 (YTD) .....	\$417,184.17	Baptist Hospital ( <i>This Week</i> ) .....	\$530
Receipts 2025 (YTD) .....	\$442,988.95	Baptist Hospital (YTD) .....	\$1,239
Communion Offering ( <i>This Week</i> ) .....	\$601		
Communion Offering (MTD) .....	\$1,701.10		

# The Worship of God at Oakmont

## ———— GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE ————

WELCOME		Rev. Eric Porterfield
CALL TO WORSHIP		Dr. Laurie Cosby
HYMN	<i>“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”</i>	

## ———— PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS OF GOD’S PEOPLE ————

MORNING PRAYER		Rev. Eric Porterfield
HYMN	<i>“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”</i>	
OFFERTORY SENTENCES		Bill Gaston
OFFERTORY	<i>“Morning Has Broken”</i> <i>Handbell Choir</i>	

## ———— PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE ————

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP TIME		Rev. Ben Gurganus
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalms 139:1-5; Acts 1:6-11	Rev. Alicia Porterfield
ANTHEM	<i>“My Savior Leads Me”</i> <i>Chancel Choir</i>	
SCRIPTURE READING	Romans 8:31-39	Rev. Alicia Porterfield
SERMON	<i>“God Is For Us!”</i>	Rev. Eric Porterfield
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>“He Will Hold Me Fast”</i>	

## ———— SENDING FORTH GOD’S PEOPLE ————

LIFE AT OAKMONT		Rev. Ben Gurganus
BENEDICTION		Rev. Eric Porterfield

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