

E-Connections

News from Oakmont Baptist Church

A Word from Our Pastor

My stomach is full as I write these words from a hotel room in Lancaster, PA, on Wednesday night. We're eating well on the Senior Adult trip to the Amish Country!

A little while ago I was outside, "walking off my dinner" in the parking lot. It is dark, our hotel borders an Amish farm, and the sound of farm machinery suggested that our neighbor was working late. A fellow walker soon explained what was going on. The sound was from a "bushhog" machine, used to churn up the corn stalks left in the field. . . and the farmer was using horses to pull the machine!

I'm sure there's a logical reason in Amish practices why a "bushhog" machine can be used, but it's a no-no for a tractor to pull it. But to someone like me who's unfamiliar with Amish ways, it seems to be an inconsistent practice. And I'm grateful for the inconsistency! It reminds me that I am/we are inconsistent in our efforts to follow Jesus. We get it right and we get it wrong, we share love and we fall short, we are faithful yet sinful.

So what are inconsistent people like us supposed to do? Trust in the Lord each and every day. Earlier

today we saw the biblical story of Joshua powerfully brought to life at the Sight and Sound Theater. Dramatic special effects, wonderful songs of praise, and the depiction of Israel's journey through the wilderness and to the Promised Land all worked together to encourage our trust in the Lord. When we trust in the Lord we can be strong and courageous, knowing that God works in and through even inconsistent people like us to share the love of Jesus.

I'm grateful for these days together, and I'm grateful for each day's opportunity to deepen trust in the Lord.

Grace and peace,

Eric Porterfield



September 27

Philippians 2:1-13

Eric Porterfield preaching

October 4

Philippians 3:4b-14

Service of Holy Communion

Eric Porterfield preaching



Pictorial Directory Update

Friends, our current photo session dates scheduled for October 1–3 are FULL! What a blessing it is to have such wonderful participation!! However, we still have many of you that we would like to include in the directory. So, we have added 2 new dates for additional photo sessions: Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24. As before, you can sign up online, in-person in the narthex before or after worship on Sundays, September 20 and 27, 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.

Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions

Pictorial directory photo sessions begin next week, October 1–3! Please note these details:

- 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.
- 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.



Save the Date for Trunk or Treat!

Make sure to put Sunday, October 25 on your calendar for our annual Trunk or Treat from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.! *Details to come!*

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.

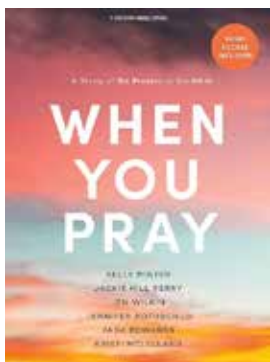
Activities for preschoolers, elementary age children, and youth begin at 6:00 p.m. The Large Group Bible Study taught by Eric Porterfield begins at 6:00 in the Multipurpose Room. The Women's Bible Study, led by Alicia Porterfield, Dot Seay, and Sharron Edwards begins at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.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

Large Group Wednesday Night Bible Study



Matthew packs a lot of Jesus' powerful teaching into the 18th chapter of his gospel. It's here where Jesus tells us to become like children and welcome children, where he gives detailed instructions on how to hold each other accountable and tells us "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." And here, Jesus tells us to forgive each other not seven times, but seventy seven times. The first portion of our Large Group study this fall will be an exploration of Matthew 18, led by Eric Porterfield.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study



Our first session on the Lord's Prayer was deeply powerful! Between the weekly readings and the video, we had so much to ponder and discuss. We gathered again September 23 at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for session two on Prayers of Petition and Thanksgiving by Jackie Hill Perry. We focused on the story of Hannah from I Samuel, centering on Hannah's faithfulness in persistently praying her hopes, fears, and longings, trusting that God was hearing her even as she struggled and waited. This session hewed well with our "I'm Waiting, God" study last spring by Barb Roose, who urged us to wait with purpose. Next week centers on Prayers of Adoration and Psalm 139 by Jen Wilkin.

Dining Divas: A Social Group for Widows *Friday, October 2*



We meet on the first Friday of each month at 11:30 a.m. and have lunch at a local restaurant. Come and enjoy the friendships of Christian sisters! In October, we will meet at Cape Fear Seafood Company on Friday, October 2. If you're interested in attending/joining this group, please contact Sue Curll at (252) 321-0214 or sue.v.curll@gmail.com.



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!

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, September 30

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

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

Thursday, October 1

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

Sunday, October 4

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.

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.

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 devo-

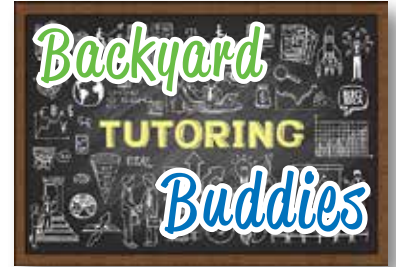
tion, guided prayer, remembrance, fellowship, and moments of stillness, reminding all who enter that God is present, peace is possible, and prayer remains a powerful source of strength.

Oakmont Mission Corner



Backyard Buddies After-School Ministry

PRAYER REQUEST ANSWERED! We have two new tutors for Tuesdays, and we are so excited to welcome them!! Just last week, a family came by whose son, now 18 years old and graduated, grew up in Backyard Buddies. The family now has a kindergartener and wanted to see if we could work with him as well. What a compliment to Jimmie and all the tutors who worked with the older boy and his family in such a loving way that they wanted to make sure their younger son had the same opportunity! We're on our regular Monday/Tuesday 3:20–4:30 p.m. schedule for the next little while. Thanks for praying with us!



The Village Update



We are headed back to be with the moms and preschoolers of the Village on Monday, September 28! Please join us in prayer for our time with this special community. These moms and children have been through so much. Pray with us that they would fully lean into this new journey of healing.

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 always welcome: 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 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. There will be no meals on the fifth Tuesday, September 29, when the team takes a much-deserved break. It's such a gift to have a nice, hot meal on the table when we're in a challenging season. Special thanks to the cooks, packers, and delivery folks that make this ministry work!



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 SEPTEMBER, WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT HOW GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US WHEREVER WE GO! ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT PHYSICALLY SEE GOD, GOD IS ALWAYS CLOSE TO US. GOD HEARS US WHEN WE LAUGH, GOD HEARS US WHEN WE CRY, AND GOD HEARS OUR PRAYERS. THE BIBLE STORIES THAT WE WILL BE LEARNING FROM THIS MONTH WILL TEACH US THAT, NO MATTER WHAT, GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US. IT IS A WONDERFUL GIFT TO KNOW THAT GOD'S PRESENCE

SURROUNDS US, IT PROTECTS US, IT PROVIDES FOR US, AND IT GUIDES US ON THE JOURNEYS WE TAKE IN LIFE. THIS MONTH, LET US REJOICE AND KNOW THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US!

Our Bible story for this week comes to us from Jonah 1–3:3. The story of Jonah is one of the most famous stories in the entire Bible. Jonah was one of God's prophets. This means that God had called Jonah to preach to the people around him and to tell the people the things that God wanted them to hear. One day, God called Jonah to go to the city of Nineveh and to preach to the people who were in that city. During Jonah's day, the city of Nineveh was not a very safe city for God's prophets. The people in Nineveh were not following God's rules, and they were doing whatever they wanted to. God told Jonah to go to them and to tell them to change their ways or God would destroy the city. However, when Jonah heard this, he refused to go. Jonah knew that God was merciful and that God would not destroy the city if the people repented. Jonah actually wanted God to destroy the city because he did not like the people of Nineveh!

"Jonah" | Click [HERE](#).

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PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

September Bible Study Lessons

(Bible story video & resources emailed out each Friday)

SEPTEMBER THEME: EVERYWHERE I GO – GOD IS ALWAYS WITH ME

The grocery store, doctor's office, playground, school, church...our children go to a lot of places! And while some places spark adventure and play, other places can make our children feel a little anxious or afraid. So, this month's memory verse is perfect for our busy children: "God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9 ESV). Although our children cannot see God, we want them to know that God is always with them. God is close enough to hear their giggles and tears, and God hears them when they pray. So, we have four Bible stories to share this month that will help our children learn this month's Bottom Line: God is always with me. God's presence is a gift. God protects us. God provides for us. God helps and guides us wherever we go. So join us this month as we show our children that God will always be with them, no matter what they experience. As we share these stories with them, let's pray that the Holy Spirit will help us demonstrate our own trust in God, so our words and actions point children to one undeniable truth: God is always with me.

September Memory Verse

"God is with you wherever you go..." – Joshua 1:9 NLT

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So, instead of listening to God, Jonah actually tried to run away from God. Jonah got on a boat and set sail for a city that was in the complete opposite direction of Nineveh. However, while the boat was on the ocean, God sent a great storm to stop Jonah. The people on the boat were terrified and didn't know what to do. But Jonah knew that the storm was meant to stop him from running away, so Jonah told the boat crew to throw him overboard so that God would calm the storm. When the crew threw Jonah overboard, the storm immediately stopped. As Jonah was in the water, God sent a giant fish to come and swallow him up. While in the belly of the fish, Jonah prayed to God and asked for forgiveness. Jonah agreed to go to Nineveh and to do what God had asked him to do.

After three days, the fish spit Jonah out on land and he went to the city of Nineveh. Jonah preached to the people who were in the city and told them that they needed to repent and change their ways. Amazingly, the people listened to Jonah's preaching. They repented for their sins and started living for God! Because of this, God spared the city of Nineveh and all of the people who lived there!

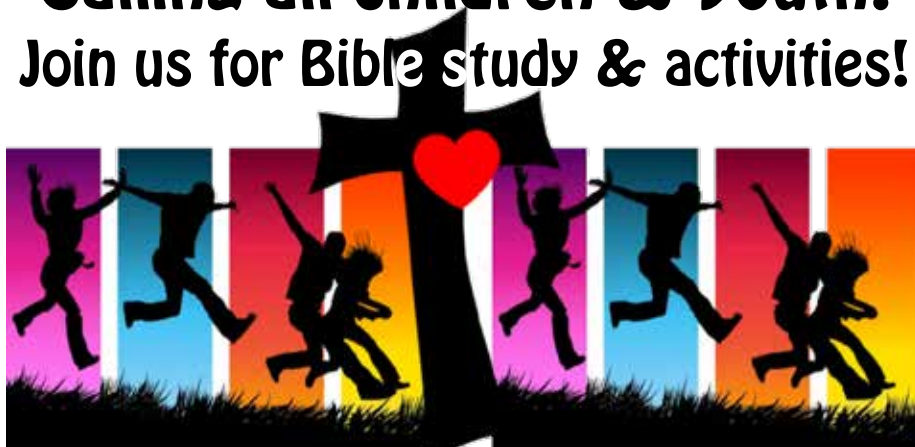
The story of Jonah is an amazing reminder that we can always talk to God! At first, Jonah wanted nothing to do with God or the task that God had called him to do. Jonah actually tried to run away from God because he was so against God's plan. However, after being swallowed by the giant fish, Jonah spent several days thinking about what he had done. And even in the belly of a giant fish, Jonah prayed to God...and God heard him! Being in the fish was probably one of the lowest moments in Jonah's life. Imagine if you were in Jonah's shoes. God tells you to do something that you don't want to do, so you run away. While you are running away you get caught in a massive thunderstorm and think you are going to die. Then you get thrown into the ocean to make the storm stop only to get swallowed by a giant fish. Inside the fish, you have no idea what is going to happen to you next. Is the fish going to eat you? Will you be stuck in the fish forever? Will the fish spit you out? But even in all of his uncertainty, and in the belly of a fish, Jonah prayed to God.

No matter where life takes us, we can always talk to God. Whether things are going great in our lives, or if nothing is going right at all, there is never a time when we cannot talk to God! So, if you ever get to a point in life where you don't know what to do, take some time to stop and talk to God. No matter where you are, no matter what you are doing, God will always be there for you to talk to. This week I want you to remember the story of Jonah and how, even inside the belly of a giant fish, he talked to God. Never forget that you can always talk to God, too!

*—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 September Bible Study Lessons

(Bible story video & resources emailed out each Friday)

SEPTEMBER THEME: FREQUENCY – Learning to Hear From God

In September, school and schedules take off like a bullet train. That's why it's so vital for all of us to learn how to pause, take a deep breath, and tune our hearts to hear from God. Our faith is living and active. We serve a God who wants to speak to us and who designed us to hear from God every day! For many of us though, hearing from God feels complicated. Where do I start? How do I know if it's God or my own thoughts? God loves when we ask those questions—and we're excited to help kids ask those questions, too, as we explore this month's theme: FREQUENCY—Learning to Hear from God. The story of Samuel shows you don't have to wait until you are older to hear from God! Our world is so full of noise and anxiety that learning to hear God's voice is vital. It's a rescue. When kids learn to stay close to Jesus and hear directly from God that they are loved and valuable, they can walk through a chaotic world with a growing peace and confidence.

— Weekly Bottom Lines for September —

September 6

I can hear from God.

September 20

I can grow when I stay close to God.

September 13

I can learn to know God through the Bible.

September 27

I can ask God to speak to me.

September Memory Verse

"My sheep listen to my voice. I know them, and they follow me."

– John 10:27 NIV

— This Week's Events —

Sunday, Sept. 27

Deacon Installation
Pictorial Directory Sign-Ups
Before & After Worship
Narthex

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, Sept. 28

3:15 p.m.
Backyard Buddies Tutoring
& ESL Classes

6:30 p.m.
Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday, Sept. 29

10:00 a.m.
Oakmont Handcrafters Group

3:15 p.m.
Backyard Buddies Tutoring
& ESL Classes

Wednesday, Sept. 30

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. 1

Pictorial Directory Pictures

10:00 a.m.
JOY Singers Rehearsal

Friday, Oct. 2

Pictorial Directory Pictures

11:30 a.m.
Dining Divas
Cape Fear Seafood Company

Saturday, Oct. 3

Pictorial Directory Pictures

Our Record of Our
FINANCIAL
Sunday



September 20, 2026
FAITHFULNESS

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

Receipts (This Week)	\$33,880	Building Fund (This Week)	\$315
(\$2,372 Online \$31,508 Mail)		Building Fund (MTD)	\$1,140
Receipts (MTD)	\$77,102.71	Building Fund (YTD)	\$18,984
Receipts 2026 (YTD)	\$852,615.90	Disaster Relief (This Week)	\$250
Receipts 2025 (YTD)	\$781,405.73	Disaster Relief (MTD)	\$250
Communion Offering (This Week)	\$150		
Communion Offering (MTD)	\$1,845		

The Worship of God at Oakmont

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

Rev. Eric Porterfield

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 149:4-5

Dr. Laurie Cosby

HYMN

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Eric Porterfield

HYMN

"We Are One in the Spirit"

OFFERTORY SENTENCES

Kimberly Williamson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME

Rev. Ben Gurganus

OLD TESTAMENT
SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:6-7; 53:3; 45:23

Rev. Alicia Porterfield

ANTHEM

"Grace Alone"
Chancel Choir and Orchestra

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:1-13

Rev. Eric Porterfield

SERMON

"The Mindset of Christ"

Rev. Eric Porterfield

INSTALLATION OF DEACONS

Rev. Eric Porterfield

RESPONSIVE LITANY

Rev. Eric Porterfield

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Cal Hayslip

HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

SENDING FORTH GOD'S PEOPLE

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Rev. Ben Gurganus

BENEDICTION

Rev. Eric Porterfield

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