



May 3, 2020

Church Services Online

Sunday (10 AM) & Wednesday (6:30 PM) messages are available on Oakland's public Facebook page. We hope you'll join us & share the messages with your friends!



Worship Music



Check out the suggested weekly worship playlist on Oakland's public Facebook page (the playlist link will take you to YouTube).



Backpacks of Hope

Because NC schools are closed for the rest of the school year, the remaining food from this ministry has been donated to Heart for Monroe to help those in our community!



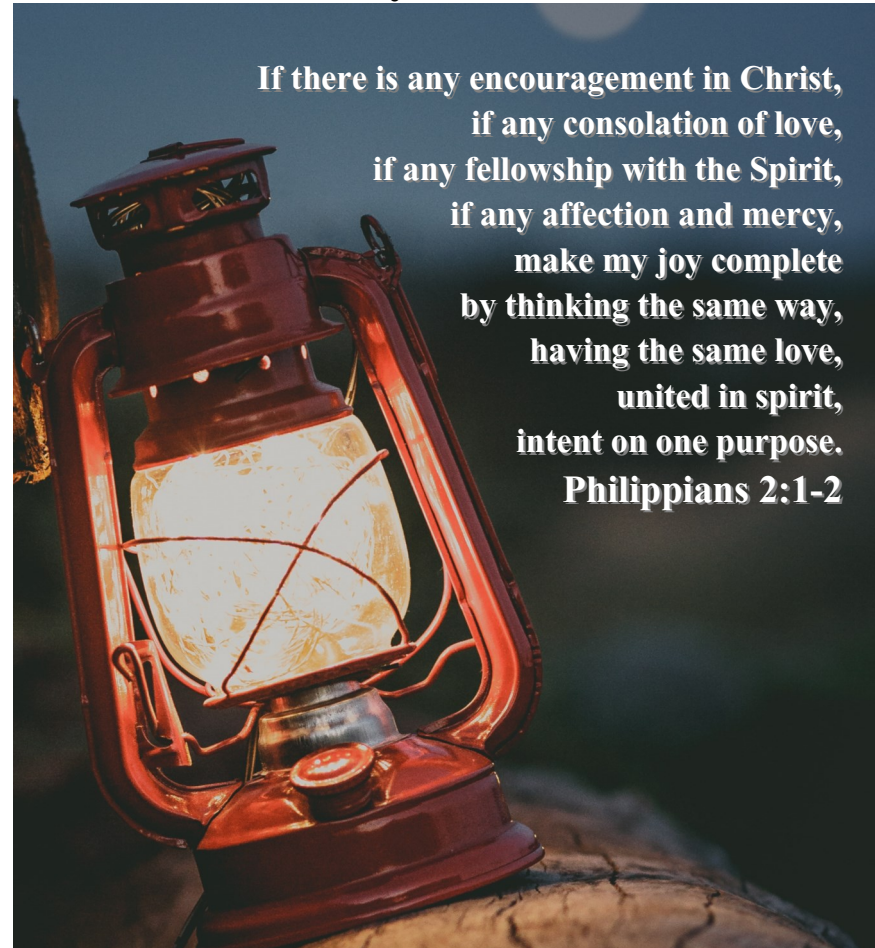
Please pray for the children who had received food assistance during the school year, pray that their families can find the resources to provide food for them.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—100 percent—goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States,



Canada and their territories. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed. Thank you for mailing & delivering your AAEOs! Total received: \$795.



If there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Philippians 2:1-2

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Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

Encourage (Acts 9:26-28; 11:21-26)

The Point: Encouragement strengthens relationships.

The Bible Meets Life: We've been encouraged all our lives to take our vitamins. So we do. Since the 1940s, we've been popping them in our mouths daily. We know we need these important vitamins and minerals, and even though a healthy diet is likely to give us all we need, half of us buy multivitamins or supplements.

A daily dose is good for us. We could use a "daily dose" of something else, too. Let's call it a spiritual and emotional vitamin: the vitamin of encouragement. We were created to live in relationship with others, and we hunger for the affirmation of others. We need a healthy supply of encouragement from others to grow as God intends.

Just ask any athlete about the benefit they gain when they have the "home field advantage." Encouragement helps. Unfortunately, too many of us face a deficiency in this area. Our lives and our relationships can grow weak without encouragement.

Barnabas was a natural encourager. His life challenges us to be a source of encouragement to others. We support the other person and strengthen our relationship when we look for ways to offer encouragement.

Live It Out: Express thanks. Express thanks to someone who has been an encouragement to you. Be specific regarding how their words or actions helped you. **Evaluate your life.** Consider whether people are encouraged by your example or actions. Consider what you might need to change to be an encourager like Barnabas. **Encourage each other.** Share with others how you can live out one or more of the character traits in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Dealing with Messy Relationships

Sunday, May 10 Forgive
(Matthew 18:21-28, 32-33)

Sunday, May 17 Serve
(Galatians 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 10)



Tithes & Offerings

We encourage you to mail in your tithes & offerings to OBC.

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

April Offering

To Date: \$12,949.00



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

8:30 AM Prayer Time

9:00 AM Sunday School

Online (Email)

10:00 AM Worship

Online (Facebook)

Wednesday

6:30 PM Worship

Online (Facebook)

Check Out Today's Service Details

Download the Bible App.

Create a free account.



Click on More, Events, then Share Location OR search for Oakland Baptist Church.

Prayer Requests

Dinky Griffin

Sadie Griffin's Grandson's Wife
(Crystal)

Doris Hannah

Jack & Christine Hinson's
Daughter-in-law (Beth)

Lillian Lewis & Family

Pam Majewski & Family

Iris McSheehan

John Moore

Bob Murray & Daughter
(Kimlyn)

Lory Parker

Dara Rainwater

Ethel Thomas

Our Church

Our Community

Our Country



Newsletters

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter via email, please contact the Church Office at 704-283-5656 or oaklandchurchmonroe@gmail.com