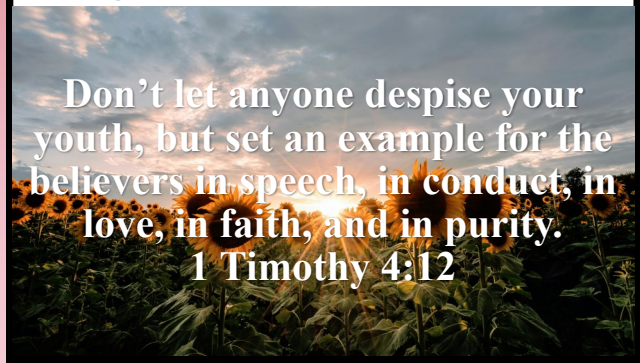




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August 2025: Verse of the Month



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES  
AT OAKLAND

- Sunday

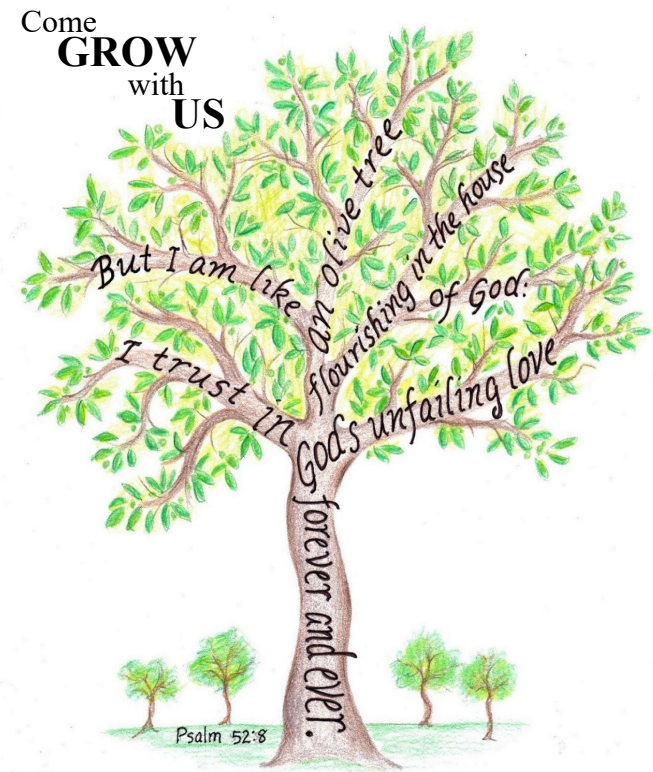
9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Service  
(Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Worship Service  
Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday

6:30 PM Wednesday Youth  
(Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship  
Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

August 2025

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Pastor David's Corner

Character

Someone once said that people of genius are admired, people of wealth are envied (*or hated in today's political climate!*), people of power are feared, but only people of character are trusted. Without character...you cannot be trusted, and if you cannot be trusted...you cannot lead; your testimony is suspect. Are you a leader, a reliable witness? Be honest.

The word character comes from the Greek, meaning "to make a mark." Your character is your mark on the world. Character can be defined as the sum of one's traits. Whereas, strength of character, is to have strong attributes that are of value to others and to one's self. The ethical values we all strive to represent are characteristics, while strength of character is the extent to which we execute our core values.

Character is important, not only in church, family and ministry, but life in general. Need proof? How many of us have turned on the evening news and watched people of extraordinary prominence resign, even pastors and religious leaders, leaving office in disgrace, or go to jail, because of what—character flaws? In today's culture, mainstream media puts an extreme strain on anyone striving for strength of character, who if exposed long enough, may gradually accept popularized, fleshly weakness as okay.

Perhaps we watch way too many reality TV shows. It's not that these shows are necessarily bad (*some are!*), but their translation to real life might be. Many young, impressionable people tend to view these and believe that in order to get ahead in today's world...we must lie, cheat, or steal our way to the top.

The Bible frequently warns against the influence of bad company, emphasizing that associating with those who have poor morals can negatively impact one's own character and behavior. Several verses highlight this, with 1 Corinthians 15:33 being a prominent example: "Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good morals". Even the Honor Code of the U.S. Air Force Academy addresses the topic, "I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor tolerate any among us that do." The purpose of this code is to foster an environment based upon a personal sense of honesty and integrity which will remain throughout life, even beyond military service.

The first step in developing high character is being able to acknowledge our shortcomings. Once we're aware of them, we can begin the process of changing them. And that starts with us. Remember the *beam and speck* of Matthew 7:3-5? Perhaps we will see something we weren't expecting. No matter who/what we have been, or are today, we must understand that tomorrow doesn't have to be like yesterday. Let's make the choice today to develop our character! It's that important; in everything.

PRAY

PRAYER  
REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy  
Anderson

Dianne Avery

Sam & Wanda  
Goodwin

Mike & Renee  
Helms

Rodney Johnson  
(Renee Helms' Son)

Prayer requests  
continued on page 4.

Choir Rehearsal

The next choir rehearsal will be  
Wednesday, August 6th at 7:30 PM.



Ladies Bible Study

Save the Date!  
Beginning September 2nd.  
More details coming soon in the bulletin.

Living Streams

Thank you for your continued  
prayers for Pastor Ron &  
Living Streams Worship  
Center. August marks five  
months that they have been  
meeting in our facilities!



You can learn more about Pastor Ron & his church plant at  
[thelivingstreams.com](http://thelivingstreams.com)

July Attendance

Wednesday, July 2 (47 Online)  
**Sunday, July 6 (55 Indoor + 258 Online)**  
Wednesday, July 9 (39 Online)  
**Sunday, July 13 (54 Indoor + 253 Online)**  
Wednesday, July 16 (38 Online)  
**Sunday, July 20 (45 Indoor + 248 Online)**  
Wednesday, July 23 (49 Online)  
**Sunday, July 27 (49 Indoor + 215 Online)**  
Wednesday, July 30 (36 Online)



Hawaii Mission Partner Update

Here is an update from our mission partners in Hawaii, the Naylor Family:

Rehearsing the Gospel

On July 29th, we got notice that an 8.8 earthquake could cause a tsunami to hit our island of Maui. It was an eerie day as the streets filled with cars trying to evacuate. One of my daughters said, "This is like the fire - the week before school starts."

In God's providence, the tsunami never materialized, but it did bring back many memories and flashbacks to 2 years ago (Aug. 8th) when the fire destroyed our community. I could feel in my own spirit a weight and uneasiness as tsunami sirens rang and people evacuated. I can only guess what my daughters were feeling or those without the Lord were thinking.

In this life we will experience true hardship. But praise be to God, that through Jesus Christ trials and evil do not get the final word.

The worst things are never the last things.

Ministry Update

I try to remind our church every week - Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the glory of God. We do this through the word, prayer, and membership.

Word - A lot of people I interact with do not see membership in scripture. Please pray for me as I try and reveal the truth and importance of membership to others through the written word. Just this morning I sat with 3 other brothers, trying to make the case for membership in scripture. Danni is doing similar work as she just finished reading through 1 Timothy with a small group of women and begins 2 Timothy tonight.

Prayer - I think the Lord is leading me to build a little more trellis in our church through a prayer meeting. But I'm not sure the best time, place, etc. for it. Please pray for wisdom on how to better cultivate a culture of prayer in our church.

Membership - Our church body feels very fragile. One family in particular is wondering if they should continue on with us. It came out of left field for me as I thought they were one of our most devoted and faithful families. Over the past few weeks, though I've tried to help, my efforts seem to cause more harm than good. Please pray for grace and unity. Pray for protection from the schemes of the enemy; I do think this current conflict is the work of the devil.

Danni's Update

I am so thankful for summer break and getting to spend a week and a half visiting family and enjoying time at a cabin in Colorado. We did a screen time detox, built forts, went on hikes, read together, drank hot chocolate, and star gazed. And now, I'm thankful to be home and get back into a normal rhythm as we prepare to go back to school next week. We feel refreshed and excited to jump back into life and ministry with our church and people around us.







July 2025 Offerings

\$9,864.00

Budget Needs for August

\$17,571.84



home sweet home

Price Housewarming

8/3/25 | DROP IN 1-4 PM


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RSVP BY 7/27 | TEXT 704-490-3776

[MYREGISTRY.COM/GIFTLIST/JEREMY-TAYLOR-PRICE](https://myregistry.com/giftlist/jeremy-taylor-price)

**Jail Ministry**

Pray for the jail ministry team and the people they minister to; pray that they will respond to the gospel that is presented.



....I was in prison and you visited me...  
Matthew 25:36

# AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Session 2: Godliness 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	4	5 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	6 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary)  Jail Ministry	8	9
10 Session 3: Humility 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	11	12 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	13 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	14 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary)  Jail Ministry	15	16
17 Session 4: Contentment 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11:30 AM Living Streams	18	19 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	20 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	21 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary)  Jail Ministry	22	23
24 S5: Generosity 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 31 S6: Integrity 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	25	26 6:30 PM Living Streams Bible Study	27 Online Worship 6:30 PM Youth	28 6:30 PM Living Streams (Sanctuary)  Jail Ministry	29	30



# PRAY

## PRAYER

## REQUESTS

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Louise Parker

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch

## Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

### CHARACTER COUNTS

July 27: The Importance of Character

August 3: Godliness

August 10: Humility

August 17: Contentment

August 24: Generosity

August 31: Integrity

**BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE®**

### Bible Studies For Life Summary

#### *Character Counts*

Have you ever noticed that we are called human beings, not human doers? Here's why: What we do is an expression of who we are. And there's a word used to describe who we are. Character.

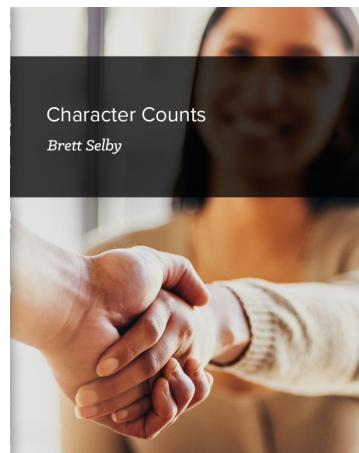
When someone describes another person by their positive traits, such as kind or generous, or by their negative traits, such as mean or hypocritical, these are characteristics, a description of who they are as a person at the most fundamental level. That's character.

The basic message of this study is that character is a big deal.

Character counts.

Most of the influence we have on other people related to our faith is due to our character. Whether we have integrity, or show generosity, or are humble and at peace with ourselves, determines how others are influenced, whether toward Christ or away from Him. Because these qualities are characteristic of Jesus Himself.

The passages we will be studying will help you answer the question: "What am I going to do with myself?" They won't merely recite for you all the things you should be but will also point to the reasons why your character counts.



### Ladies Painting Class

Such a fun time of painting and fellowship on Monday, July 28th.  
Thank you ladies, for coming out to this painting class!

