



September 5, 2021



### Backpacks of Hope Ministry

The backpacks ministry will be kicking off this week for the Fall 2021 semester! Please pray for this ministry and for the 10 Monroe Middle School students who will receive food each week.

Bags include a selection from the following items:

Applesauce, Beanie Weenies, Canned Chicken & Tuna,  
Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Cups  
(Fruit Medley, Orange Slices, Peaches), Grits, Macaroni & Cheese,  
Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Crackers, Pop Tarts, Pork & Beans, Pudding  
Cups, Raisins, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli, Spaghetti & Meatballs,  
Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup



If you feel led to purchase food items, please drop them off in the Church Office!

### “Fill the Tank” Sunday

Join with Oakland in praying for “Fill the Tank” Sunday coming up next Sunday.

“Fill the Tank” is a statewide emphasis to see believers baptized on September 12th around the world. Emphasizing baptism on a specific day is a great way to encourage new believers to take the next step of obedience and faith while displaying a picture of the gospel to others.



Pray for...

- Spiritual eyes and ears to be opened. (Matt. 13:15, 2 Cor. 4:3-4)
- Receptive hearts to the gospel. (Luke 8:5-15)
- Witnesses to be sent to share Christ. (Matt. 9:35-38)
- Unbelievers to experience a transformation through Christ. (Rom. 12:1-2)

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## Sunday, September 5 2021

Sure of Forgiveness (1 John 1:5-2:2)

**The Point:** We are forgiven when we confess our sin and walk with Christ.

**The Bible Meets Life:** Can we be sure of anything? Some philosophers will tell you we can't. After COVID-19 arrived last year and shook up the everyday routine of our lives, nothing seemed certain.

We can have assurance, though. God desires for every believer to have assurance of salvation. Sadly, many Christians struggle daily with doubt as it pertains to their eternal destiny. Some even believe it's impossible to know with certainty that a person is eternally saved. At other times, believers who are not sure of their salvation find themselves plunged into the depths of doubt and despair, uncertain of whether or not God has truly forgiven them. Others allow their own self-condemnation to smother the assurance God desires for them to have.

But we can be assured of assurance! The apostle John stated this clearly in 1 John 5:13: "I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." We have God's assurance of eternal life even as we have the assurance of our forgiveness.

**Live It Out: Examine.** Consider the principles taught today. They will either encourage you as a believer or accuse you as a nonbeliever. **Meditate.** Every day this week pray according to Psalm 139:23-24, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my concerns. See if there is any offensive way in me; lead me in the everlasting way." **Share.** Share your personal story of forgiveness with someone this week. "Do not fear them or be intimidated, but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. Yet do this with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:14b-16a).

### Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

#### No Doubt: Six Things We Can Know For Sure

Sunday, September 12 Sure of a Relationship  
(1 John 2:3-11, 15-17)

Sunday, September 19 Sure of the Truth  
(1 John 2:18-29)

BIBLE  
STUDIES  
FOR LIFE

### Opportunities for Ministry & Service

#### Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

#### Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth

6:30 PM Online Worship

#### Thursday

Jail Ministry

### Prayer Requests

Eddie & Candy Anderson

Elise Byers

Kent Chapman

Brandy Eudy's Mother

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Nan Helms

Grady Hill

Renay Moore

Bob Murray

The Shauan's

Irene Welch



### Service Attendance

Sunday, August 29

Indoor: 36

Online Reach: 119

Wednesday, September 1

Online Reach: 80 Youth: 9

### Deacons Meeting

The deacons will meet on Sunday, September 12th at 1 PM!



### Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

August Offering

To Date: \$15,211



### Pray for Afghanistan

*Here are a few ways we can pray for Afghanistan:*

Pray for safe passage: pray that God will provide safe passage to those who feel led by God to leave Afghanistan and provide for their immediate needs in their new location.

Pray that Muslims will meet Christ: pray that Muslims in Afghanistan will be drawn to Jesus Christ, the shepherd Savior who doesn't oppress but instead chose to lay down His life for His sheep.

