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## REMINDERS

### Online Giving to OVBC

We can now give donations online as another way to support our ministry at Oak Valley. Please logon to the church website at or use your OVBC app. Click the heart icon in the upper right side of screen and follow instructions. You may also text OVBC to 77977 and instructions will be forwarded to you.

### Sunday School Class

Pastor Hammond hosts a Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. each week. The class is designed for people who may not know much about the bible, but desire a deeper understanding of scriptures, doctrinal beliefs and practices. The class also offers in-depth discussion and introduction to the sermon topic for that day.

### Prayer Meeting – Saturday

Everyone is invited to continue participating in our Saturday Morning Prayer Meetings at 7:30 a.m. We gather in the Sanctuary and then dismiss to personal prayer areas as guided by the Spirit.

### Intercessory Prayer

Intercessory Prayer meeting is held each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Volunteers Needed - IMPACT

We are looking for fun, energetic, Christ loving individuals to serve in our IMPACT Children's Church on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Please see Ms. Robin for more information.



December 15, 2019



Good morning, Oak Valley!

Our difficulty in following God isn't that we don't know His will. Our discomfort comes from the fact that we do know His will, but we don't want to do it. When God first spoke to Abraham, His commands were straightforward: "Go...to the land I will show you" (Gen. 12:1). Then God led Abraham through a number of tests over the years. Abraham learned patience as he waited for God's promise of a son to be fulfilled, which took 25 years. Abraham learned to trust God through battles with kings and through the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

As the Father progressively reveals His ways to you in your Christian pilgrimage, you, like Abraham, will develop a deeper level of trust in Him. When you first became a Christian, your Master's instructions were probably fundamental, such as being baptized or changing your lifestyle. But as you learn to trust Him more deeply, He will develop your character to match bigger tests, and with the greater tests will come a greater love for God and a greater knowledge of His ways. Are you ready for God's next revelation?

As God leads you in your Christian growth, He will allow challenges in your life that match your character and relationship with Him. God won't totally change your character at once when you become a Christian. Rather, He will lead you through a process to become more like His Son. He will keep working in an area of your life until it's controlled by the Holy Spirit. You may eagerly desire maturity in every area of your character, but steady, gradual growth is more lasting.

God won't take shortcuts in His process of making you like Christ. Because He sees your life from eternity. He will take as long as necessary to produce lasting spiritual growth in you.

Don't become impatient while God is producing Christlikeness in you. Don't seek more responsibilities than those He's given you. Obey all you know He's asked, and He will lead you at a pace that fits your present character and His purposes for you.

*Excerpt from "Seven Realities for Experience God: How to know and Do the Will of God" by Henry Blackaby & Richard Blackaby*

### **Our Vision:**

In Christ, Oak Valley shall be a table at which everyone is seated and served.

### **Our Mission:**

To integrate all people into the life of the Church and encourage equal participation.

## THIS WEEK AT OAK VALLEY

### Tuesday Schedule

10:00 a.m. — Senior Ministry Meeting  
6:00 p.m. — S.A.L.T. Mime Ministry

### Wednesday Schedule

6:00 p.m. — Meals for Youth  
7:00 p.m. — Family Focused Bible Study Classes

### Thursday Schedule

11:00 a.m. — Senior Adult Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. — S.A.L.T. Mime Ministry

### Friday Schedule

11:00 a.m.— Kareday Bible Study

### Saturday Schedule

7:30 a.m. — Prayer Meeting



Dr. Freddie Colston  
Sis. Nita Dowdell  
Sis. Doris Hurd  
Bro. James Little  
Bro. Ralph Mack  
Sis. Bernice Moore  
Sis. Dorothy Patterson  
Sis. Marie Westfall  
Sis. Eunice Wilkerson  
Sis. Willie Mae Yancy

Please pray for those listed on our prayer list as well as our college students, active military, bereaved families, and those incarcerated.  
*(Prayer list copies available in vestibule.)*

## YOUTH NEWS

### Pathfinders Ministry

Pathfinders will not meet again until Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided from Girls Inc. and the Boys & Girls Club. All middle school students are invited to join us.

### S.A.L.T. Mime Ministry

S.A.L.T will rehearse on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### Special Thank you

The Youth Ministry would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who participated with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Store.

### Resurrection 2020

Resurrection 2020 for high school students only will be held January 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> in Pigeon Forge. Volunteers are needed to attend. Additional details are forthcoming. See Sis. Robin Johnson for additional details.

## OTHER NEWS

### Senior Adult Ministry

The Senior Adult Ministry will meet on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. The activity will be games with a potluck lunch hosted at Spurgeon Chapel. Please see Sis. Charmaine Henderson for additional details.

### Ministry Cancellations

Regularly scheduled ministries will not meet the week of December 23<sup>rd</sup> or the week of December 30<sup>th</sup>.



JOIN US!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Sunday School News

Birth of the Savior (Christmas)  
Luke 2:1-14

### Trivia question for the week:

What was the sign to the shepherds that confirmed the Savior had been born in the city of David?  
*(Reference the book, chapter & verse)*

Please submit your answer to the box located in the vestibule and you could win a prize this month.

### Call Church Business Meeting Notification

On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship, we will hold a Call Church Business Meeting. The purpose of this church meeting is to approve the proposed 2020 Budget. In preparation for the business meeting copies of the proposed budget are available in the church office for members to review. Questions and comments about the 2020 proposed budget may be submitted to Sis. Kowetha Mack at [Kowethamack11@att.net](mailto:Kowethamack11@att.net) by Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> to allow the Budget Committee time to appropriately address them before and/or during the business meeting.

### Watch Night Worship Service

On Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, the Annual Watch Night Worship Service for Oak Ridge and surrounding areas will be held starting at 10:00 p.m. Additional information on location is forthcoming. This service is open to the public.

### OVBC Weather Closing Notices

As we enter the winter season, please access [www.wbir.com](http://www.wbir.com) to determine if OVBC has cancelled Sunday service due to weather. Note: Church closing notices will not appear on WBIR's TV channel. You may also call the church office or visit the OVBC website.



If you are unable to attend worship service on Sundays, please visit our Facebook page or website to view sermons. Are you interested in joining the OVBC family? Please see the Pastor or a deacon.