

THE MESSENGER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE, LIVING GOD'S WORD

A WORD FROM OUR LEADERS...

At the 7:30 Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting, we pray for many different types of needs. Examples include: spiritual needs, relationships, health, financial, strength, jobs, guidance, peace, safety. Prayers have been for ourselves, family members, friends and strangers. Some prayers God has directly answered. Some He answered in ways which seem as if they 'just happened naturally' and 'would have gone that way even if we had not prayed.' Some requests God has not yet answered.

Here are two instructions Jesus gave us regarding how to live our lives in faith:

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7:7,8

"Have faith in God," Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him." Mark 11:22,23

Jesus' instructions to 'Ask' and 'Believe' contain promises of big, desirable results. Have ordinary people receive these results? Hebrews Chapter 11 gives a list of people who were ordinary, but used faith in God to accomplish big, desirable results. Verse 6 tells us: "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He



exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

On the other hand, a generation of Israelites was stopped from going into the Promised Land because they refused to have faith in God. They focused on the problems, the 'giants' in the land, instead of keeping their focus on God, Who had already shown them great miracles. Moses sent spies to observe the Promised Land. When the spies, they reported "...All the people are giants...we seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes and we looked the same to them." Numbers 13:32b,33

Jesus reminds us God can do all things. "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

Our faith is increased when we remember the greatness of God has no limit. We conclude our gathering by worshipping God and focusing on His unlimited greatness.

Whenever your schedule allows, please join us in the Acts Room on the lower level for Oakwood's 7:30 Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Youth Sunday**
Sunday, April 6th
- **Oxford Orion FISH**
Saturday, April 12th
- **Palm Sunday & Baptisms**
Sunday, April 13th
- **Easter**
Sunday, April 20th
8:30am & 10:30am Services
- **Mom's & Dad's Day Out**
Friday, April 25th



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CROSSROADS FOR YOUTH

Crossroads for Youth - originally called Camp Oakland - is a private, nonprofit treatment agency in Oxford that has been serving at-risk youth since 1953. The heart of their mission is the belief that EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHANCE. It was founded on the vision of Judge Arthur E. Moore that "Courts must do more for children than the serving of judgments, decrees and mandates. They must step down from the bench to the small hand of the child and turned shoulder of the parent and find a new start for the parent-child relationship." The agency offers residential, day-treatment, and community-based services that give children a place to feel safe and cared for, a place to learn how to succeed in life, and an opportunity to overcome the past. The Oakland County Re-entry Program successfully reintegrates students into their homes and communities equipped with new ways to solve problems, and the ability to take personal responsibility for their own choices.

Crossroads for Youth Mission Statement

Believing all youth are at-risk, Crossroads for Youth strengthens families and youth with skills and tools so they become valued contributors in their communities.

Oakwood Community Church is sending a group of volunteers to Crossroads on Saturday, May 24th from 9am to 3pm (depending on group size). Our projects will consist of cleaning 5 cabins (inside & out), 1 bathhouse, and possibly maintaining pathways. For a \$5 fee- pizza, salad bar, and pop will be provided as we listen to a speaker give information about the agency and answer questions. This is an excellent small group service project idea. Watch for more information in the bulletin or call the church office if you would like to



OAKWOOD'S LEADERS

Bobby and Jaennetta Roop, Soul Fire Directors

Bobby and Jaennetta have been actively attending Oakwood for four years. In 2010 they committed their lives to following and serving Christ, and professed their faith by being baptized in front of their Oakwood

The two began dating in High School, and maintained that relationship for seven years before marrying in September of 2012. Their family quickly grew, adding a little boy, Emery Hunter, just over a year later. They live in Oxford, have two dogs, an adopted cat, and a friendly iguana. Bobby is a BIM Specialist at Intention Innovations who loves hunting, fishing, sports and technology; and Jaennetta is a stay at home mom with a BS in Elementary Education who loves shopping, crafting, and reading.

They began serving the church in the fall of 2010, assisting in the AWANA ministry, alongside Dennis Bierbusse. Through this, they were invited by Dennis to help out with SoulFire. They were committed in this capacity through the spring of 2012, where they transitioned into the directors of the SoulFire ministry. At this time, they are both directing, leading, teaching, and counseling in SoulFire. Bobby is still volunteering in AWANA on a bi-weekly basis, and also serves on the praise and worship team.

GOOD FRIDAY and EASTER SUNDAY

Good Friday Service at 1:00pm

The nursery will be unlocked but not staffed for this service

Easter Sunday Services at 8:30 and 10:30am

Childcare for ages 0-4 at both services.

Children's ministry for K thru 6th grade at 10:30 service.

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MINISTRY FOCUS SOUL FIRE TEENS



SoulFire Youth Ministry is a generation of teens; Living the word of God, by Sharing His Love!

We are a weekly ministry of about 40 students that meets at the church from September - June on Sunday Nights from 6pm - 8pm. Our typical night consists of student led worship, a dynamic message, and age/gender specific small groups. We also meet through the summer as we hold weekly TRASH nights, Totally Relaxing At Someone's House!

We are broken up into two groups:

FOUR12 (Jr High 6th-8th) *Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.* (1 Timothy 4:12 NIV)

TWO6 (high school 9th-12th) *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him.* (Colossians 2:6 NIV)

Our ministry has several service opportunities, as well as a yearly high school mission trip to Detroit. We have adopted Oakwood Rd, from Hurd to Baldwin, where we do two cleanups per year. We are on the Clean Team rotation, cleaning the church every five weeks. And we have also committed ourselves to serving at a soup kitchen in Flint.

The ministry is led by Bobby and Jaennetta Roop, Lyle Red, Lindsay Collins, with Tracy Boyle and Rusty Pawley serving as worship team leaders.

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