

# THE MESSENGER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE, LIVING GOD'S WORD

## SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT PERSON

Two men were sent on journeys to find a person to fill a position. One was looking for someone to be the wife of his master's son; the other was looking for someone to be a king. Neither of them knew the name of the person they were looking for, but both of them were counting on God to let them know when they found the right person.

Abraham instructed his servant to travel to Abraham's former country and look among his relatives for a wife for his son Isaac. When the servant arrived in the area, he asked God for a specific conversation to take place, and if/when it does "...let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac.... Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder..." (Genesis 24:14b-15a) and they had that conversation. The first person was the right one!

God instructed Samuel to travel to Bethlehem and anoint one of Jesse's sons as king. The first son he saw looked good to Samuel, but that was not the one God had chosen. Neither were the next six sons he saw. When Jesse's only son not present was sent for and brought to Samuel, the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." (1 Samuel 16:12b) The last person was the right one!

The Pastoral Search Committee was introduced to the Oakwood family during the worship service on Sunday, May 18th. Roger Sovis is



chairing this team, which includes Joe Conrad, Marty McDaniel, Jeff Moore, Denise Muhitch, and Larry Warner. We have commissioned them to find someone to fill the position of Lead Pastor. Those searching do not know the man's name, but are relying on God to let them know when they find the right person. Throughout the search process, please understand that confidentiality will be essential because some of those being considered may currently be serving in other roles. The search committee will keep the church informed through updates on Sunday mornings as progress is made.

Will God lead Oakwood's Pastoral Search Committee to the right person immediately or will it take a while? Sometimes the right person is the first one, sometimes it is necessary to consider many. Please pray that God guides our Pastoral Search Committee and lets them know when they have found the person who is the right one!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Heart to Heart Bake Sale**  
Sunday, June 1st
- **Graduation Recognitions**  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Father's Day**  
Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Mission Team in Guatemala**  
Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
through Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>



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# SUPPLIES NEEDED

THANK YOU to everyone who gave to support Oakwood's mission trip. Funding for all twenty people on the team is complete. Any additional money collected will be used to purchase supplies and pay for shipping them. The team will be leaving on June 19<sup>th</sup> for Guatemala. They will be going into the mountains to deliver food and other necessities to people in remote, poverty-stricken villages. The team will be visiting schools, sharing God's love and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ.

Please consider donating some of these supplies or making a donation for the team to purchase and ship them.

## Supplies needed are:

- (20) soccer balls (deflated)
- Hand air pump for the soccer balls
- Plastic bowls and spoons (not disposable)
- (10) 5-gallon food-grade buckets
- Twin or queen size sheets (fitted and flat)
- Bath towels
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss (need about 2000 of each)
- Hair clips, ties, headbands, etc
- Small toys (crayons, matchbox cars, stickers, Oriental Trading items)
- Over-the-counter meds (Tylenol, Motrin, Pepto, etc)
- Non-chewy vitamins (the kids eat chewy ones all at once)



## OAKWOOD'S LEADERS

### Stan Walls, Deacon

My wife Brenda and I have been attending Oakwood Community Church for about eight years. We have both tried to be active in helping to serve the needs of the Church as well as the community. I have been serving in leadership as a Deacon for nearly three years and am currently responsible for leading the "Green Team"... volunteers are welcome!

We have lived in the Hadley area for 22 years and enjoy the rural setting, God's creation in all its splendor and wonderment. We have one son, Brent, and two grandchildren who live in West Virginia. I retired from GM after 41 years and can't say I miss it. I enjoy motorcycles, bicycling, kayaking, fishing, and hiking.

I refer to myself as a late bloomer Christian. Although I was saved and baptized at the First Baptist Church in Pontiac at the age of 12, I didn't really "find" Christ in my heart until I was in my 50's. It was then that I realized that true faith does not require empirical evidence of the Truth of our Savior Jesus Christ. My Christian journey has not always been a smooth one, but I continually thank God for His unending Grace and Mercy, and the loving encouragement of my wife, the woman He meant for me.

It is my honor and pleasure to serve at Oakwood Community Church for the Glory of God.

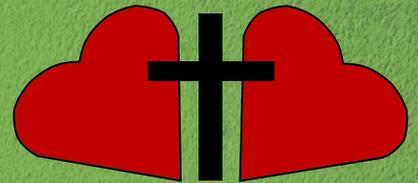


## SUMMER SERMON SERIES

This summer we will be featuring a 6-week sermon series on the Holy Spirit. For the past two summers we have taught on God the Father and Jesus, the Son. So often the Spirit is neglected or deemphasized, but He is God dwelling within us - a crucial part of our lives as followers of Jesus!

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# MINISTRY FOCUS HEART TO HEART



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Oakwood has a wonderful team called *Heart-to-Heart* that are responsible for activities, events and studies for our women. We currently meet once a month on Monday nights. The women on the team are: Ronda Brinks, Faith and Libby Fitz-Gerald, Lynda Mitchell, Pam Ochoa, Jeannie Leech, Julie Monroe, Wendy Penzien, and Cheryl Bongiorno. *Heart-to-Heart* is open to all Oakwood women (no age requirement) and we would love to see new women attend and get involved.

Recently we have begun a mentoring program based on Titus 2:4-5

"Then they (older women) can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God."

We are excited that eight of our women are currently being mentored by Oakwood women. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, or being mentored, contact Cheryl Bongiorno or call the church office.

### Upcoming Events:

- **Spring Bake Sale** on June 1 (proceeds help women attend the Fall Retreat)
- **Summer "Lemonade" Social Gathering** on Wednesday, July 23
- **Fall Retreat at Grace Adventures** on Friday-Sunday, September 26-28
- **Winter Operation Christmas Child** Shoebox Packing Party on Nov. 22

*Heart-to-Heart* publishes a quarterly newsletter to communicate current events and topics for our Oakwood women. Copies of the newsletter are in the flyer rack in the church lobby or on the website at [www.oakwoodcc.org](http://www.oakwoodcc.org)

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