

# THE MESSENGER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE, LIVING GOD'S WORD

## YOU ARE INVITED TO THRIVE!!!



**WHO:** Everyone is invited & welcome to attend

**WHEN:** 10:30am on Sunday mornings beginning on June 7, 2015

**WHERE:** Oakwood Community Church

**WHAT:** A six week series of relevant, energetic messages delivered from the Bible by Pastor Don Jackson. You were made to do more than just survive life... You were made to thrive in a relationship with Jesus. You were meant to know God and make him known.

Like a healthy tree, you were meant to dig deep and reach out. To thrive in our spiritual lives we must dig deep into the roots of our relationship with Jesus. This helps us understand who God is and who we are in Him... We dig in to know God. To thrive in our relationships, we must reach out to others. This helps us to show the world that we belong to Jesus and that Jesus is God... We reach out to make God known.

**WHY:** You were not meant to struggle to make it through the week. You were not meant to be shackled by anxiety, worry, and fear. No, you were meant for so much more. You were meant to live life and to have it more abundantly. That is the promise of the eternal God.

Surviving is for those who have no hope. That's not you - not if you're God's child. You were meant to dig deep and reach out. You were meant to know God and make him known. You were meant to thrive. You were made to THRIVE!!

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." - JOHN 10:10 (ESV)*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Free Auto Clinic**  
Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Soul Fire ReStylEd! Overnight**  
Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- **Soul Fire ManUp! Overnight**  
Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Family Zoo Day Outing**  
Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Discover Oakwood Lunch**  
Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>



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# OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

*"My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

**Isaiah 56:7**

We believe in the power of prayer. The Scriptures teach us that God hears and answers our prayers. James 5:16 says, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." Ephesians 6:18 says, "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."

Oakwood has set aside two times each week for our church family to gather in prayer: Tuesday nights at 7pm, and Sunday mornings from 9–10am.

## **Tuesday Night Prayer** (Meets in the Acts Room in the Lower Level)

On Tuesdays we spend time in prayer specifically for these things:

- Unity at Oakwood
- Direction for Oakwood
- Members of Oakwood
  - a. Very good relationship with God
  - b. Spouse
  - c. Children
  - d. Parents, brothers & sisters
  - e. Friends, neighbors, co-workers
  - f. Salvation of their loved ones
  - g. Health
  - h. Finances
  - i. Healing from hurts, hang-ups, habits
- Specific requests of everyone who comes to this time of prayer
- Community around Oakwood
  - a. Many will come and develop a relationship with God
  - b. Many will be freed from their hurts, hang-ups and habits

## **Sunday Morning Pre-Service Prayer**

*(Meets in a room off the lobby behind the coffee)*

Each Sunday we read Scripture and take turns praying over the following:

- Praise and thanksgiving for who He is and what He has done
- Humbling ourselves in His presence
- God's will to be done at Oakwood
- Spiritual growth for the people at Oakwood
- Children & children's workers (Nursery/Toddler, SONshine Park, AWANA)
- Teens and teen workers (Soul Fire)
- The community and visitors to the morning service
- Elders, Deacons and all those in positions of responsibility
- Today's Service – the worship, the sermon, the offering
- The congregation – healing, finances, marriages, broken relationships, etc.
- Personal prayer requests

**You are invited to join us for either prayer time!**

**Let's make 2015 a year of prayer at Oakwood Community Church!**



We want to remind everyone of the option to give online using your DEBIT card. You can make one-time donations or setup recurring gifts on a schedule of your choice. We currently receive about 30 percent of Oakwood's offerings via online giving. Summer is a great time to begin giving online, as travel and vacations often have people away from their home church.

If you have questions or would like help getting started with online giving, please contact the church office.

VISIT [WWW.OAKWOODCC.ORG](http://WWW.OAKWOODCC.ORG) FOR THE LATEST NEWS & INFO FROM OAKWOOD

# MINISTRY PARTNER OXFORD-ORION FISH



Oakwood is glad to be among the area churches that support the Oxford/Orion Fish Pantry in a variety of ways.

## **ADOPT-A-SHELF PARTNERSHIP**

Oakwood has its own shelf at the pantry, which we have committed to keep stocked with paper towels, toilet paper and tissues. FISH currently serves 145 households each month. Please help us serve those less fortunate by regularly contributing paper goods. Bring them with you on Sunday and place them in the collection bin in Oakwood's lobby.

## **FAMILY SERVICE PROJECTS**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 24th from 10am–12pm. Oakwood will be serving the community at FISH together. Children are welcome to serve with parents. Hope to see you there!

## **The Pantry is located at:**

487 First Street  
Oxford Township, MI 48371

Learn more at

[www.oxfordorionfish.org](http://www.oxfordorionfish.org)

Excerpt from the Fishline newsletter:  
"While we work closely with other family-aid agencies to assist our neighbors, we are unique in that we are financially supported almost entirely by private contributions from residents, businesses, area churches and schools. Although the Gleaners, OLHSA (Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency) and Forgotten Harvest give us surplus food, most of our food is collected through local food drives conducted by groups such as the Postal Workers, Orion Neighborhood Television (ONTV), schools, businesses, churches, boy and girl scouts and local civic and religious organizations."