

THE MESSENGER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE, LIVING GOD'S WORD

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Oakwood Community Church is hosting our first Harvest Festival where families can enjoy a variety of activities as we celebrate the Fall season together. Make plans to be at Oakwood on Saturday, October 31st from 3:00 to 5:00pm when our parking lot will be transformed into candy stations and our church grounds will have activities and games for all ages. Our Harvest Festival will be wholesome entertainment for the whole family with everything child friendly and not intended to frighten anyone!

INVITE NEIGHBORS & FRIENDS

Our Harvest Festival is a celebration that everyone will enjoy and the perfect event to invite friends. The pastors will be here joining the fun and available to answer questions. Invitation cards with event details are printed and ready to hand out! Take as many as you need.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Our parking lot will be transformed into candy stations where 50 or more families and individuals will bring decorated cars, play simple games with the kids and pass out candy from their trunks! Trick-or-Treating at Oakwood's Harvest Festival will be entertaining with lots of sweet treats to fill the kid's bags.

BOUNCE HOUSES

Giant inflatable bouncing excitement! We will have 2 or 3 bounce houses for kids of all sizes.

HAY MAZE

Do you like puzzles? Are you directionally challenged? Do three lefts equal one right? Make your way through our maze for the answers and have tons of fun on the way.

HAY RIDES

Jump on the wagon, sit on the straw and enjoy the ride!

FACE PAINTING

We will try to bring life to your favorite character, animal or design with our face painting. It's all about happy, colorful images using totally safe paint on your face!

COSTUMES

Lions, tigers, and bears, oh my! Get creative 'cause we're not in Kansas! Wear your costume for the trick-or-treat fun and please remember to keep it child friendly so as not to frighten anyone.

PUMPKIN BOWLING

Combine pumpkins, bowling pins, kids, and fall fun for a recipe called Pumpkin Bowling. Hilarious and unpredictable as pumpkins roll everywhere but where you want them to go!

CIDER AND DONUTS

It wouldn't be a Harvest Festival without delicious apple cider and fresh made donuts!

FIRE TRUCKS

The Brandon Fire Department will be here with a fire truck and fire safety tips for the kids as well as fire prevention materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Welcome New Members!**
Sunday, October 11th
- **Soul Fire Service Day**
Saturday, October 17th
- **Harvest Festival**
Saturday, October 31st

 **Oakwood**
Community Church

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DONATIONS NEEDED

- Individually wrapped candy
- Bundled bales of straw
- Face Painting supplies
- Pumpkins
- Mums
- Cornstalks
- Cider
- Cash donations for miscellaneous expenses
- VOLUNTEERS TO HELP AT THE EVENT

For more details, contact:
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The Sunday Worship Service will be all about Oakwood's future!



GUEST SPEAKER



On Sunday, October 25th the family at Oakwood Community Church will be blessed to have one of Pastor Don's great friends and mentor speak during the morning service.

Mel Walker is the president and co-founder of Vision For Youth, Inc., an international network for youth ministry – and he is the Vice President for Communications & External Relations at Summit University in Clarks Summit, PA. Mel is a frequent speaker (both nationally and internationally) at youth, church leadership, family life, and parenting conferences. He speaks to thousands of students, church leaders, and youth workers each year and has organized and led several regional, statewide, and national youth and youth ministry conferences and events. Mel is a graduate of Baptist Bible College & Seminary, and has done graduate work at Iowa State University and Faith Baptist Theological Seminary. His newest book, *Inter-Generational Youth Ministry: Why a Balanced Approach to Youth Ministry is Essential for the Church* was recently released.

Mel & his wife, Peggy, are the parents of 3 grown children: Kristi (a missionary in Germany), Todd, and his wife, Janine, (a Vision For Youth missionary), and Travis, along with his wife, Kaci (serving as a youth pastor) – and now have six grandchildren. Mel & Peggy are active in Heritage Baptist Church in Clarks Summit, PA, where they lead the college-age young adult ministry.

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