

The Focus

April 2024

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1400 Oak Street, PO Box 120
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Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
in-person or online

<https://www.oaklandcc.net/worship.html>

Scott Lerwick speaking: April 7

*Pastor Mike speaking:
April 14, 21, 28*



Our Mission: Matthew 28:19
Go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



April

March

30 **Easter Egg Hunt**, 11:00 am,

31 **Sonrise Service**, 7:00 a.m.

31 **Easter Breakfast**, 8:00 a.m.

7 **Scott Lerwick**, Boise Bible, speaking

13 **Ladies Afternoon Tea**, 2:00 p.m.

20 **Church Work Day**, 8:00 a.m.– noon

26-28 **Grove Ladies Retreat**

Summer Camps:

June 23-28 Junior Camp

July 7-12 Middle School 1

July 12-14 First Chance Camp

July 21-26 High School Camp

July 28-Aug. 2 Middle School 2

July 29-Aug. 2 **Vacation Bible School**

Aug. 8-11 Senior Retreat

Aug 30-Sept. 2 Family Camp

Focus on New Friends



Jo Bell, moved to Oakland during the COVID crisis to care for her 90-year-old father. When he passed away on April Fool's Day she inherited his house.

Now the house in Ash Court is overflowing. Of Jo's five children, two of her daughters are living with her, along with 3 grade-school-age grandchildren (Levi, Claire, & Scarlett,) and two dogs. Eric, who shares her house, is finding it all a bit overwhelming. Jo is praying for God's direction and provision for her daughter and grandkids.

Jo grew up attending a Methodist church in Vancouver, Washington. When she was a teen, one of her neighbors was from the Bible Belt. The neighbor introduced Jo to Focus on the Family, The Cross and The Switchblade, (a book about a gang member transformed by Jesus,) and Twixt Twelve and Twenty, (an advice book for teens by Pat Boone.) Twixt Twelve and Twenty made her hungry for a relationship with Christ. The neighbor also persuaded Jo to become involved with a Job's Daughters group. These were awesome years for Jo.

Jo's first husband, was in the Navy so she ended up in San Diego. While in San Diego she attended a Methodist church that had some spiritual people in it. Jo was baptized in her early 20's.

After the Navy, Jo's husband found himself in a dead-end job, so they moved up to Vancouver to be closer to family and friends. There he found a really good job. While in Vancouver, Jo had a home daycare business. It was very successful. She had wonderful kids.

Jo joined an interdenominational prayer group. The group believed in praying for healing. Jo was in a lot of back pain until one day God healed her!

When an opportunity in her husband's field became available in San Diego they moved back. Back in San Diego, Jo was hired to be the Office Manager by a company that she had worked for four years earlier as a temp. The tiny family-owned and run manufacturing business was very accommodating of

her responsibilities as a mom. Jo worked for them for 13 years.

After her marriage ended in divorce, Jo married a man that she had met while attending Horizon Christian Fellowship San Diego. He had no plans to remarry after a bad first experience, but that was before he met Jo. With him, Jo had her 5th child. They were married for 21 years. Jo observed, "It was wonderful to be equally yoked." When he died, she inherited his property in the Mojave Desert. The house is very primitive, there is no well, and only solar electricity. They used to spend one week a month in the Mojave to work on it. Jo was homeschooling two of her girls at that time. The house has been damaged by earthquakes and wind, so it is not very livable now.

Jo and her family love the outdoors. At one time she did a lot of biking, she enjoys hiking, and she and Eric had fun floating the Umpqua River last summer.

In 2012, Jo's mom passed away on Halloween day; (it felt odd to pass out candy the same day.) Jo's daughter Hillary spent the next month with Jo's dad. OCC is within walking distance, so Hillary & her son attended OCC and became friends with Lindsey & Aaron Baimbridge. Hillary was just bubbling over about our church, so when Jo moved here in 2020 and she decided to go back to church, she came to OCC.

Jo compares OCC to her Methodist church in Vancouver: warm and welcoming, but doesn't smother her.

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KIDS & TEENS MINISTRY

EASTER EGG HUNT!

WHEN: Sat., March 30 @ 11 am

WHERE: Oakland Church of Christ
1400 NE Oak Street

- An abundance of candy-filled eggs
- Prize eggs
- Ages 0-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12

Volunteers to interact with our guests needed!

For more information, contact
Oakland Church of Christ, 541-459-4447



High School Youth Group 2024 Activity Schedule!

4/21 Movie Night 3 pm–8 pm



5/26 Beach Trip, 12 pm–8 pm



7/21-26 Grove summer camp or

Christ In Youth

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July 22-26, 2024 Christ in Youth, at OSU in Corvallis

Conferences fill up early, so reserve your spot now! Info: Mike Andrews, 308-672-5886.

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Spring Church Work Day



April 20, 8-noon

Yard work, spring cleaning, repairs...
Every skill-set is needed. Kids earn camp
scholarships! Your help is appreciated!

Info: Aaron Baimbridge, 541-580-1996

HOPE HOUSE MISSION TRIP

17 teens along with 7 adults left for Idaho on Friday, 3/22, at 7 am. Junior high kids returned on Sunday, and high school kids on Monday. Saturday was a work day. They cleared lots of brush for fire prevention and burned big piles! On Sunday they attended church at Hope House. Our kids were able to meet other kids, learn their stories and how life works at Hope House. After the Junior high left, the high school kids went on to visit Boise Bible College.



Save the Dates: VBS July 29–Aug. 2



Women's Ministries:

Loving God By Serving and Loving People



2024 Women's Events

- Apr 13 Ladies Afternoon Tea, 2-4 p.m.
- May 7 Teacher Appreciation Lunch, Oakland schools
- May 11 Ladies Friendship Café, 9-11 a.m.
- May 18 All City Garage Sale Fundraiser
- June 15 Grotto Falls—Family Waterfall Hike
- June 30 All Church Picnic (during Linger Longer)
- July 14 Christmas in July for True Living Residents
- Sept. 27-28 Fall Women's Retreat at Driftwood Shores in Florence, Oregon

All City Garage Sale Fundraiser, May 18



Take the 2024 challenge. Clear 24 unneeded items out of your home, then donate them to our garage sale fundraiser! Items can be stored in the church basement.



We filled 20 baby bottles for Hope Clinic for Women!

A big thanks to everyone who filled baby bottles with change, cash and checks to help pregnant women! We have such a wonderful, giving church.

Ladies Friendship Café

Coffee, lattes, teas, chai, and pastries, for a suggested donation.

Open most second Saturdays of the month. (No Café in April— instead, come enjoy our Tea!)

Our next Friendship Café will be **May 11th!**

Bring a friend, or come find a friend!
Ladies of all ages invited.



Women's Ministries Team:

- Director** — Shellie Young, 541-580-0622
- Assistant Director** — Debbie Reeves, 702-595-1482
- Communications** — Carol Miller, 541-430-6710
- Decorations** — Leann Cottier, 541-643-6761
- Events** — Coral Haines, 541-670-0722
- Hospitality** — Connie Humphreys, 541-817-9038
- Shepherding** — LuAnn Andrews, 308-641-9542

Mike's Musings



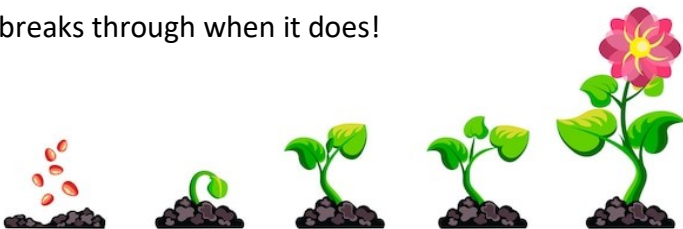
You've heard the saying that "April showers bring May flowers" I'm sure.



But that only applies where flowers have been planted. Whether by hand or wind or bird... in order for rain to produce flowers, there has to have been some flower seeds or bulbs put into a soil where they can root and grow when the rain comes.

This Spring, I wonder what "seeds" we can be planting with our friends and neighbors that will take root in their lives? Some simple acts of compassion and kindness that may lie dormant in the soil for a while, only to bloom into beautiful gospel living when the rains of God's grace arrive...

Would you be thinking of (and watching for) ways for you to love those around you not only in sentiment, but in action? Look for moments where you can bring a little bit of the Kingdom into someone's life by sharing a glimmer of the infinite love of God. Then step into those moments and plant that seed. Disciple making isn't an overnight process. Just like the flowers of May, it often takes longer than we want for the beauty of a life lived in Jesus' way to be revealed. And there is a lot of cultivation that needs to take place as disciples grow. But keep planting the seeds. Keep sharing the love and truth of Jesus with everyone you can and celebrate the Life that breaks through when it does!



Oakland Church of Christ, 1400 NE Oak St.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

April Birthdays

Emma	Bowman	April 02
Toni	Sanos	April 03
Rosie	Hart	April 04
Capri	Campbell	April 06
Nya	Fields	April 08
Parker	Harris	April 08
Sarah	Dawley	April 10
Coral	Haines	April 10
Carol	Tucker	April 11
Josslyn	Barden	April 12
Gracie	Wehe	April 13
Jenna	Cottier	April 14
Jasmine	Fay	April 15
Paul	Haines	April 17
Sharrie	Hockman	April 17
Levi	Rust	April 17
Harlan	Haines	April 18
Fay	Alford	April 19
Rosalie	Fay	April 19
Joseph	Thibedeau	April 19
Alexis	Fischer	April 21
Kim	Beck	April 24
Abby	Wallace	April 24
Keith	Mattoon	April 25
Haley	Tibbatts	April 27
Serenity	Dawley	April 29
Marsha	Colletta	April 30



STATS

March 2024 Average Attendance

Worship 108 (not including Easter Services)
Sunday School 49
Wednesday Nights 84 (3/13/24 had 101!)

April

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Interested in **Celebrate Recovery?**
Contact James Most, 541-510-3982

<p>Easter</p> <p>7:00 SonRise Svc 8:00 Breakfast 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p>	<p>1</p> <p>APRIL FOOL'S DAY</p>	<p>2 7am Breakfast Club 7:55 Just Prayer</p>	<p>3 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p>	<p>4 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p>	<p>5 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside Grill 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>14 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7am Breakfast Club</p> <p>7:55 Just Prayer</p>	<p>17 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p>	<p>18 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p>	<p>19 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>20 Church Work Day, 8-Noon</p>
<p>21 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p>	<p>22 National IN GOD WE TRUST Day</p>	<p>23 7am Breakfast Club 7:55 Just Prayer</p>	<p>24 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p>	<p>25 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p>	<p>26 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside Grill 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Grove Women's Retreat</p>
<p>28 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7am Breakfast Club 7:55 Just Prayer</p>	<p><i>May</i></p> <p>1 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p>	<p>2 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p> <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER </p> <p>CHURCH OPEN 9-3 FOR PRAYER</p>	<p>3 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside Grill 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>