



The Messenger

The News of the Oakhurst Baptist Church Family
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From The Pastor's Heart

Time continues to fly by. March is upon us and Spring is just around the corner. God continues to bless us here at Oakhurst. We enjoy such a special unity and love among our church family.

*“I thank my God upon every remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine making request for you with all joy,
for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,
being confident of this very thing,
that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it
until the day of Jesus Christ.” (Philippians 1:3-6)*

Here are some special opportunities that are coming in the next several weeks:

- Monday, March 3rd at 6:30 pm - A special **“Vision Sharing”** meeting with the Church Leadership (Deacons, Church Council, Ministry Teams).
- A **Study of the Apostles of Jesus** on Sunday & Wednesday nights, beginning February 23rd.
- **“The Living Lord’s Supper” Worship Drama** - Sunday night, April 13th at 6:00 pm and Friday night, April 18th at 7:00 pm.
- **Loyal Ambassadors Luncheon & Program** - Wednesday morning, March 5th at 11:00 am
- **Teen Extreme** on March 7th & 8th.
- **Maundy Thursday Worship** on Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 pm.
- **Easter Worship Celebration** – Sunday morning, April 20th
- **Homecoming Services at Oakhurst** – Sunday, April 27th

Please pray, participate, and invite others to be involved in these special opportunities for worship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. In the words of the old Gaither song, “Get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King!”

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Rob



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Deacon of the Week for March	
March 02	Bill Page
March 09	Ray Scott
March 16	Jim Blankenship
March 23	Don Blanton

Hymn Histories: *The Old Rugged Cross*

The Old Rugged Cross was written by George Bennard in 1913. He was not a musician and reportedly had an “untrained” voice. That’s a polite way of saying he can’t sing. But he was a preacher who loved God and His Word. After an especially difficult season of ministry, George realized he needed to better grasp the significance and power of the cross. He said that as he “read and studied and prayed” for a “full understanding of the cross... the Christ of the cross became more than a symbol... It was like seeing John 3:16 leave the printed page, take form, and act out the meaning of redemption.” This enlightened understanding of the cross inspired the song we know and love. George spent several months carefully crafting and polishing the words of the song. Once he finally finished it, he asked another pastor, “Will it do?” I think the answer over the last 112 years has been a clear and resounding, “Yes!”

Singing God's Praise!

Nathan Smith



Loyal Ambassadors meeting March 5



March 2	Tony & Mary Ann Ingold
March 9	Jay & Beverly Moore
March 16	Terry & Drema Hill
March 23	Dean & Denise Hoover
March 30	Bill & Betty Page



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Counters for March

March 3	Joyce Hussey
March 10	Shirley Beane
March 17	Debbie Nardali
March 24	Shelia Crutchfield

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Tithes and Offerings January 26, 2025

Budget	6057.00
Bus	200.00
Baptist Children's Home	50.00
Total	\$6722.00

Tithes and Offerings February 2, 2025

Budget	4700.00
Bus	100.00
Grounds	10.00
Hurricane Relief	45.00
Total	\$4855.00

Tithes and Offerings February 9, 2025

Budget	3336.00
Loyal Ambassadors	343.75
Utilities	75.00
Living Lord's Supper	1200.00
Baptist Children's Home	25.00
Honduras	200.00
Hurricane Relief	8.00
Total	\$5,187.75

Tithes and Offerings February 16, 2025

Budget	10224.40
Baptist Children's Home	50.00
Annie Armstrong Easter Ofrg.	200.00
Total	\$10,500.15

Oakhurst Baptist Church Living Lord's Supper Worship Drama

Sunday, April 13 - 6:00 pm

Friday, April 18 - 7:00 pm



Join us as we step back in time almost 2000 years when Jesus sat at the table with His disciples and proclaimed, "One of you will betray Me." Watch the disciples reaction as they ask the question, "Is it I?"

Leading up to the Living Lord's Supper, Pastor Rob will be leading studies on the disciples.

These will be on Wednesday and Sunday nights in the fellowship hall.

Sundays at 6:00 & Wednesdays at 6:30.

We will study:

Andrew & Simon

James & John

Nathaniel & Philip

Matthew 7 Thaddeus

Thomas & Simon the Zealot

James the Less & Judas Iscariot

Mark you calendars now and invite your friends and neighbors. Fliers are available in the foyer.

