

The Focus

May 2024

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1400 Oak Street, PO Box 120
Oakland, OR 97462

Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
in-person or online

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

Pastor Mike speaking:

May 5, 12, 19, 26



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.



All-City Garage Sale

May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Help us raise funds to help children and their mothers. Do some spring cleaning and drop your unneeded saleable items off at the church. We also need help with set up, sales & hospitality, and clean-up. Sign-ups are in the entry hall.

Individuals who would like to have their own sale may sign up for a 10X10 parking lot space.
Info: Coral Haines, 541-670-0722.



- 2 National Day of Prayer, church open 9-3
- 5 Moms Group meeting & lunch
- 7 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- 11 Friendship Café, 9 am—11 am
- 18 Garage Sale Fundraiser 9 am—3 pm
- 18 Bake Sale Fundraiser, 9 am – 2pm
- 20 VBS Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 26 High School Beach Trip
- 27 Memorial Day, church office closed

Focus on Eden Orphanage



OCC Women's Ministries is sponsoring a child at Eden Children's Village in Zimbabwe for a year.

Vimbai Nyamadzawo was found in a trash bin in early February 2023. She was abandoned by her mother who is a psychotic patient.

Vimbai was first placed with her maternal grandmother. While in the Grandmother's care Vimbai developed severe malnutrition, was often neglected, and was left in the care of her psychotic mother. Vimbai came to Eden Children's Village on July 27, 2023

Shortly after coming to Eden, she was hospitalized because of concern over her malnutrition. Since then she has improved and is having regular visits to the doctor to make sure she continues to improve. At Eden, Vimbai will have a chance to thrive!

Eden Village is a non-denominational Christian holistic ministry that includes homes for children, farming, a school, an herbal medical clinic, and Straight Paths Bible outreach into local communities.

They have 8 houses for children under 18 and two transitional young adult homes. These 10 homes form a surrogate family for 126 children. "We delight to pray, dream and sow into these fantastic young lives on Jesus' behalf!"

In addition, Eden Ministries combats hunger and responds to emergencies through sustainable agriculture. They cultivate quality crops and livestock to provide essential nourishment to children, staff, and the broader community. Recognizing the challenges of obtaining employment in rural Zimbabwe, their agriculture program serves by offering jobs to 45 men and women.

Their agriculture also functions as a hub for vocational education, empowering students with practical skills in animal husbandry, small-scale crop production, and fruit and vegetable propagation.

In 2004 Eden realized that the local schools were not preparing their students for functional life in society. Having Eden Christian Academy allows for the extensive remedial education that many children require after losing years of their education while taking care of dying parents. Fortunately much has changed in the local governmental setup and they now send some children to the government school as well.

Another ministry, the Eden Herbal Medical Clinic, was born in 2005. Treatment began under a tree until funds could be raised for a clinic. Starting with just one room the clinic has now expanded into two exam rooms, wound care, HIV/AIDS testing/counseling, herbal dispensary, and malnutrition program! The staff includes 23 people who serve thousands in the Doma region completely free of charge.

Founded in 1998, Eden Ministries has grown from a heartfelt vision to a dynamic force for positive change in Zimbabwe. "Our faith in Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our mission, driving us to serve with love, compassion, and a commitment to biblical principles."

*Information derived from www.eden-ministries.org and founders, Kevin & Susan Fry, of Goshen Christian Church.

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KIDS & TEENS MINISTRY

Save the Dates: VBS July 29—Aug. 2

Summer Share A Meal

Some kids come to our church hungry, so we provide a simple meal every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Your help is needed! Please **sign up to provide, serve and clean up a meal** for one or more Wednesdays this summer. Plan on 50-60 mostly little people.

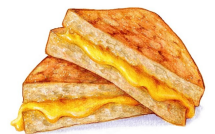
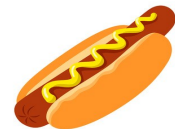
If you can help with this vital ministry please call or text, 541-459-4447, or email church@oaklandcc.net

June 19 –
June 26 –

July 3 –
July 10 –
July 17
July 24

July 31– VBS – No SAM or groups

August 7 –
August 14 –
August 21 –
August 28 –



Meal ideas: Grilled cheese, apples, & veggies; Chicken nuggets, fries & veggies; Hot dogs, chips, veggies & dip; Biscuits & gravy and salad; Pancakes, sausage, peanut butter, & applesauce, Nachos & fruit...



Join us for a May 20 VBS Planning Meeting!

Here are some of the opportunities:

- 1) Guide groups of children from station to station
- 2) Decorations
- 3) Registration
- 4) Bible Story helpers
- 5) Recreation helpers
- 6) Snack helpers
- 7) Craft helpers
- 8) Science helpers
- 9) Drivers
- 10) Hall monitors



Info: Aaron Baimbridge, 541-580-1996.

High School Youth Group 2024 Activity Schedule!

5/26 Beach Trip, 12 pm–8 pm



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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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



Women's Ministries:

Loving God By Serving and Loving People

More than 90 ladies enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea. Many thanks to all who helped!



Bake Sale

A fundraiser for our ladies retreat

Home-baked goodies made with love!

May 18, 2024
9 AM - 2 PM

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1400 Oak Street
Oakland, OR 97462

Item's not baked in a licensed kitchen.



2024 Women's Events

- 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

Ladies Friendship Café

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH, 9-11 AM
at Oakland Church of Christ

Second Saturday of each month,
(unless otherwise noted.)
Coffee, lattes, teas, chai, and pastries
available, with a suggested donation.

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



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



Wonderful volunteers are providing delicious salads and desserts for Oakland High School, Lincoln Middle School and Oakland Elementary school teachers and staff on May 7th.

Info: Debbie Reeves, 702-595-1482

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

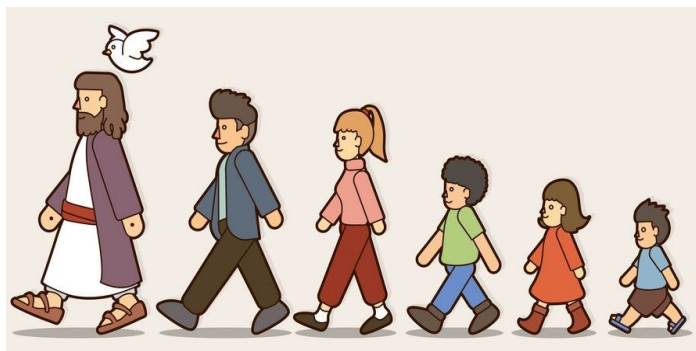


So many of the patterns of our lives are set in childhood. Our tastes and preferences, our habits and disciplines, our fears and relational mannerisms... these are often shaped deeply into us at home in our families as we grow up. We are disciplined in our families.

So what happens when families become more and more dysfunctional? What happens when dad is never there or mom is never sober? What happens when parents are working so hard just to get by that they just don't have the time or energy to notice the patterns they're engraving into their kids? The way of this brokenness becomes their norm.

This is the reality that so many of the current generation of kids are growing up in. The primary shaper of their life patterns is broken, and it is leaving them empty and searching for something to help them make sense of it all.

Would you join me in praying for families? Pray that the brokenness would be healed and the challenges overcome so that kids could grow up seeing the way of Jesus in action. Pray that God would continue to show us ways that we as a church could come alongside families in our own community and help them see the lasting impact that Jesus makes. And pray that we could be a growing spiritual family learning to live Jesus' way... so that people can see what God is like and experience His Presence.



Oakland Church of Christ, 1400 NE Oak St.

OFFICE HOURS

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

May Birthdays

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| Kyle | Miller | May 05 |
| Lindsey | Baimbridge | May 07 |
| Zack | Arts | May 09 |
| Christine | Fishbaugher | May 11 |
| Clark | Jardine | May 11 |
| Addy | Bowman | May 13 |
| Tharon | Jardine | May 13 |
| Jeri | Standley | May 13 |
| Steve | Marek | May 15 |
| Evelyn | Wells | May 17 |
| John | Pride | May 19 |
| Gracie | Rust | May 19 |
| Glen | Townsend | May 19 |
| Edward | Maxey | May 20 |
| Declan | Wells | May 20 |
| Marcus | Savage | May 24 |
| Rob | Totorica | May 26 |
| Althea | Young | May 28 |
| Marlene | Hammersmith | May 29 |
| Brittany | Pride | May 29 |



Want to help? Contact James Most, 541-510-3982

STATS...





April 2024 Average Attendance

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| Worship | 133 |
| Sunday School | 56 |
| Wednesday Nights | 69 |



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

April

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| <p>28</p> <p>9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> <p>7:55 Just Prayer 7am Breakfast Club</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> |
| <p>5 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 7am Breakfast Club</p>  <p>7:55 Just Prayer</p> | <p>8 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p> | <p>9 7am High School Youth Breakfast</p> | <p>10 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p> | <p>11</p> <p><i>Ladies Friendship Café, 9-11 am</i></p>  |
| <p>12 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p> <p>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! </p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14 7am Breakfast Club</p> <p>7:55 Just Prayer</p> | <p>15 9:30am Mom's Group</p>  <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p> | <p>16 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p> | <p>17 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside Grill 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p> | <p>18 9am-3pm Yard Sale & Bake Sale</p>  |
| <p>19 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger</p> <p>12:10pm Garage Sale Cleanup</p>  | <p>20</p> | <p>21 7am Breakfast Club 7:55 Just Prayer</p> | <p>22 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p> | <p>23 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p>  | <p>24 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside Grill 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Ladies Bible Study</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 9:15 Bible Classes 10:30 Worship 11:50 Linger Longer</p> | <p>27 No School Church Office closed</p>  <p>Memorial DAY</p> | <p>28 7am Breakfast Club 7:55 Just Prayer</p> | <p>29 9:30am Mom's Group</p> <p>6:30pm Meal 7:00pm Classes</p> | <p>30 7am Hi School Youth Breakfast</p> | <p>31 6am Men's Breakfast @ Creekside Grill 10:00am Prayer 10:30 Bible Study</p>  | <p>1</p> <p><i>June</i></p> |