



A Word From Interim Pastor Floyd



If you were at worship on June 21, you participated in the passing of the leadership mantle from Floyd Price to Woody Oliver. It was the formalization of what God is doing within this congregation.

We lost our pastor, but God provided another leader. When that one had to depart, God provided another. There is so much to learn

from all of this. First, God will not run out of resources. He will provide all that is needed, when it is needed. We just need to trust and obey. Second, we learn to walk by faith.

When I was in the U S Air Force, I was told there are three ways to do things - the right way, the wrong way and the Air Force way. Well, there is really only one way to do things - God's way. He is showing this congregation He can take care of things if we just trust Him.

Where is He leading us from here? In the first place, since we know He will not leave His children begging, we know He is preparing someone to become the new pastor. When that happens is in His hands. In the meantime, I hope you see that healing is happening in the church and in the lives of many individuals within the church. I have a sense that Okatee is a stronger praying church than we were months ago. The pain of separation is getting less and we are being bonded as a fellowship more each week.

What are we to do in this time?

1. Pray - for Woody Oliver/for each other/for committees in the church (deacons and pulpit committee in particular).
2. Participate - Come to Worship, prayer time and Sunday School. (However, be wise. If your health is suspect, be careful about contact. If you have ANY symptoms of sickness, ANY, don't mix with others.)
3. Give. Be faithful in your stewardship.
4. Fellowship by phone.
5. Remember - God is at work growing the church. We had visitors at the past two worship services.
6. Finally, when the Pastor Search Committee is formed, keep them before the Lord. Ask that they be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Beyond these days a real blessing is coming. The best days lie ahead for Okatee Baptist Church.

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DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Philip L. Imhoff

Phil grew up and lived in the Mansfield, Ohio area and has been retired since 2007. He spent most of his working years at the Tappan Stove Company and the City of Ontario. Over the years he has enjoyed classic car shows, and had a show truck. He and Mary have been married for 53 years. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. He came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior when he was a teenager; and was a member of the Brethren and Grace Brethren churches for over 40 years. He served where needed as part of the usher/greeter teams and helped to run the food pantry services. He and Mary moved to South Carolina in 2015 and found Okatee Baptist Church to be their home church. He looks forward to helping in any area needed. Phil serves the following families in our church through the Deacon Family Ministry:

Lois Campbell
Marty & Marilyn Caprielian
Arthur & Deanna Cramer,
& Lori Lewis
Ervin Floyd
Roberta Hamilton
Jean Stephens
Dick & Norma Maresco
Patricia Stern
Gloria Taggart

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

11:00 Sunday Worship services resumed in Mid-May along with the 6:00 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible study and prayer service followed by 6:45 p.m. choir rehearsal. Beginning July 5th, we will resume the 9:45 a.m. Sunday School. If you have any questions regarding the church schedule, please call Jim Leber, the church office, your Deacon, or Interim Pastor Woody Oliver .

REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

The deacons are meeting almost every 2 weeks working on the Pastor Survey and search. We met Tuesday the 23rd to start the formation of a Pastor Search committee. This committee consists of 2 deacons, Jack Howard and Allen Evans, and 5 church members yet to be selected by the church. If you wish to serve on this committee please call your deacon or the church office. We will have a paper ballot available on Sunday July 12th to be returned and tallied on the 19th. If you need a ballot delivered and retrieved please call your deacon or the church office.

The deacons are considering allowing The Bridge Church to temporarily use a portion of the Education building. We will meet with Pastor Daniel on Friday the 26th of June to review the space needed. The church was previously meeting at USC until the virus and may be allowed back sometime in August.

If you have any questions or thoughts please call your deacon or the church office.

DEACONS' MEETING

The next monthly Deacons' meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, July 14th at 4:00 p.m. Please be sure to bring your Deacon notebook and your Deacon Family Ministry book. We will try to close the meeting by 5:30 p.m.

Church family, please pray for your Deacon as he serves in so many areas of our church. Our Deacons need your prayers as they minister to their Deacon Families, and visit them in their homes and in the hospital. Please pray for God to lead them in His will, pray for God to protect them and their families, and be sure to express your thankfulness to them for their love and care to you and your family.



WOMEN ON MISSION (WOMEN, AGES 18+)

Women on Mission will meet Monday, July 13TH, at 1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. For first timers, please drive around to the back of the church and enter there.

SEEKING PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Deacon's have begun the process of formulating a pastor search committee. The individuals who comprise the Search Committee should be people who know the pulse of the church and can accurately reflect the interests of the church as a whole. Their contribution to the process is not only their ability to listen effectively and make sound judgments, but also to communicate the interests and priorities of the church to the candidate. A potential pastor's first impressions of the church will come from this group. The individuals who comprise the Search Committee hold the future of the church in their hands. Please be in prayer along with the Deacons and Nominating team as they seek God's guidance in putting together a search committee team.

A THANKSGIVING FROM FLOYD AND LINDA PRICE

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of serving you. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement. Thank you for the gift on our last Sunday. You are a wonderful people and it was a blessing to share these days with you.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please call the church office if you are willing to serve the church by being in the church nursery, as needed, every other Sunday. Thank you for considering serving the church in this way.

WELCOME TO WOODY OLIVER, INTERIM PASTOR

Okatee Baptist Church is honored to welcome Woody Oliver, Director of Missions of Savannah River Baptist Association to serve as our Interim Pastor while the Pastor search committee searches for a new Pastor for Okatee Baptist Church. Woody is attended Dallas Theological Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served on staff at Northlake Baptist Church in Garland, TX, pastored Woodfields Baptist Church, in Greenwood, SC, Harmony Baptist Church in Edgemoor, SC, and most recently Interim Pastor of Maye River Baptist Church. God called him into fulltime ministry at the age of 40 after 4 years of business in Myrtle Beach, SC and 13 years of teaching and coaching at Greenwood High School. Woody and his wife, Dena have 4 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

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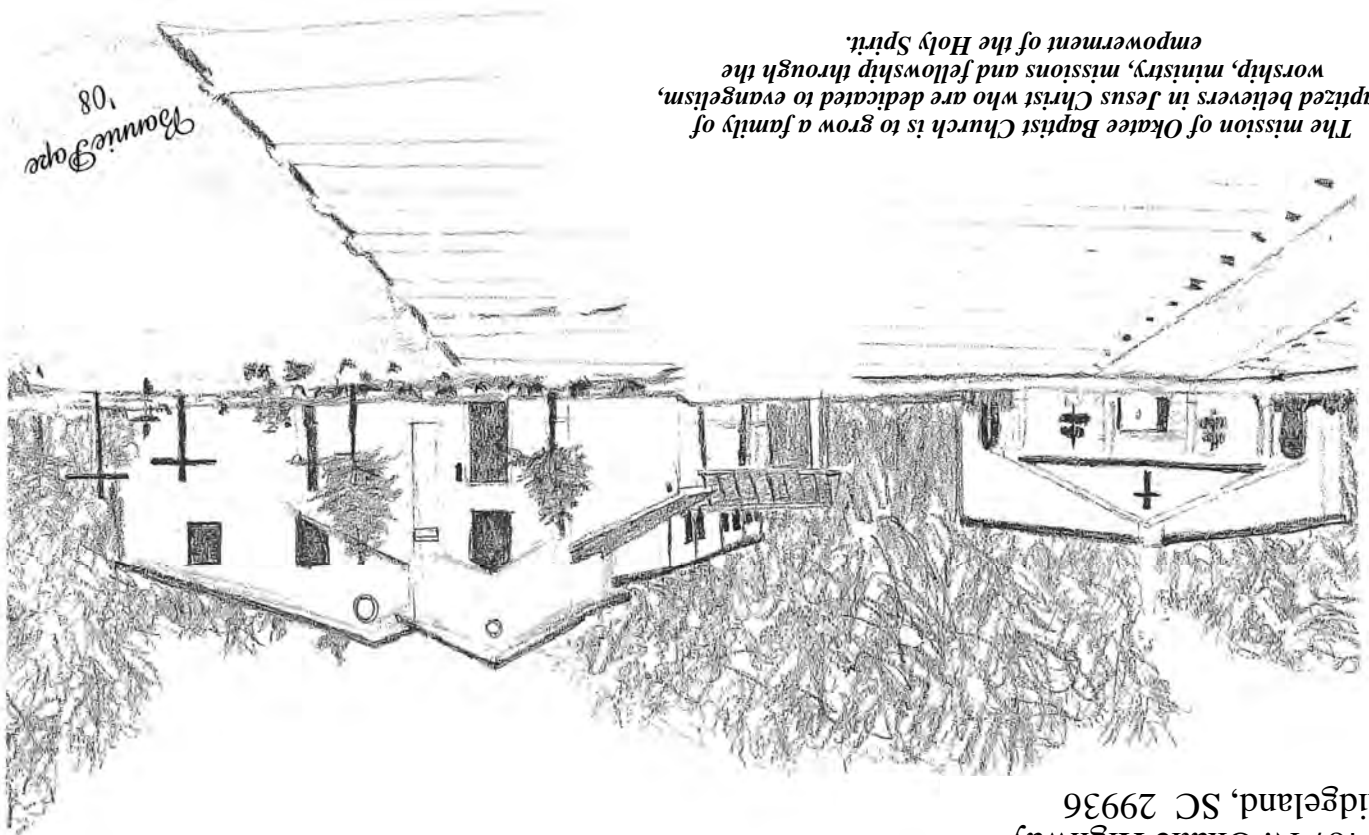
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JULY DATES TO NOTE

- July 1ST - 6:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Service followed by Choir Rehearsal
- July 3RD - Church Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday
- July 5TH - 9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service
- July 8TH - 6:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Service followed by Choir Rehearsal
- July 12TH - 9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service
- July 13TH - 1:00 pm Women on Mission Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- July 14TH - 4:00 pm Deacons' Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- July 15TH - 6:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Service followed by Choir Rehearsal
- July 19TH - 9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service
- July 22ND - 6:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Service followed by Choir Rehearsal
- July 26TH - 9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service
- July 29TH - 6:00 pm Bible Study and Prayer Service followed by Choir Rehearsal



The mission of Okatee Baptist Church is to grow a family of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who are dedicated to evangelism, worship, ministry, missions and fellowship through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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