



## For Such a Time as This

**JULY 2021**

I am excited to be presented as a candidate as the next pastor of Okatee Baptist Church. I have fallen in love with the people of Okatee and their heart for reaching the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ beginning where they live, work, and play and extending to the entire world with their commitment to missions. I desire to be a part of that movement and ministry. Dena and I cherish the opportunity to be a part of an accepting congregation.

God has laid on my heart a calling to lead a church with an unlimited potential to impact the surrounding communities and be a force for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Dena and I are committed to glorifying God and creating environments for people to grow in Christ. We are passionate about serving the Lord and have found a home at Okatee Baptist Church, and I believe that God has placed me here 'for such a time as this'.

As we move forward through the process of selecting and calling me to be your pastor, it is important that you receive much information about me so you can make a wise decision during the 'vote for pastor' on July 11. I have included a summary of my personality profile as described by Riso-Hudson Enneagram Type Indicator (RHETI v2.5). On their scale, I am a 3,1,9: an Achiever, Reformer, and Peacemaker. The summary that follows is a pretty accurate portrayal of me.

"Healthy Threes are excellent communicators, motivators, and promoters, and they know how to present something in a way that's acceptable and attractive. In the workplace, they can be very effective at building morale and company spirit. They value excellence and accomplishment and truly enjoy helping others discover how to shine. Even when they are not "coaching" others, they often inspire people to become like them in some way. Healthy Threes are able to do this because they believe in themselves and invest time and energy in developing their native talents. They value themselves, their lives, and the people they love, seeing life as an opportunity to offer what talents they have been given to the world. They are also "adaptable" in the best sense of the word. If they see that they are doing something incorrectly or that their methods are not reaping positive results, they are willing to learn another way and to change. Further, healthy Threes are not in a contest with anyone. They deeply enjoy working with others toward shared goals and do not need to outshine their peers. Thus, healthy Threes may or may not have significant accomplishments, but others are impressed by their realness and their heartfelt sincerity. They model an honesty, simplicity, and authenticity that inspires people. They do not try to impress others or inflate their importance; rather, they see their limitations and appreciate their talents without taking themselves too seriously. At their best, they are also tender, touchingly genuine, and affectionate—they truly become "heroes" and "role models" who inspire others by their outstanding achievements, humility, and warmth."

I look forward to the next few weeks as we walk through the process of calling me as your next pastor. Please consider attending the 'Question and Answer' session on July 7 at 6:00.

*Pastor Woody*

## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Woody Oliver

Reverend Woody Oliver is Director of the Savannah River Baptist Association. He has pastored Harmony Baptist Church in Edgemoor SC, Woodfields Baptist Church in Greenwood, SC, and served on staff at Northlake Baptist Church in Garland, TX. He is a former High School teacher and coach (baseball and football), as well as a general manager of OD Surf Shops along the Grand Strand. Woody is a native of Summit, NJ, but the Carolinas have been home since 1978.

Woody has a BA in Social Studies/Education from Warren Wilson College in Ashville, NC. From there, he went on to study for two years at Dallas Theological Seminary and three years at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX, in 2005.

Woody is married to Dena (Abbeville, SC) and they have four daughters: Kate, Adrienne, Bailey, and Olivia. Kate and her husband, Nathan, have 4 children; sons Saylor and Oliver Joe, and daughters Susannah and Liesle.

Woody is passionate about his incredible wife and his awesome daughters. He loves to watch people grow in Christ. He knows that when people accept Jesus Christ and get intentional about becoming more like Jesus, everything changes. Woody admits that he is a flawed but redeemed guy who loves Jesus Christ, desires to live as if he loves Jesus Christ, and he seeks to passionately live out biblical principles.

Woody serves the following families in our church through the Deacon Family Ministry:

Bonnie Altman	Phil & Mary Imhoff
Judy Altman	Edith Nettles
Bill & Sue Copeland	Chuck & A.J. Swanson
Allen & Marsha Evans	Tosh & Gail Temple
Jack & Phyllis Howard	Suzanne Tomlinson

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's prayer breakfast will not meet in July due to it falling on a holiday weekend.

## REPORT FROM THE DEACONS

July is here, and with it another busy month ahead of us. THE DEACON Body is working on a lot of different things that we feel are important to the Church and Church families.

Our focus will be as follows:

- Taking care of the Church families
- Adding Deacons to the Deacon Body
- Men's Ministry and Breakfast (invite guests)
- What can we do with our screened-in Pavillion to introduce new folks to Okatee?
- Covered Dish evenings (bring guests)
- Sunday School (bring guests)
- Be a part of any Bible Study
- Support our Pastor in all he introduces

### **"TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS ABOUT OUR CHURCH."**

But Jesus replied, "My Father never stops working, so why should I?" John 5:17

Yours in Christ,  
*Jack Howard*

## DEACONS' MEETING

The next monthly Deacons' meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13th at 2:00 p.m. Please be sure to bring your Deacon notebook and your Deacon Family Ministry book.

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

The Quarterly Business Meeting for the church is Wednesday, July 28th at 6:00pm. This is a meeting to get everyone caught up on the programs and ministries of our church, along with new business which may be brought to the floor. If you have any new business to be brought before the church, please let Jack Howard or Pastor Woody know as soon as possible.



## **WOMEN ON MISSION (WOMEN, AGES 18+)**

Women on Mission will meet Monday, July 12th at 1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. For first timers, please drive around to the back of the church and enter there. Any questions, please contact Marsha Evans, 330-715-7304.

## **WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

All ladies are invited to a Women's Prayer Group Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. For location and gate pass, call Barbara Barrett at 843-705-2762.

## **WEDNESDAY COVERED DISH MEAL**

Our Covered Dish Dinner is on Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00pm. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. Please invite your friends to this special evening with our church family. Also bring plenty of food to share with others in attendance. Any questions, contact Phyllis Howard at 843-505-2871.

## **HAVE YOU TAKEN CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH TODAY?**

Life Line Screening will be at Okatee Baptist Church on Thursday, September 2, 2021 offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not apart of a routine physical.

Appointments are limited, so please sign up now by calling **1-800-640-6307** and receive a \$10 discount off the package or **text** the word **circle** to **797979** or visit Life Line's Screening website at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)

***Complete Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening for \$149 (\$139 with the special Facebook discount). Speak with the LLSA representative for more package options. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.***

There is no time like the present to take action!

## **PASTOR SEARCH TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

When the Search Team was formed, it was anticipated that we would have a lot of applicants to review and discuss. Then COVID 19 hit us all and pretty well put a stop to most everything. Sometimes God has a different plan for us all.

Not to long ago, we received a resume that the team, after discussing the contents, felt that this person is the type of pastor everyone would be very happy with, and one that could take the church to where it needs to be.

We had a Q&A session with the applicant that discussed most everything and the team was very happy with the results.

***THAT PERSON IS PASTOR WOODY OLIVER!***

The Search Team highly recommends that he be installed as pastor after going through the proper steps as per our church bylaws. "The Team shall bring forth only one name at a time for consideration. The election of the Pastor shall take place at a meeting called for that purpose, of which at least two weeks' public notice has been given to the membership. The election shall be by ballot with a three-fourths vote of affirmation. Should the recommendation fail to receive three-fourths vote, the Pastor Search Team will be instructed to seek out another Pastor and the meeting shall be adjourned without debate and closed with prayer."

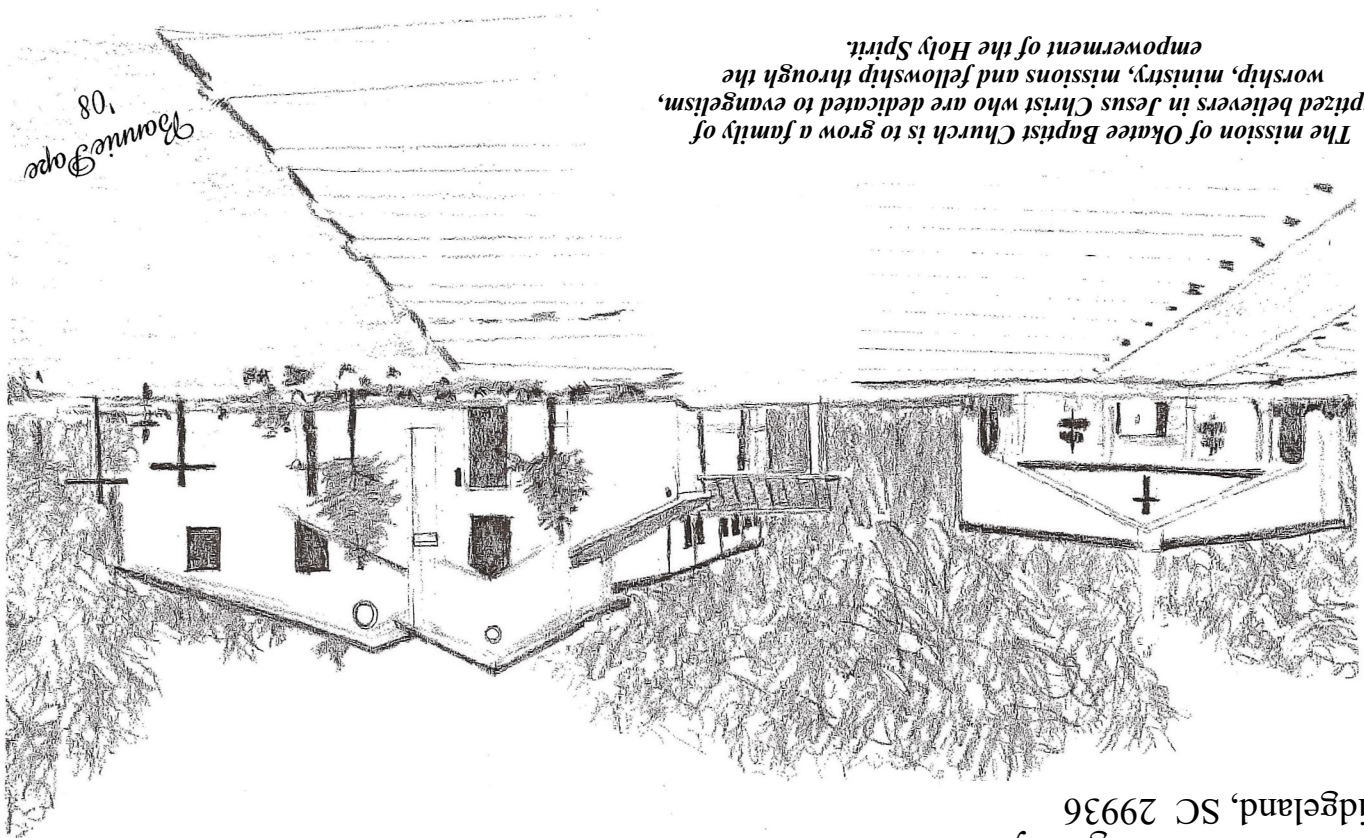
Wednesday, July 7: Pastor Woody will have a Q&A session

Sunday, July 11: Vote

If the congregation votes in favor of Pastor Woody being the next pastor of Okatee Baptist Church, his installation will take place on Sunday, August 1st with a meal following the service.

## JULY DATES TO NOTE

July 4	<b>Independence Day.</b> 9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service; No Evening Service
July 6	2:00pm Women's Prayer Group at home of Barbara Barrett
July 7	6:00pm Pastoral Candidate Question & Answer; 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
July 11	9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service with Business Meeting; 6pm Evening Service
July 12	1:00pm WOM Meeting in Fellowship Hall
July 13	2:00pm Women's Prayer Group at home of Barbara Barrett
July 13	2:00pm Deacon's Meeting in Room 115
July 14	6:00pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study; 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
July 18	9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service; 6pm Evening Service
July 20	2:00pm Women's Prayer Group at home of Barbara Barrett
July 21	6:00pm Covered Dish Meal. No Choir Rehearsal
July 25	9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service; 6pm Evening Service
July 27	2:00pm Women's Prayer Group at home of Barbara Barrett
July 28	6:00pm Quarterly Business Meeting; Prayer Meeting 7:00 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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