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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



## Pastor's Heart

Woody Oliver is our Director of Missions for the Savannah River Baptist Association. Woody recently gave me a resource book to help me in my personal walk with God. I began reading the book Replenish: Leading From a Healthy Soul, by Lance Witt. I also talked with our Deacons about the possibility of taking a sabbatical for a couple of weeks. As you may know the last couple of months have been very challenging and draining. Suzanne and I are going to take a week of rest and relaxation February 8<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>.

I will be taking an additional week to replenish my soul during February 16<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>. My greatest desire is to remind myself that *Jesus is my life*. I want to spend time absorbing this book and its teaching; as well as God's Word. I will be spending time in study and prayer. I will be prioritizing activities and ministries in my life that are solely directed by God. My prayer is to return on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> as a spiritually healthy and renewed pastor.

During the time that I am away, you may call your Deacon or Jim Leber. They will be more than happy to try to help minister to your needs until I return. I ask that you pray for what I have shared above for Suzanne and me.

Praying for you in Christ,  
Pastor Tim

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PLEASE BE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS. WE EXTEND OUR WARMEST WELCOME TO EACH ONE:

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## DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY

Edward Stoops was ordained as a new deacon November 11th. Ed was born and raised in southeastern PA. He attended Penn State and graduated in 1955 with a BS degree in electrical engineering. He returned to Penn State as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. In 1958 he received an MS degree. His career began as a Digital Logic Designer with the IBM Federal Systems Division (FSD) in Owego, NY.

Ed and Wanda joined Okatee Baptist Church in February 2017. Ed is greatly honored to become a Deacon in Okatee Baptist Church. This is a special position to be able to serve God. Okatee Church is not only a truly Bible-based church, but the most friendly and loving church he has ever been associated with. Ed's Deacon families are:

Marshall & Jan Bishop	Jim Monck
Allen & Marsha Evans	Rick & Kathy Oberlin
Judy Hinds (Bob)	Billie & Marty Vasek
Don & Debbie Koerner	Lloyd Welch

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> is the date of our next monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a wonderful time of fellowship for the men of our church and their guests. A breakfast that is always enjoyed by the men will be served at 8:00am. Following breakfast, one of the men of our church will share a devotional and we will close in prayer by 9:00am.

## DEACONS' MEETING

The next monthly Deacons' meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## DEACON'S CONTACT INFORMATION

The deacon's phone numbers and email addresses are listed below for your convenience. Please contact your deacon or Jim Leber for any needs/concerns while Pastor Tim is on sabbatical. Thank you.

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

Ladies, please mark your calendars for our upcoming Women on Mission meeting on Monday afternoon, February 10th, at 1:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We hope this day and time will be convenient for all of our ladies. Please plan to come, we need you.

### Church Secretary Hours

Church hours for the new church secretary, Pam Seibert, [okateesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:okateesecretary@gmail.com), are as follows:

Monday	7:30am – 1:30pm
Tuesday	8:00am – 2:30pm
Wednesday	8:00am – 2:30pm
Thursday	1:30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 11:30am

### "How Can I Help?"

There are many folks who have asked what they can do to help out around the church. What needs to be done? What would you think of a section of the big bulletin board by the office devoted to ways people can help around the church? We could create this area and place index cards on the bulletin board with different things people could volunteer to do. We would ask people to approve whatever is placed on the board through the church office. When you see something you are interested in doing to help, take the card, let the office know, and do it as unto the Lord. We could also include some areas of need in this newsletter each month.

So, "How Can I Help?" Is there someone, or a couple of folks who could create this area on the bulletin board? Is there someone who could oversee the upkeep of the cards and things needed to be done? If so, please contact Pastor Tim to volunteer.

## PRESCHOOL MINISTRY NOAH'S NEIGHBORHOOD FEBRUARY NEWS

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Our focus this month will be on the Love of Jesus!**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ground Hog Day  
February 10<sup>th</sup>–14<sup>th</sup> Spirit Week  
Monday – Mismatch Day (Nothing Matches)  
Tuesday – Sports Day  
Wednesday – Wear your classroom color  
Thursday – Crazy Hair Day  
Friday – Valentine's Day Celebration  
February 14<sup>th</sup> – Happy Valentine's Day  
February 17<sup>th</sup> – Presidents Day (School Closed)

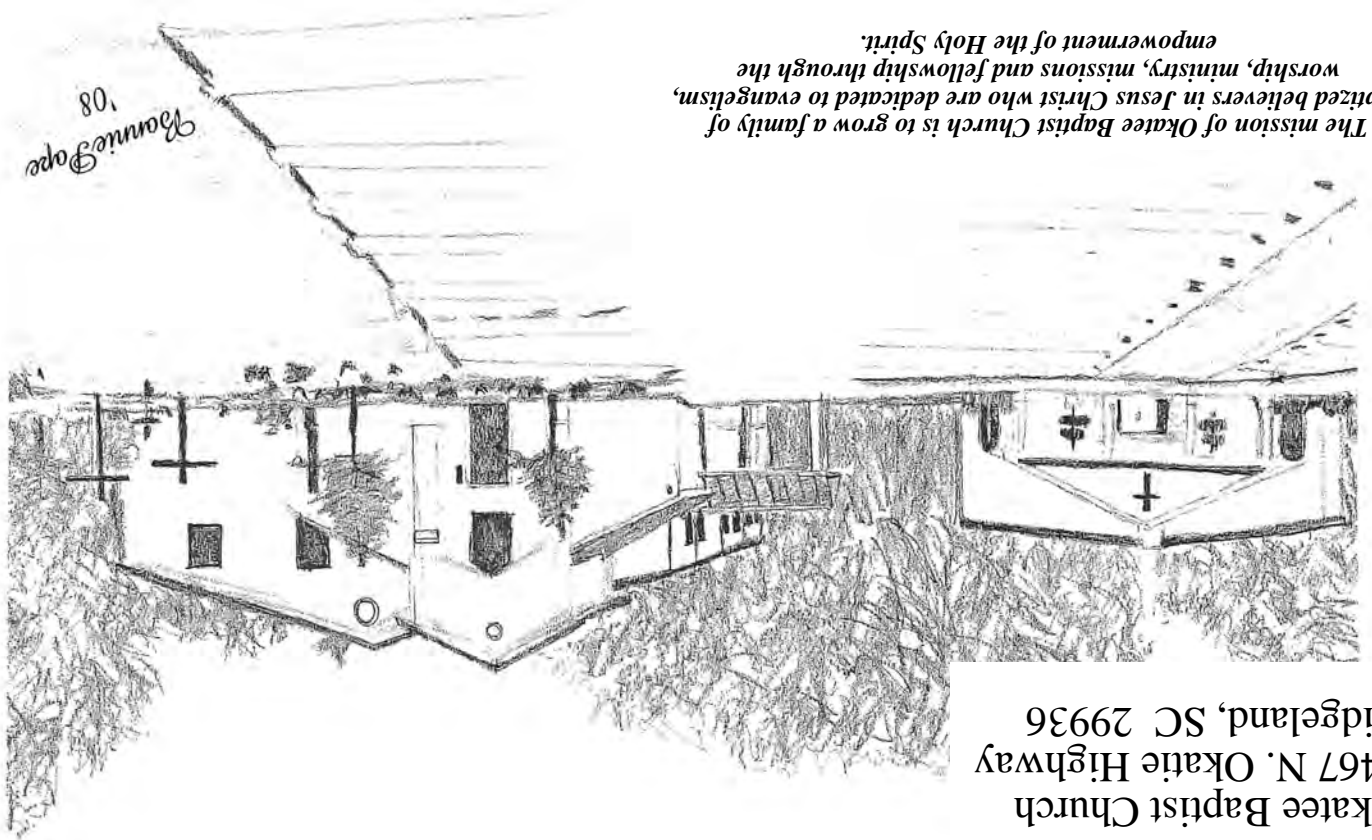
Thank you so much for your support and prayers!  
*Marci*

### 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY COVERED DISH DINNER

On Wednesday, February 19<sup>TH</sup> at 6:00 p.m. we'll have our church-wide covered dish dinner. Please plan to come and bring a dish of food with enough to share with others. Bring someone with you to enjoy great Christian fellowship, food and fun.

### VALENTINE'S DAY

We normally think of Valentine's Day as a day to give a card and/or a box of candy to our sweetheart or spouse. Yet, God says we should show our love to all people; especially to the Household of Faith (church members). Have you thought of sending a card of love and appreciation to someone in our church? Forrest Gump said something like this, "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you get until you bite into it." Well, we may never know the impact we may have on someone until we send them a card or a box of chocolates.



## DATES TO NOTE

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| February 1 <sup>ST</sup>                    | - | 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast                     |
| February 2 <sup>nd</sup>                    | - | 6:00 p.m. Eschatology Class                          |
| February 8 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup> | - | Pastor Tim on Sabbatical                             |
| February 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | - | 1:00 p.m. Women on Mission Meeting                   |
| February 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | - | 4:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting                           |
| February 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | - | Valentine's Day                                      |
| February 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | - | Churchwide Covered Dish Supper<br>No Choir Rehearsal |
| February 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | - | 6:00 p.m. Eschatology Class                          |