

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
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Pastor's Corner
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Excel in 2012!! That's what we want to do this year and every year. This is going to be a very good year and a prosperous one. There's no doubt that the Lord has great things in store for you and for Oak Grove. I believe during the next two years we're going to see people move into supervisory and management positions. For some this is a year of planning and getting yourselves in position to open your own business.

I agree with the Psalmist, "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes" (psalms 119:23 KJV). As I reflect on last Sunday when we had 10 individuals to join us at OGBC, and then over 30 to attend the new member reception, I can only say it's the Lord's doing and it marvelous in our eyes. The Lord is doing mighty things at OGBC and as long as we keep our eyes on Him, he will continue to show Himself faithful.

Whatever, you're going through on your job, in your home or no matter what situation you find yourself in, trust God. The bible says, ⁵Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV). You don't have to face your situation alone. This year God wants to show Himself mightily in you. He wants to fight

for you like never before to let everyone know that's you're His child and that He's on your side.

Therefore, whatever is asked of you, do it and do it with joy. The scripture tells us, ²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving (Colossians 3:23-24 NIV). Notice, it didn't say do it if you feel like it. It says, do it and work at it with all your heart, why? Because the Lord will reward you and you're doing it for His glory.

This is YOUR year to experience extraordinary things to happen in your life, if you will only be obedient to God and His word (get yourself in position). Let us take an inventory of our lives, if you find things in your life that may compromise your relationship with the Lord, **GET RID OF IT**, so you can experience the joy of the Lord and the Blessings He has for you.

As I get ready to transition to become the Garrison Chaplain in Schweinfurt, Germany, I solicit your prayers. I want you to know you will ALWAYS be in my prayers and that Inza and I love you so very very much. We are so thankful to be a part of the OGBC Family. The Lord is doing some awesome things at OGBC. The Word is being preached, taught and the sick being healed. The things Jesus did. He's doing some **AMAZING** things and it's marvelous in our eyes. But, the **BEST** is yet to come!

Be Bless and let us keep loving and praying for each other.

Black History Program Sunday 26 February during worship service.

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH.

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: Hebrews 12:28

Grace is the supernatural ability God has made available to us to carry out what He has called us to do. It is through grace that we are able to serve Him in a way that gives Him glory.

TO OUR YOUTH:

There are two things over which you have complete dominion, authority and control—your mind and your mouth.---Molefi Asante

Your mind is an instrument. A precious gift to be valued and cared for. You are not always in control of what goes into your mind, but only you can determine what stays there. If you allow negativity to pervade in your mind, you will produce that negativity with your mouth. Your mouth is the mechanism that reveals how well you care for your mind. The conditions in your life stem from the most dominant thoughts of which you speak. Nothing has a hold on your mind that you cannot break free of. Since your mind will respond to what is said to you, speak to the conditions in your life. When they are wanted, give thanks. When they are unwanted demand they change. "I am in control of my mine and mouth."

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
Romans 12:1-2

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Sister LaShundra Collier	1
Brother Ray Maxwell	2
Sister Antoinette Graham	2
Brooks Hudson	2
Sister Annette Boyd	2
Brother Gregory Graham	4
Deacon Brooks Hudson	4
Sister Michelle Guider	5
Brother Charles Thomas Jr.	6
Brother Rodney Maxwell	6
Sister Sandra Carr	9
Rev. Andrew Kendrick	11
Sister Sharon Allen	11
Sister Lorene Vining	11
Sister Eunice Wilson	11
Sister Dois Pleasants	11
Brother Rolston Haile	12
Sister Nichole Goodwin	12
Sister Mia McCoy	13
Sister Jacqueline Williams	14
Sister Danielle Woodard	15
Sister Danette Woodard	15
Sister Jennifer Jordan	15
Brother Allen T. Gibbs	16
Sister Marjorie Blanding	18
Brother Ronnie Bush Jr.	19
Sister Courtney Hudson	23
Sister Andrea Kendrick	25
Brother Cecil Postell	28
Rev. Walter Jones	28
Sister Michelle Blanding	28
Sister Felicia Wright	29

God Bless, may your day be filled with Joy.

A special Happy 80th Birthday to Deacon Brooks Hudson.

Brother Kirk and Frankie Blanding celebrate 28 years of marriage on the 24th.



Happy Valentine's Day

Love Her

“Under three things the earth trembles, under four it cannot bear up... an unloved woman who is married.” Proverbs 30:21, 23a

What does a woman long for from her husband? Simply love. A husband's love is like a fresh breath from heaven for a wife who feels vulnerable and at times fearful. His love is a rock of refuge after she reels from a relational conflict at work, church, or from another family member. The love of her husband goes a long way in satisfying that deep desire of a woman to love and be loved.

“His banner over me is love” (Song of Solomon 2:4b).

Husbands, a gracious woman is not to be taken advantage of or to be taken for granted. Instead, thank God for a wife who wants to please the Lord and serve her family. When was the last time you loved your bride in a way that she wants you to love her, in a way that only you can love her?

Have you asked her lately how she needs to feel loved by you?

Outside of Christ's love, your love is the most meaningful, valuable, and satisfying to your wife. She needs to know that all of you belong to her and all of her belongs to you. There is never a place for a feeling of competition between your wife and another woman. Dismiss this danger at the outset. Make your wife feel the fidelity of a “one-woman man.” You desire no other.

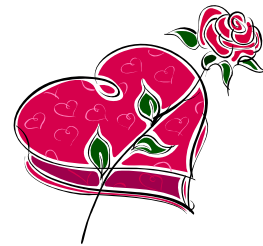
“My lover is mine and I am his” (Song of Solomon 2:16a).

Where can you learn to love your wife? Ask her. Learn from her, for this is her natural disposition. Seek out men who love their wives well and gain insights from them. Ask God. He is the Lord of love and Lord over your marriage. Go to the source of love, your Savior Jesus, and He will instruct you in the way you can love your wife unconditionally.

By God's grace, love her by protecting her. Love her by trusting her. Love her by giving her encouragement and hope. And always love her through the good times and the bad times. Love her with your words, love her with your time and love her with gifts and kind words. A wife loved well by her husband is beautiful to behold—she is a trophy of God's grace.

“It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres” (1 Corinthians 13:7).

How does my wife want me to love her? How does God want me to love my wife? Author unknown



THINK ABOUT IT

Choose your friends and acquaintances carefully. If you align yourself with the wrong people, you could stop the flow of God's blessings in your life. Stay away from ungodly people—don't ask for or take their advice and don't spend time in their presence. Instead, seek godly alliances. God cares about the company you keep.

The Résumé of Jesus Christ

Address: Ephesians 1:20
Phone: Romans 10:13
Website: The Bible. Keywords: Christ, Lord, Savior and Jesus

Objective

My name is Jesus -The Christ. Many call me Lord! I have sent you my résumé because I am seeking the top management position in your heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my résumé.

Qualifications

I founded the earth and established the heavens,
(See Proverbs 3:19)
I formed man from the dust of the ground,
(See Genesis 2:7)
I breathed into man the breath of life,
(See Genesis 2:7)
I redeemed man from the curse of the law,
(See Galatians 3:13)
The blessings of the Abrahamic Covenant comes upon your life through me, (See Galatians 3:14)

Occupational Background

I have only had one employer, (See Luke 2:49).
I have never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful or disrespectful.
My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me, (See Matthew 3:15 -17)

Skills Work Experiences

Some of my skills and work experiences include: empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the broken-hearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind and setting at liberty them that are bruised, (See Luke 4:18).
I am a Wonderful Counselor, (See Isaiah 9:6).
People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil, (See Proverbs 1:33).
Most importantly, I have the authority, ability and power to cleanse you of all your sins, (See I John 1:7-9)

Educational Background

I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom and understanding,
(See Proverbs 2:6).
In me are hidden all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, (See Colossians 2:3).
My Word is so powerful; it has been described as being a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your path, (See Psalms 119:105).
I can even tell you all of the secrets of your heart, (See Psalms 44:21).

Major Accomplishments

I was an active participant in the greatest Summit Meeting of all times,
(See Genesis 1:26).
I laid down my life so that you may live,
(See II Corinthians 5:15).
I defeated the arch enemy of God and mankind and made a show of them openly,
(See Colossians 2:15).
I have miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick and raised the dead!
There are many more major accomplishments, too many to mention here. You can read them on my website, which is located at: [www dot - the BIBLE](http://www.dot-theBIBLE.com). You don't need an Internet connection or computer to access my website.

References

Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healing, salvation, deliverance, miracles, restoration and supernatural guidance.

In Summation

Now that you've read my résumé, I am confident that I am the only candidate uniquely qualified to fill this vital position in your heart. In summation, I will properly direct your paths, (See Proverbs 3:5-6), and I will lead you into everlasting life, (See John 6:47). When can I start? Time is of the essence,(See Hebrews3:15).

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