

Ed's Bacon Bits

God is good, isn't He?

I'm sitting at my desk thinking about how to put a recap on our summer here at Oakland Christian Church, and I've just been overcome with a strong sense of gratitude for His blessings upon the ministry we are all collectively doing here through His church.

VBS kicked off our summer the third week of June with record attendance. "God's Big Back Yard" was one of the best weeks of VBS I have ever been a part of, and it was largely because of so many gifted and willing helpers.

Janette Van Meter worked tirelessly throughout the week keeping things running smoothly; and as usual, she did so with a bright smile on her face.

Thanks again, Janette, for your dedication and joyful spirit. And thanks to everyone who served. The Lord really blessed this week.

We had two outreach nights this summer in which several people helped canvas the community with information about our church and invitations to our church services. We were able to reach nearly every home in Oakland, and I hope and pray that those who don't have a church home will be drawn to our fellowship at Oakland Christian Church. I would ask that you join me in that prayer, as well.

Our youth minister, Kari Otto, along with Dan and Eileen Brown, took 13 high schoolers to SIU at Carbondale for the week-long Christ in Youth Conference. I thought the testimonies in church the following Sunday morning spoke volumes about how God moved in their hearts and lives.

The Lord really blessed this week, and I ask that you pray for these kids – that their love and devotion to the Lord will grow, and that the enemy will have no

stronghold in their lives.

I'm also very thankful for the 24 baptisms at Little Galilee Christian Camp at the closing of Junior Main Camp, Aug. 15. I'm still blessed by the memory of each of them walking forward during the invitation to surrender their lives to Jesus. It was such a movement of the Holy Spirit.

Other highlights of the summer include several from our church attending the Women of Faith conference in St. Louis and the Promise Keepers conference in Peoria; Youth Sunday; the OMA Unity Weekend and pulpit exchange; and ministry teams have been very active.

I'll say it again - God is good! His faithfulness endures forever!

As the fall season approaches, let's strive to put Him first in all that we do.

Love, in Christ,

Ed

September 2008 Serving List

9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Sept.	Door Greeters	Nursery	Wee Worship/Children's Church	Communion
7	Gayle & Wayne Huber	Stefanie Borntreger	Kari Otto	Justin Goff
14	Nelson & Edna Strader	Linda Taber	Deb Timmons	Archie Dague
21	Bob & Sue Campbell	Lacie Dague	Marilyn Farthing	Mark Henry
28	Gene & Jorja Henry	Gayle & Jana Huber	No wee worship and children's church	Jim Miller

Sept.	Offering	Praise/Prayer	Closing Prayer	Sun. School Nursery	Elder of the Week
7	Bill Farthing	Jim Miller	Gene Henry	Sheila Wilson	Archie Dague (346-3366)
14	Al Borntreger	Bob Campbell	Chris Miller	Cindy & Rachel Buckler	Bob Campbell (346-2417)
21	Dan Brown	Don Woodworth	Max Miller	Amy Ledbetter	Bill Farthing (346-2483)
28	Justin Goff	Gene Henry	Bill Farthing	Heather Gustafson Hunt	Don Woodworth (346-2973)

11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service

Sept.	Door Greeters	Nursery	Wee Worship	Children's Church	Communion/Offering	Praise/Prayer
7	Andy & Cherie DeYoung	Amy & Savannah	Niki Robertson	Kari Otto	Eileen Brown	Parker Boothe
14	Dan & Eileen Brown	Jill Davidson	Susan & Hannah	Kari Otto	Dale Greathouse	Jim Miller
21	Eric & Jill Davidson	Cherie DeYoung	Dee Greathouse	Kaye Miller	Greg Ledbetter	Sue Campbell
28	Greg & Amy Ledbetter	Lori & Angelica	No wee worship	No children's church	Andy DeYoung	Dan Brown

Kitchen Duty: Lois Taylor

Communion Preparation: Linda Taber