

Mt. Oak & Friends,

Here is the plan for the weeks of July 5-18 at Mt. Oak. What we need to know is what you can do to help serve your Lord during this time? How will you take part in what your congregation is doing to serve Jesus? We also know that all of these events will take plenty of planning and prep work. How can you help with this part? We want to see each opportunity as an evangelistic outreach – taking Jesus to the community around us. Invite folks to join with us!

- † *July 5 – Homecoming Sunday – Invite former members to return for this Sunday at Mt. Oak. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Kevin Baker – former member of Mt. Oak and the current pastor of Oakdale-Emory UMC (also the former pastor of Cedar Grove UMC).*
 - *Rev. Baker will preach at both services*
 - *Refreshments will be available in the Upper Room before and after each service*
 - *The youth may sell hot dogs, hamburgers, and other items from the kitchen or the Pavilion after the second service.*

- † *July 6-10 – Vacation Bible School – 6-8:30 pm each evening*
 - *See Molly Bragg (Mollybragg@verizon.net) or Babette Phillips (Babette@mtoak.org) to offer to help or call the church – 301-249-2230.*
 - *People are needed but not limited to the following:*
 - *Teachers*
 - *Helpers*
 - *Refreshments*
 - *Games*
 - *Crowd control*
 - *And more...*

- † *July 12 – Amazing Sunday including the Annual Picnic – 8:30 am – 4:30 pm or so*
 - *These are the areas you can be involved in our day of service (we are looking for people to head-up each area). What can you do to help?*
 - *8:45 am - 12:30 pm – Childcare for our youngest children – infants and those who will not be going off campus – see Babette Phillips (Babette@mtoak.org) to help in this way for part or all of the time. We will have several tents up for our eating and fellowship time.*
 - *9:00 am – One worship service for the day in the Fellowship Hall – Acoustic Worship – Rev. Ray (Ray@mtoak.org) and Jason will be working on this service if you can help. We will need all the usual for this short service.*
 - *10:00 am – We move out in action – all participants are an active part of the total outreach opportunity – those who go off campus and those who stay on campus – freeing up others to go*
 - *Childcare on campus*
 - *Prayer Teams on campus*
 - *Prep Teams for the Picnic*
 - *Off campus, teams will be doing the following as we highlight Pointer Ridge, the N-Section and Allen’s Pond.*
 - *Trash pickup on the streets and the grounds of Allen’s Pond*
 - *Prayer Teams within the communities*
 - *Door-to-Door leaflet drop off*
 - *Wash Cars, Mow lawns, other light chores*
 - *Possible Worship Team at Allen’s Pond*
 - *And more...*

- 12:30 pm – Picnic begins (the Men’s ministry will lead the day but will need loads of support) – see Gary Ward (lward1977@aol.com) or call the office – 301-249-2230.
 - Set-up Team
 - Cooks
 - Greeters for guests, former members, members, constituents
 - Food Servers
 - Helpers throughout the afternoon
 - Clean-up Team (see note next point in the outline)
 - Praise Team
- 4:30 pm or whenever – Clean up Team – a very important team – many will have been working this day from early morning till the end of the event and to have a team that will clean up would be amazing.

† July 12-18 – StreetReach Week – All week!

- Youth and adults will be camping on the church grounds, going into the city of Bowie during the day working on yards and holding events each evening for the community.
- See Jason Craig (Jason@mtoak.org) or Dione Bowlding (Dione@mtoak.org) to offer your help or call the church – 301-249-2230.
- Help will be needed in the following areas and more I’m sure
 - Folks who will join them for the week
 - Breakfast during the week
 - Lunch during the week
 - Dinner during the week
 - Help with the evening events
 - Water and supplies during the day
 - First Aid
 - Prayer Team
 - Showers during the week
 - And more...

I know I have missed something. How can you help and what have I missed?

Additional thoughts –

- + *The heat – we have things people can do on campus – out of the heat*
- + *Working on the Sabbath – working for the Lord is acceptable on the Sabbath in the Scriptures – working on yards in the name of Jesus is no different than cooking all morning for the Annual Picnic*
- + *4th of July – by moving the Picnic we allow people to have this holiday weekend free to do their family things – some did anyway, so by moving the Picnic we might increase attendance*
- + *Several people complained last year about having Homecoming and the Picnic on the same Sunday*
- + *Moving the Picnic allows us to setup for VBS on Sunday (July 5) for the week to come*
- + *Motive – to reach people with the love of Christ and to draw them to Christ*
- + *Some will choose to help in everything – some in some things – some in nothing – we accept that we are all at different places in our lives.*