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MOUNT OAK
fellowship
The family church...

The Problem: *Families are under attack.*
The Solution: *Reaching the whole family for Christ*
The Process: *Bring in, Build up, Send out*
The Win: *A changed life or family for Christ*

Thank You for worshipping with us

Sunday, January 8, 2012

The Mt Oak Email Prayer Chain is available for all prayer requests and praise reports. Send requests directly to MO@mtoak.org and mark them **Prayer Request/Praise Report**. **Please print your name and contact information on each card you submit.**

Remember when you turn in a Prayer Card at Church to write **Public** (for distribution) or **Private** (for the pastors). We cannot broadcast prayer concerns without permission.

Please have all entries for the bulletin into the Church Office by *Monday the week of the publication*. Thank you.

Please Register Your Attendance! We are using the black binders to collect attendance information. *Please print.*

Use the **LEFT HAND COLUMN** if you are a member or regular 'attende'e' and we have your current contact information.

Use the **RIGHT HAND COLUMN** if you are a visitor or wish to change your contact information please completely fill in one of the four line blocks.

MOUNT OAK FELLOWSHIP

of the United Methodist Church

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Worship Ministry Teams: Erma Collins & Mary Jane Stauffer (8:45)
Jamie King, Sam Bolin (10:30)



January Birthdays

1	Hansen, Travis	13	Pierre-Monroe, Sharon
2	Adomanis, Chris	13	Woods, Alma
3	Brennan, Mary	16	Robinson, Olivia
3	Butler, Becky	20	Scott, Gloria
4	Jernigan, Millie	21	Henderson, Penny
5	Bontrager, Bryan	26	Dreyer, Dan
6	Londot, James	27	Nelson, Jerry
7	Patterson, Grace	27	Pitts, Austin
8	Watkins, Peggie	28	Cheatham, Melissa
10	Adomanis, Jake	28	Robinson, Jamal
10	King, Jamie	28	Washburn, Aaron
12	Hess, Jessee	30	Jefferson, Tikki
12	Stuart, Ramsey	31	Mazyck, Roger

Men's Breakfast
 Saturday, Jan 21st, 8am Breakfast, 9am Program
 Don't miss it—As always there will be great food and
 great fellowship!

Senior Pastor - Rev. Ray



It Is All About Jesus!

John 3:30—*He must become greater; I must become less.*

What an awesome word—yet it is a hard word for some of us. John the Baptist—who had many followers and disciples—when faced with Christ and His ministry—declared that Christ must become greater and that he should become less. He knew it was all about Jesus!

We don't always do what this powerful word says—do we? We often get puffed up by our own perceived importance—as pastors—as persons with gifts and graces—as persons with whatever going on in our lives. We often think it is all about us—worship needs to meet my needs—the songs need to be songs I like. The preaching needs to challenge me—if I am not being *fed*—whatever that might mean for you—I will just go somewhere else. It isn't about me—it isn't about you—it is about Jesus and His glory. It isn't about the messenger—it is all about the one the message should be pointing toward each week.

As we begin 2012—let's remember the words of John the Baptist and think less of ourselves and more about Christ! Let's develop servant hearts so that Christ will be glorified. Let's help each other remember that it is all about Jesus!

Children's Director - Babette Phillips



**Kingdom Kids
Virtue of the Month**

Self-Control:

Choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do.

MEMORY VERSE

“My dear brothers and sisters, pay attention to what I say. Everyone should be quick to listen. But they should be

slow to speak. They should be slow to get angry.” James 1:19, NIRV

WEEK 2: Lesson we will focus on “Slow to Anger” This is one thing that would be great to learn as a child and carry it into our adulthood, just like all the virtues we are learning in Kingdom Kids.

Proverbs 16:32

BOTTOM LINE: Pause before you lose your temper.

AWANA—Our next Award Ceremony will be January 18th so be sure and mark your calendar to join us that evening at 7:15PM to acknowledge the hard work our children have been over these last few months.

The Achiever's Party will be held in the Kingdom Kids room from 11 am to 2 pm Saturday January 21st. We will be eating pizza and watching the movie “Lion of Judah.” This movie will not be released on DVD until April 2012 and we at Mt Oak have the preview rights to show the movie before it is released. Our AWANA's Achiever Clubbers will be the first to preview this movie before the church shows the movie at our “Family Dinner and a Movie” night in February.

FX (Family Experience Service)—Start thinking about who you want to invite to our next FX Service, January 29th 10:30 Service Contact Jonathan or Babette if you are interested in taking a part in the service.

WANTED CHILI CHEFS for our Dinner and a Movie.... Friday February 3rd in the Fellowship hall. Join us for a family night of fun with our Chili Cook Off and a movie. We will be showing “Lion of Judah” a great animated film that will not be out on DVD until April 2012. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to preview a great movie and great chili!!

Trains & Noah's Ark Rooms

Hannah Washburn will now be coordinating the Trains & Noah's Ark Rooms (our under 2 years ministry). We want to thank Tricia Patterson for the time she has spent with this ministry in the past. We are always looking for more people to help with this ministry, if you are interested please contact Hannah (mtoakoffice@gmail.com)



Words of Wisdom – Proverbs 15:14

“The discerning heart seeks knowledge, but the mouth of a fool feeds on folly.”

“You are what you eat.” Remember being told that as a child? It’s kind of silly, because I never turned into Entenmann’s Ultimate Cinnamon Buns and I definitely should have

by that logic. But we realize that you don’t actually turn into broccoli, potato chips, or pizza if you eat a lot of those. You just are formed by what you eat. So if you eat healthier foods you’ll likely be healthier. You are what you eat. And if you eat junk food then you’ll likely be junky feeling and looking. You are what you eat. Let that help your motivation to stick to that diet in this new year!

Back to our proverb, the message here is along the lines of mom’s message from childhood: you are what you eat. We consume information all throughout the day, feeding on what we hear, read, see, and experience. And while we may feel that this is all incidental, meaning we’re practically helpless in what we take in because it’s just what’s around us, there is a great level of control that we actually do have.


We choose how much time we’re going to spend in digging into God’s word and speaking with Him. We choose how much time we’re going to spend talking with that friend who always brings out the complainer in us. We choose how much time we’re going to spend watching movies or TV. We also choose what kind of content we’re going to watch in those movies or TV. We choose what music we’ll listen to. We choose how much time we’ll spend reading Facebook statuses and posts. These and many more choices are in our hands.

The discerning heart is able to determine what is foolishness and what is actually worthwhile and it feasts on the worthwhile. That person actively goes after knowledge that will make their life better. However, the fool doesn’t do the work of discerning what’s beneficial and what’s not and ends up feeding on spiritual junk food. And you are what you eat. So stop for just a moment and think about what it is you’re feeding on because it’s forming who you are and who you will be.



Sandwiches for the Homeless—January 22

Sandwiches will be taken to Martha's Table in NE, DC, on Sunday, January 22, for distribution to the homeless in the District. They should be left in the refrigerator in the church kitchen by 11:30 on Sunday morning and clearly marked for Martha's Table or the homeless. Sandwiches should be prepared according to the following guidelines: peanut butter and jelly or meat (bologna, ham, turkey, etc) and/or cheese. Do not use any condiments such as mayonnaise, lettuce, pickles or mustard. The sandwiches will more than likely be frozen before being distributed. They need not be cut but should be individually bagged in ziplock bags and then returned to the bag the bread was purchased in or some other suitable container for transporting. Thank you to all the people who have faithfully been preparing sandwiches for this worthy ministry.

	Wednesday Night Dinners
	Jan 11 Ham, Veg, Potato Wedges
	Jan 18 Pan Friend pork, Apple Sauce, Green Beans

Best Years January Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 11:00 a.m.

Come join us!



*We will be making
Birdhouses to feed the birds this Winter*

We will be collecting a Love Offering!

Questions? Call Edna 301-464-4620

Women's Ministry News!

Mark your calendar for **January 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** as we bring in a new year with a pot luck dinner! Bring a dish to share for dinner and then we will be making Valentine's Day cards for soldiers overseas (not just in Iraq). Anyone having cardstock or other things to use for cards is welcome to bring them.

Join in on a women's ministry Pottery and Pizza event at XPressIt in Crofton. It is limited to the first 32 people who sign up. \$5.00 for pizza and the cost of the pottery is anywhere from \$6.00 to \$46.00. Event runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will continue the date will be changed due to the Family Movie Night scheduled in February.

Save the Date for Women's Ministry's 2012 retreat. It will be held again at Wade's Point Inn from **April 13 - 15th** so get your taxes done early so you can join us!

Women's Bible Study

Join us Monday nights at 7:30pm

Starting January 16th, for the study Scouting the Divine, Searching for God in wine, wool and wild honey. An interactive Bible Study by Margaret Feinberg. Visit Margaret Feinberg's website or Amazon if you want the book and/or workbook Scouting the Divine, by Margaret Feinberg.

See Babette Phillips

For more information contact Amy Neuenschwander

Sermon Notes:

Presenting the Gift—Matthew 5:1-2

January 8, 2012

Mission News

At Mount Oak, through your generous giving, we offer monthly financial support to 8 mission families. This week we celebrate **Fred and Jacquie Heyn**: they work with the International Foundation (IF) and National Prayer Breakfast. We have supported their mission financially since 1988. They began attending Mount Oak in 1984 and worship at the early service. They live in Arlington, VA.

Fred came to DC in 1964 when the **International Foundation** and **The National Prayer Breakfast** were formed for the US Congress. They continue their work with state and national leaders. They travel to Montana and the Western States for State Retreats and help in planning and participation in the Montana Governor's Prayer Breakfast in March.

Jacquie communicates with about 600 people around the world by means of editing and sending notes from their monthly gathering in Arlington, VA. She works with a team of women on gatherings specifically for women during the National Prayer Breakfast, and the meetings and encounters that grow out of that.

The IF provides spiritual support and personal relationships with national and international leaders and their families. The Heyn's say, *"we focus on the work of building bridges and encouraging strong Christian leadership and values throughout the world."* Their philosophy is people reaching people.

Today as we pray for our church lay-leaders and politicians, we give thanks to Fred and Jacquie. They are intercessors for America; gathering together with our US Officials at the National Prayer Breakfast every February. 1 Timothy 2: 1-3 says, *"The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live."* - The Message.

Thank you everyone for your generous giving to our family and community! Our **AWANA's** have faithfully donated to our Bowie Interfaith Pantry collections each week. Our **Sports Ministry** parents and siblings have been making hats for our Dorcas Ministry and now are filling the bins with food for the pantry!

Mount Oak Fellowship has been a community church for 130 years: we are one of **God's lighthouses** in Maryland. The missionaries we support light up the dark and are a witness out in a godless world. We share each other's joys and sorrows and invest in the lives of others. We are a family of believers just as in Acts 2: "...devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to everyone who had need." Acts 2: 42 - 47.

Dorcas Ministry date changes: 1st Saturday and 4th Tuesday from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at church in room 206.

Mission chairperson: Harriette Thompson, heartstrings101@verizon.net

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mark 11:17 “My house shall be called a House of Prayer for all nations”

Healing: Desmond Walker, Caroline Hinkley, Wade Jernigan, Allison Balsley, Mason Ditch, Valerie Archer, Mary Jane Stauffer, Aaron Washburn, Janelle Rigler, Jen Berry.

Family/Friends: Joan Stauffer, Bruce Cosentino, Pearl Cosentino, Jim Widmayer, Avon Floyd (D.Balsley), Jean & Nate Isenhour, George & Marti, Pat C, Laura M, Mary Jo Robert, Virginia Baker, Pat Caldwell.

Pregnancy: Julie Turpin (Anyone else—please let us know in the office);

Finances/Employment: Will Angolia, Brianne Leith, Sherry Ekelof, Stephen Imai, Margaret Passalacqua

Military/School/Away from Home: All who are in harm’s way, Austin & Nick Reese, Joe Mihoces, Sean Jones, Brian Patterson, Drew Painter, Michelle Isenhour, Christopher White, James Jernigan, Michael Bragg, Patrick Brennan, Nate & Jean Isenhour, Phil Bogan, Michelle Ward, Adam Bergstrom, Tyler Daley, Stephen Daley, Peter Santini, James Lockwood, Steve & David Hammond, Catherine Patterson.

Missionaries: Bill and Erma Collins, Fred & Jacquie Heyn, Chris & Brenda Walker, Nick & Amy Repak, Kevin Saldaña, Ted & Elise Adomanis, Richard & Cheryl Jensen, and Paul & Marty Clark.

Prayer Concerns are for the church to pray for and expect to see God move in the situation. We can only see that through your eyes. If you list someone on the Prayer Concerns, then please follow up with the person and determine whether the situation has been resolved or not. If the situation is not resolved, please speak to one of the pastors.

We are urged to pray in all situations and in one accord with the Holy Spirit. Please share your praise and prayer concerns with us. In order to make this more useful, we will leave the person’s name up for *only two weeks* and then take it down. If the situation has not been resolved, then, please consider talking with one of the pastors about the next step to take.

CALENDAR-AT-A-GLANCE

For the Dates of January 6-14

Friday

- 6:30 pm Couples w/young children - Upper Room
- 6:30 pm Young Adult Praise Team Practice
- 7:00 pm (EOW) Bible Study - Judges - Holloway's home

Saturday

- 7:30 am Chair Setup

Sunday

- 8:45 am 1st Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Adult Sunday School Class - Clouds Room
- 10:30 am 2nd Worship Service – Worship Center
- 11:00 am Children's Church - Kingdom Kid's Room
- 6:30 pm AMPED—Doors Open
- 6:30 pm Evening Worship—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm AMPED—Service Starts

Monday

- 6:30 pm Women's Ministry Dinner
- 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesday *21 Day Fast Begins*

- 11:00 am Best Years
- 7:00 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday

- 5:45 pm Fellowship Dinner
- 6:30 pm AWANA
- 6:45 pm Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 pm Adult Discipleship Classes
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball—Invite your Friends

Thursday

- 7:00 pm Young Adults - Albert's home
- 7:00 pm Adult Praise Team Practice

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