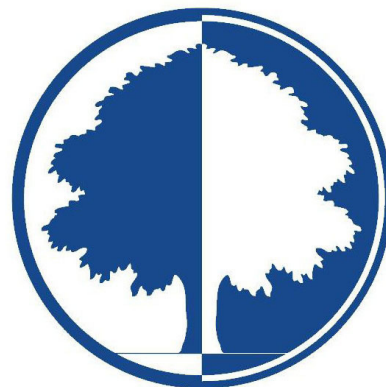


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**MOUNT OAK**  
fellowship  
*The family church...*

**The Problem:** *Families are under attack.*  
**The Solution:** *Reaching everyone 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, May 20, 2012

**The Mt Oak Email Prayer Chain** is available for all prayer requests and praise reports. Send requests directly to [prayer@mtoak.org](mailto:prayer@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.

### **Church Budget**

Weekly need	\$12,274	Budget need to date	\$245,480
Last week's giving	\$10,058	Current giving to date	\$238,251

### **Attendance**

8:45	10:30	Kids (and leaders)	Total AM Worship
63	131	62	256

**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.

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## Senior Pastor - Rev. Ray McDonald



### Get a New Heart and Live Free from Sin

**Ezekiel 18:31a** - *Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit.*

I was asked during the first sermon on Forgiveness if I would address forgiving ourselves (in the middle of the sermon mind you – lol). I hope that we have touched on this subject and plan to do more in the final installment of the three part series on Sunday – May 20<sup>th</sup>. Join us at Mt. Oak Fellowship (pictured). This passage from Ezekiel spoke to my heart and I wanted to share it in the MONews and in our Friday devotional thought.

We have said a number of times that the heart is very important as we walk out our faith in Christ. *Christianity boils down to attitude* is now a common phrase many of us know. The position and condition of our heart is very important - so I like the simplicity of today's passage – *Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit.*

Other scriptures speak this truth to us as well. We're told that when we come to Christ we will be given a new heart - we will be a new creation. *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!* **2 Corinthians 5:17**

We're told that if we want to know God's will for our lives we are to turn our hearts and minds over to Godly thoughts. *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.* **Romans 12:2**

I've used the example of a glass half filled with water and half filled with air. If the air represents sin – the water the things of God – and the glass our lives/heart – how do we get rid of the sin in our lives/heart? The easy answer is to put more water (God) into our glass (lives/heart) and the air (sin) will be forced out. It IS that simple my friends. Some try to make it so difficult and give us so many hoops to jump through to get rid of sin. We simply need to realize/confess that we have sin in our lives and ask God to come in to our heart/lives. If we simply spend more time with God – doing godly things – we will sin less and *Rid ourselves of all the offenses we have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit.*





**VBS:** Come join us again!!! Sharon Branham and Valerie Archer will be making calls over the next few weeks finding out where you would like to serve. They will be calling those that served last year and then venturing out to newer Mt Oaker's. Want to just volunteer? You can email Sharon at [branhams@verizon.net](mailto:branhams@verizon.net) or Valerie at [vstar-ra@gmail.com](mailto:vstar-ra@gmail.com). VBS June 25th – 29th 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Looking for a good use for those empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls you have around the house? What better way to recycle them than to donate them to VBS this year? We'll be making a fun craft at VBS for which we need many toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Please bring any you'd like to donate to the church and leave them in the boxes marked "VBS" near the entrances.

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Camp Registration is in full swing, contact Babette Phillips or Hannah Washburn ([babette@mtoak.org](mailto:babette@mtoak.org) or [mtoakoffice@gmail.com](mailto:mtoakoffice@gmail.com)) concerning Kingdom Kamps or Alvin Butler concerning Sports Camp ([sports@mtoak.org](mailto:sports@mtoak.org)) Camps run July 16th to Aug 17th.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTEER'S ARE NEEDED:**

To set-up and clean up Communion for Second Service once a month. Please contact Millie Jernigan 301-741-9650 or email her at [jernigan@gmail.com](mailto:jernigan@gmail.com).

**UPPER ROOM CLEAN UP AFTER SECOND SERVICE NEEDED:**

Many of us enjoy the lovely refreshments and coffee each Sunday morning after first Service and before second Service. We need volunteers to clean up after the second service. Can you volunteer to maybe do this once a month? If so contact Edna Ciuffetelli 301-464-4620.

## Sandwiches for the Homeless

### Can you make a few sandwiches for May 27?

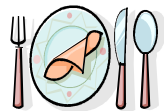
Sandwiches will be taken to Martha's Table in NE, DC, on Sunday, May 27, for distribution to the homeless in the District. They should be left in the refrigerator in the church kitchen by 11:30 on Sunday morning and clearly marked for Martha's Table or the homeless. Sandwiches should be prepared according 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.

### Co-Ed Bible Study Wednesday Nights

The Pastor is facilitating a study on  
The Book of Ephesians  
If you're interested—Come Wednesday 6:45pm  
Or come for the fellowship meal at 5:45pm  
and stay for the study in the Sanctuary!

### Office Hours:

Starting May 14 the office will close at Noon on Fridays. Please remember the deadline for the MO News is Noon on Wednesdays.



## Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

May 23: Pot Luck - If you wish, bring a dish!

Valerie will be making Shepherd's Pie

*Last Wednesday Night Dinner until Fall*

## Children's Director - Babette Phillips



Being Responsible with our Words

### **DID YOU RECEIVE A NOTE ON YOUR CAR?**

This month our children are learning responsibility, and how we are to be trusted with what's expected of us. We started this month by learning to be trusted with what God has given us, and last week we learned we needed to be trusted with our words. Our Scripture last week was Ephesians 4:29 ***"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."*** We spoke about the reason for church was not just to come learn about Jesus but to encourage others also. We discussed how we are to be out in the "world" all week sharing the Good News and when we come to church we are to encourage each other for another week of witnessing boldly and speaking encouraging words to each other so we show Jesus's love in church so we can share it outside church. To practice this we took some time and prayed asking God to show us who needed an encouraging word. We specifically asked the Holy Spirit to place in our mind a car color and type of car. Then we made cards for that car and finally took the children out to the parking lot to place the cards on the windshield. If you were one of the many who received a card, it was placed there for your encouragement by your loving Father. I am so excited about what God has planned for our children and showing them their responsibility to the church body!!!

### **WEEK 3:**

#### **The Parable of the Good Samaritan**

***Luke 10:30-37***

**BOTTOM LINE:**

I can be trusted when I choose to help others in need.

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Showing you can be trusted with what's expected of you.

#### **MEMORY VERSE**

*"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much."* **Luke 16:10, NIV**



**Words of Wisdom – Proverbs 15:30**

*“A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones.”*

A number of weeks ago I went with a group of leaders from our church to the National Youth Leaders Conference in Atlanta and it was a life-changing week for us. In particular there was one night that stood out to me as especially meaningful. The message was about what 7 words we want to be known for in our lives. Have you ever thought about that? Well I have, but I still gave it some serious thought to narrow it down to 7 succinct adjectives I'd like to be known for. If you'd like, you can find all 7 on a canvas in my office on display, but let me share one with you.

The word is encouraging. I'd like to be known as someone who is especially encouraging. I feel God has called and even gifted me a little for making much of others by calling out the good I see in them and encouraging them to do even more than they think possible. We all like when someone can bring some life to our day, because our days can sometimes be rather lifeless. We each have people we deal with who “take it out of us” and situations we get into that tend to wear us out. So when someone comes along and brings joy to our heart then it can really help. And that's what I'd like to do for people. I think it is something we should all strive for, though. We, as believers, should be some of the most encouraging people our friends and co-workers know!

The great thing about this proverb is that it gives us some really simple ways to brighten someone's day. It can be as simple as a smile or a cheerful look. Have you ever walked down the street in a busy city? So many people bustling by. But the breath of fresh air is when you pass someone who looks you in the eye and smiles. It's almost kind of odd because we can even start to wonder why they're smiling. But why not? Why not put a smile on your face today and walk around with it? It will bring joy to the heart of those who you come in contact with. So often we're so busy that we just go about busily clued out to the world. When you put a smile on your face you're clued in not only to the people around you and making them happier, but you're also subconsciously helping yourself feel better. It's true!

The second thing we can do is bring good news. Why is it we can find a million bad things to gossip about to people and yet struggle to think of good news to share with them? I think it's because bad news comes natural and good news takes that slightly extra bit of work like thinking to smile.

So take a little extra time to think about the impact you're having on the world around you. Do something radical. Smile and say some good things to some people. What's great is that it will bring joy to your heart and health to your bones along with theirs!



**StreetReach** is right around the corner. We are just under 2 months until we continue the tradition that has become a blessing to our community and continues to be a blessing to those who serve. Every year more and more people in both of these areas are touched and affected by StreetReach, and we're excited for what's in store for this year. We'd love for you to be a part, and we could certainly use the help! There are many different aspects to this week-long event that allow for people with all different kinds of talents, passions, or connections to help out.

**So here's what we need:**

If you've participated in StreetReach in the past, please join us again this year. Your experience is invaluable to us this year especially!

If you're maybe new to helping with StreetReach and you're interested in helping out this year, please contact me (Pastor Jonathan) to let me know. My email is [jonathan@mtoak.org](mailto:jonathan@mtoak.org).

**Here are just a few areas we could use help:**

- **Bowie Fest** - We need people to man the booth and help in our activities.
- **Food** - Whether it's connecting with local restaurants, running meals to teams on the site, or preparing food at the church, we could use your help.
- **Promotion** - Canvassing neighborhoods to let them know we're coming, contacting local media, connecting with local businesses to help support our mission.
- **Team Leaders** - But of course we need those wonderful people who can help lead the teams out on the work sites and make sure that the job gets done!
- **Night activity assistance** - Our teams will be pretty tired by the end of their work day and when we have our nightly activities you may be able to be the encouragement they need to keep going. So check out the StreetReach for more specifics.
- **FX Service** - The Friday night family night is going to be a big outreach right in Allen's Pond, in the middle of our community. With all the various elements we hope to have as a part of this night, we could use your help if you have acting ability, artistic gifts, a cheery smile, or even just hands that work!

So can you help us as we work together to obey Christ's commands to be servants and at the same time see our local community showered with love through our dirty hands?

Thanks!  
Pastor Jonathan  
Youth Pastor

P.S. If you don't know much about StreetReach, go check out the website. We need to update some information, but it'll certainly help!  
[www.bowiestreetreach.org](http://www.bowiestreetreach.org)

**Sermon Notes:**  
**Lasting Forgiveness**

May 20, 2012

*Luke 23:32-43*

Missions: Missionaries spread the Good News and love of Jesus Christ.

Today, Sunday, May 20, is Mission Sunday. Join us as we celebrate the Victories of what God has done throughout his global communities: Bowie Street, WI, Haiti, and Hyberdad, India.

Mount Oak mission's theme is bringing the whole family together: families in the Congregation, Community and Mission Field. The United Methodist Church Mission is: reaching the whole world. In our church's mission we are to, "Send Out. Creating opportunities for the whole family to serve Christ in our community."

Last Sunday, we were pleased to announced that we will be "sending out" **Rev. Ray McDonald** on a short-term mission trip from June 20 to 27, 2012 to Haiti. He will be serving on a United Methodist Volunteers-In-Mission (UMVIM) work team. ([www.umvimhaiti.org](http://www.umvimhaiti.org)) This team will be working on rebuilding a hospital.

Mission's is asking for you to help Rev. Ray financially and to pray for Haiti's recovery and for all the ongoing work teams. We will announce how you can help with the financial part.

"United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) has been active in Haiti for over thirty years, addressing needs in education, health and housing. On January 12, 2010, a powerful earthquake caused widespread and unprecedented loss of life and property in the Caribbean country. In response to the crisis, UMVIM leadership proposed a new approach to a collaborative effort with the Eglise Methodist d'Haiti (EMH, the Methodist Church of Haiti). EMH President Rev. Gesner Paul and other church leaders, UMVIM Jurisdictional Coordinators, and representatives of the United Methodist Committee on Relief have identified priority projects for earthquake recovery and other church and social needs that could be addressed by UMVIM teams. A proposal for the **Haiti Response Plan** was reviewed and approved in April 2010 by the Board of Directors of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church."

"The plan includes funding for an organizational structure that will schedule and support volunteer teams for Haiti and provide matching grants for recovery/rebuilding projects.

Thank you for your interest in helping our brothers and sisters in Haiti recover from the earthquake and address other acute needs that they have identified." - UMMIM web site

**Prayer Request:** *"Please pray for the people of Haiti and the UMVIM teams who are traveling to work alongside the Methodist Church of Haiti in rebuilding. We give thanks for all the volunteers in mission who are called and sent."* -UMVIM

In a few weeks we will begin the "**Baby Bottle Campaign**" for the Annapolis Pregnancy Center. Look for the empty baby bottles. You will be asked to take one home and fill it with your spare change. Pray about how you can use this bottle to spread the Word and Love of Jesus as you inform others of this campaign!

Mission chairperson: Harriette Thompson, [heartstrings101@verizon.net](mailto:heartstrings101@verizon.net)

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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

**Healing:** Mason Ditch, Caroline Hinkley, Wade Jernigan, Valerie Archer, Allison Balsley, Randy Owens, Iris Lesh, Jill Kauffman, Diane Pell

**Family/Friends:** Bruce & Pearl Cosentino, Avon Floyd (D.Balsley), Hertha (F.Saavedra), Pat C, Judy D, Jeff B, George C., Cheryl Cullins

**Pregnancy:** Jaclyn Linehan

**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, Michelle Ward, Adam Bergstrom, Tyler Daley, Stephen Daley, Peter Santini, Steve & David Hammond, Catherine Patterson, Evan Fax

**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 May 18—May 26

### Friday

- Mt Oak Family Camping Trip
- 7:00 pm Couples w/young children - Upper Room
- 7:00 pm (EOW) Bible Study - Judges - Holloway's home

### Saturday

- Mt Oak Family Camping Trip
- 7:30 am Chair Setup

### Sunday

- 8:45 am 1<sup>st</sup> Worship Service – Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School Class - Clouds Room
- 10:30 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Service – Worship Center
- 11:00 am Children's Church - Kingdom Kid's Room
- 6:30 pm AMPED—Doors Open
- 7:00 pm AMPED Worship Service
- 7:00 pm Bible Study, 1 Corinthians, Janet Greenips' home

### Monday

- 1:00 pm Sur-Thrive Group, Upper Room
- 7:30 pm Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Women's Bible Study

### Tuesday

- 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

### Wednesday

- 5:45 pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:45 pm AWANA—Achievers Party
- 6:45 pm Bible Study on Ephesians—Sanctuary
- 6:45 pm Youth Small Groups
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball—Invite your Friends

### Thursday

- 9:00 am Precepts Bible Study
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- 7:00 pm Young Adults - Albert's home

### Friday

- 7:00 pm Couples w/young children - Clouds Room
- 7:00 pm (EOW) Bible Study - Judges - Holloway's home

### Saturday

- 7:30 am Chair Setup

*(Week expanded due to electronic distribution weekly on Thursday's.)*