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# Oakland Trumpet

## PASTOR'S CORNER

"We are living in crazy times," I have heard people say as we wait in VERY long lines in the grocery store. Stores have been out of paper products for weeks. A shipment comes in, and it is gone just a short while later. Sporting events have been called off, schools and businesses are closed. Now we're restricted for a new reason. Schools, sports, restaurants, churches are closed. Trips are postponed. We are being asked not to gather in groups and to maintain social distance from one another. Some people are off from work and concerned about how to pay the bills. Some in the healthcare field are working longer hours and concerned about their personal safety. It's a weird time. This is a time of sacrifice for us. Some of it is involuntary. Some things we would like to do or have been looking forward to, or have worked hard for have been shut down. Or our business is closed or we are laid off from work and are being stretched to provide for the necessities. We are more confined to our homes. We are worried about an invisible enemy.

We need to remember that the tomb was empty. Especially now, for all the ways this pandemic has challenged our lives, for the ways adjustments to our daily lives has been required, which brings us to the recognition and confrontation of our own 'emptiness,' our inability to change our current reality. But indeed, the risen Christ emerges in new and meaningful ways, pouring out love and blessing and renewing each of us in our circumstances and even transforming the church to move further in sharing the good news.

Jesus taught about sacrifice, "If any would come after me, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross and follow me." Jesus certainly modeled sacrifice, suffering, and death upon the cross for the salvation of the world. This is a time of sacrifice for us.

Now is the time to be a light for Jesus. Keep in touch with family and friends. A friendly call will do many a lot of good, possibly even for the one making the call. If you need help, please let us know. We are family. We have pulled together a team from church and want to support you at this challenging time. Let's keep each other in prayer as well as supporting each other. The virus may be unknown but our God is not. Nothing, including the coronavirus, has shocked God. He still reigns. Nothing has knocked Him off the throne. He loves you! We can trust Him!

Blessings,  
Pastor Bob



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**HALL CALENDAR  
REMINDER**

Please let me know the date(s) that you are responsible for and will need to reserve the hall/kitchen for 2020. Plans have a way of changing for various reasons and it is important that the hall calendar reflect these changes. The sooner the better to assure you the date(s) your activity needs. Don't take it for granted that I know.

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**ONLINE SERVICES**

We have been posting online services through our Facebook page Sundays at 10 am. Until we can be together again we will continue to provide you with these videos on Sunday. Even if you do not have Facebook you can view the videos. Just go to [www.oaklandumc.org](http://www.oaklandumc.org) and click on the Facebook link at the bottom right of the home page.

**TRUSTEES**

Since stay at home orders we have not gathered for any work, but Glenn Jaeger did completely shampoo the entire sanctuary with help moving pews from Rick Agoris and Nick Edmondson. Will do Sunday school hallway after we install ceiling insulation when our stay at home orders cease Thank you so much for tackling a large heavy time-consuming job. It looks wonderful. Also, pew's and Sunday school rooms have all been cleaned and sanitized by Glenn Martin. He will not return to work until state orders are lifted. If for some reason you are at church, please remove your trash. Bin is on hall parking lot. Please call me 410-795-3508 if you notice any issues. Also thank you to whoever's repaired and replaced our downed sign at the hall.

Diane Harpine

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We hope everyone is doing well in spite of the pandemic going on all around us. It has been a really crazy time for the children no school, no Sunday school, not being able to see friends and family, its been hard on everyone. I hope everyone is watching Pastor Bob's on line children's sermon on Sunday mornings. On Palm Sunday I was envisioning all of the kids marching around the living room waving their stalks of broccoli high in the air. That was pretty creative and also funny. I know there are also coloring pages and word searches for you to do, so I hope you are able to take advantage of them. Since we can't meet for Sunday school right now anyone who has a children's Bible or the Bible they received in Sunday school can read a Bible story or a verse or two from the Bible.

The last day of Sunday school is May 17th. We usually have our ice cream at the end of the class that day to celebrate the end of the year. I'm not sure we will be back by then, but we will have our ice cream as soon as I know when we are coming back. If it is after May 17th we will do it our first day back to church.

I hope everyone is practicing their social distancing and staying well. Hopefully we will soon be out of the worst of this pandemic and be on the road upward so we can start to move around in the outside world again.

Take care, stay well until we are able to meet again.

Many blessings to everyone,

Debbie Plummer and Brian Polk

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

If you know of **any and all changes** in membership information, please do not forget to let the church secretary, **Jaclyn Wilson, 410-236-2442, [jwilson@oaklandumc.org](mailto:jwilson@oaklandumc.org)** know or give it to the membership secretary, **Myrna Tracey: 410-795-2029 [mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com](mailto:mjrcrafts2412a@aol.com)**. Remember we are not mind readers. Our records are only as good as you help us keep them. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed in the newsletter and you would like for it to be, please let us know. Thanks!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Congratulations to Shelby & Kenny Davis** on the birth of their son, **Maverick Joseph Davis** on March 2nd.

## SYMPATHIES FOR:

**Marth Wilford\* and family** in the passing of her brother Bill Hill.

## PRAYERS FOR:

- **Nancy Kelly\*** as she continues through her cancer treatment.
- **Andy Keller**-Karen Plummer Keller's husband-health issues.
- **Wanda Crestani**-Myrna's sister as she continues to recover from breast cancer treatment.
- **Nancy Beltz**-Debbie Plummer's cousin as she enters breast cancer treatment.

***"As people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go... Footprints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration, joy and faith. Make a resolution to make a difference in someone's day."***

***No one is where they are by accident and chance plays no part in God's plan.***

**The following welcome cards and notes and continue to need our special prayers:**

- **Wanda Crestani**, (Myrna Tracey's sister), 4210 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. EAST, Bradenton, FL 34208
- **Mary Frank\***, 6281 Oakland Mills Road, Sykesville, MD 21784
- **Brenda Gretzinger\***, P.O. Box 135, Sykesville, MD 21784
- **Sue Hush\***, Brightview, 507 High Acre Dr., Rm #205, Westminster, MD 21157 - 410-848-1038
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- **Edna Lander**, 2021-1C Rudy Serra Drive, Eldersburg, MD 21784
- **MaryJo Ridgely**, Fairhaven, 7200 Third Avenue, Unit G-05, Sykesville, MD 21784
- **Sam Kendrick\***, Brightview, 507 High Acre Dr., Rm #304, Westminster, MD 21157 -410-848-1324

**\*indicates members**

## OAKLAND BAKERS

Thanks to **ALL** who bought our **SOUPS**. Glad to say **ALL SOLD OUT!!** Thanks also to everyone who attended or bought carryout lunches at our Valentine Lunch Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. **EASTER EGGS** are almost gone... some **COCONUT** are left. We hope to make **PEACH Dumplings** in **August** and **APPLE Dumplings** in **September** so stay tuned. We will let you know!!

Check with me to see if we still have any of your favorite **NUTS** available for snacking or baking. We thank you for your loyal support in all our fundraisers.

Gail Martin  
410-795-8252/  
410-795-3833

## VBS

So much fun ahead for the Summer! Looking forward to Vacation Bible School sharing the love of Jesus with the young ones in our community!

We are once again offering an evening VBS for our Oakland UMC Family and Community.

Please mark your calendars for July 27th - July 31st from 6:30—8:30 pm at the Church.

If you are interested in helping please see Jaclyn Wilson

Registration must be completed online at

[www.oaklandumc.org](http://www.oaklandumc.org)

## 2020 CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY BAZAAR

Plans for our **2020 - 37<sup>th</sup> Christmas in the Country Bazaar** will be **Friday, Nov. 6** from **9:00 am – 7:30 pm** and **Saturday, Nov. 7** from **9 am – 2 pm**.

If you have questions, you can call the phone numbers listed below:

Christmas Novelties Grace Schissler 410-795-3708; Lori Schissler 410-795-4521	Trim the Tree Connie Burgoon 410-795-5148 Marian Wolf 410-795-6757	Youth Sue Jaeger 410-236-6004
Gift Baskets Lois Mathis 410-795-3810 Debbie Anderson 410-549-5422	Country Store Gail Martin 410-795-8252 Cecelia Kelly - 443-277-6947	Hidden Treasures Terry Brown 410-795-1421 Patsy Bruce 410-795-9033
Pinecone Baskets Diane Harpine 410-795-3508	Silent Auction Items Sandy Ricks 410-861-8369 Grace Schissler 410-795-3708	Food/Kitchen Help Myrna Tracey 410-795-2029 or 443-280-5505 (cell)

Remember, this is not **my** Bazaar or **your** Bazaar, it is **OUR BAZAAR** so **WE all** need to share in getting it ready so **WE** make a good presentation. We are known for having one of the “**Best Bazaars in the area**”. So come check us out!!

**Co-Chairs: Diane Harpine, Myrna Tracey & Martha Wilford**

***“I am only one, but still I am one, I cannot do everything but I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do.” Chicken Soup for the Christian Soul***

## HERITAGE SUNDAY

In the year 2020, our Heritage Sunday celebration is uncertain, due to the "stay at home order" during the Corona virus pandemic.

Please take a moment to remember and thank our members who have been a part of the Oakland congregation for more than 50 years. Without these faithful, hardworking Christians, we would not be here today.

Mary Allen	Wayne Brauning	Myrna Tracey
Melvin Thorton Hush	Cecelia Kelly	Roger Tracey
Janet Kapraun	Robert Meadows	Barbara Watt
Mary Frank	Robyn Crum	Richard Franklin, Jr.
Lois Mathis	Joann Parker	Deborah Bogas
Nancy Kelly	Mary Leatherwood	Gail Martin
Sue Hush	Patsy Bruce	Brenda Gretzinger
Betty Markowski	Edward Hand	Kay Bruner
Diane Harpine	Mike Wilson	Joan Robosson

May God bless each and everyone.

Your Historian,  
Cecelia Kelly

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*Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to our Friends and Members in May, June, and July.*

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-Anita Kelly  
1- Mackenzie Wilson  
2-Linda Brown  
2-Olivia Harpine  
6-Mary Allen  
8-Ryan Crum  
9-Michaelle Fountain  
9-Brian Polk  
10-Ethan Plummer  
10-Jessica Ruch  
12-Tyler Keller  
12-Ashley Stansfield  
13-Jaclyn Wilson  
13-Benjamin Pfaff  
14- Todd Schlossnagle  
14 - Paul Schissler  
15-Julie Helmick  
15-Brooke Washington  
16-Danielle Yates  
17-Ed Hand  
17- Joan Helmick  
19-Jenifer Antonelli  
22-Lois Mathis  
23-Derek Merkle  
23-Fran Mickel  
23-Mary Patterson  
24-Kevin Leahy  
24-Bridget Leahy  
25-Kendra Lindenberg  
28-George Brown  
28-Bradley Constantine  
28-Mary Franklin  
29-Allison Bogas De Moss

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1- Nathalie Bopst  
2- Joel Schissler  
4- Mary Frank  
4- Jennifer Polk  
6- David Stansfield  
7- Justin Peterson

June birthdays cont....

8- Keily Frye  
8- Shelby Frye  
8-Gene Quinn  
9- Tabitha Gartland  
9- Chuck Lindenberg  
10- Jessica Ruch  
11- Todd Ebeling  
12- Denise Gallagher  
13- Christine Agoris  
13- John Hawk  
13- Christopher Patterson  
14- Kelly Wallace  
15- Lacy Edmondson  
16- Tom Harpine  
17- Barbara Wallace  
18- Kyle Thompson  
20- Annette Premetta  
21- Nicholas Schissler  
23- Jaklin Ruch  
25- Stan Martin  
25- Brian Pfaff  
25- Jeremy Watt  
26- Bryan Bogas  
26- Sharon Burrows  
26- Laurie Meadows  
26- Jerry Watt  
27- Russell Bruner  
27- Mallori Naill  
27- Leonard Wisner  
28- Caitlynn Harpine  
28- Darby Noble-Stevens  
28- Aubree Richard  
28- Beverly Rouse  
30- Leslie Plummer

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1- Kaitlin Bruner  
1- Marian Wolf  
1-Nick Thompson  
3- Carolyn Krantz  
2- Joshua Helmick

July birthdays cont....

4- Jessica Poole  
4- John Stevens, Jr.  
5- Deborah Bogas  
5- Wanda Crestani  
7- Amy Franklin  
8- Tim Constantine  
9- Karlie Yates  
11- David Burrows, Sr.  
11- Brenda Hamilton  
11- Ryleigh Richard  
11- Danielle Valenzia  
12- Charlotte Grubb  
12- Matthew Richard  
12- Zachary Wilson  
13- Todd Lindenburg  
14- Bob Bruce  
14- Sam Hand  
15- Scott Cummings  
18- Diane Harpine  
18- Elizabeth Merkle  
19- John Stansfield  
20- Ethel Bell  
22- Jordan Keim  
22- Gerald Stroup V  
23- Brian Dressler  
23- Grace Dressler  
23- Jennifer Schlossnagle  
24- Angel (Nicholson) Crispino  
24- Jason Ruch  
25- Keri Richard  
26- Glenn Jaeger  
26- Andrew Keller  
26- Jerry Watt  
27- Barbara Graham  
27- Jayden Stroup  
28- Nick Agoris  
28- Carrie Brown  
28- Everette Gavrishev  
30 - Melissa Gartland  
30- Robert Stolzenbach, Sr.  
31- John Crestani  
31- Shari Kick  
31- Robert Meadows  
31- Michael Wilson

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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1-Tom and Teresa Brown  
2-Carl and Valerie Miller  
11-Michael and Mary Wilson  
13-Tom and Stacey Harpine  
18-Douglas and Michaelle Fountain  
25-Nick and Angel Crispino  
26-Robyn and Larry Crum  
27-Dan and Barbara Graham  
28-Jackie and Shellie Harpine

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

1-Russell and Connie Franklin  
2-Brenda and Donald Hamilton  
7-Diana and Nick Agoris  
7-Jeff and Debbie Schissler  
8-Joseph and Lynn Luecking  
10-Michael and Debbie Finecey  
12-Chuck and Le Hand  
12-Brian and Jen Polk  
14-Dean and Joy Watt  
21-Jaclyn and Zachary Wilson  
23-Robert and Leslie Plummer  
27-Bob and Patsy Bruce  
27-Robert and Mary Meadows  
29-Bryan and Deborah Bogas

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2-Stan and Carole Martin  
2-Kate and C.J. Mielke  
6-Danielle & Phil Valenzia  
12-Leonard and Debbie Wisner  
14-Andy and Karen Keller  
24-Richard and Lori Plummer  
29-Todd and Jennifer Sonnenleiter  
31-Heidi & Chris Paetow

### WORDS FROM PROVERBS

My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, for they will prolong your life many years and bring you peace and prosperity.

Proverbs 3:1-2

### GRADUATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 14th during the 10:30am worship service Oakland honoring our young people who will be graduating from high school, college, graduate, professional or trade school. If you are among our graduates, please let Jaclyn Wilson know if you can be with us as well as any of your family members by Sunday, June 7th. We will have a special gift to honor your achievement. We congratulate you on this milestone in your life and look forward to hearing your plans for your future. We hope to see you on June 14th in worship!

## FAMILY MINISTRY

We are hoping to hold our next **Pot Luck Dinner** on Friday, June 19th at 6:30 pm at the Hall. The next **Movie Night** will be on Friday, July 17th at 7 pm. We will be showing "Interview with God".

We are hoping to still have our **Annual Family Picnic**. More information on this event will come out closer to the time.

Jaclyn Wilson

## VETERANS DINNER

Every year Veterans are traditionally honored **November 11<sup>th</sup>**. On behalf of **Oakland Church**, the **Oakland Bakers** hope to again host a **Veterans' Dinner** at the **Hall** on **Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** with Veterans and their guests attending the "**by invitation only**" event.

A very delicious meal will be served under the direction of **Chef Bonnie Harmon** with the **Oakland Bakers** assisting in the preparation of the meal and providing assorted desserts.

The Hall will be decorated with personal remembrances of service to our country. Patriotism fills the Hall. We are very proud of our men and women in service no matter where they served.

It's a great time to thank our Armed Forces, as well as veterans for their service to this great nation. Display your United States flag, attend a community celebration or reach out to a military family in need throughout the year.

**"You may never understand a veteran's sacrifice.**

**But you can always show gratitude for it."**

**Gail Martin 410-795-8252/410-795-3833** for additional information.

**GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!**

## OAKLAND CHURCH'S 15TH AUCTION

**IS STILL ON HOLD DEPENDING ON THE HEALTH SITUATION.** Thanks to all you contributed items or made specialty baked items to be auctioned at our **2019 AUCTION** and to our **AUCTION TEAM**. But most of all for all who support Oakland United Methodist Church.

**2020 AUCTION TEAM**

**Larissa Nicholson, Gail Martin, Diane Harpine**



## YOUTH GROUP

Wow what an amazingly crazy, stressful, unprecedented (we've heard that word a million times), unsettling, scary, thought provoking, humbling, patience testing time. Did I cover most of it? It's so hard to believe that we started the year with celebrating our faith at ROCK. Learning more about God and learning more about ourselves. Now maybe you are learning a lot more about your family as we all spend enormous amounts of time together...maybe good, maybe not so good! As we find ourselves really having our faith being put to the test stop and take time to pray, take time to be grateful and help others

Hang in there and remember the verse you learned at ROCK-

"I have told you these things, so in me you may have peace. But take heart! I have overcome the World"- John 16:33

Below is an excerpt taken from faithway.com by Trisha Goyer. It is written especially for teens but I think it is something that pertains to all of us. I hope you enjoy it. Until we are together again - Be Safe, Be Strong, Have Faith. - Sue

Here are five things teens need to remember and Scriptures for them to memorize to help with key issues they face today.

### 1. Remember you don't have to figure everything out yourself.

God is there for you. He's only a prayer away. He wants to help guide your decisions. When you pause to pray you are welcoming in His wisdom and strength.

*Memorize this:*

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. — James 1:5 NIV*

### 2. Protect your heart from unworthy people.

Keep it guarded as if you were guarding a \$10 million diamond... although your heart is even more priceless! There are so many people who want to get close to you for the wrong reasons. They want something from you (sex, unhealthy friendships, revenge on someone else, etc.) and are not really thinking about *you*. They want to get close for selfish motives. Guard your heart and keep it protected because your whole life will depend on it. Don't let people in who you don't trust that they have *your* best interests in mind.

*Memorize this:*

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. — Proverbs 4:23 NLT*

### 3. Let God fight your battles.

One of the hardest things to handle as a teen is gossip and rumors being spread about you. Of course your first defense will be to defend yourself. But instead of fighting back with words, the best thing you can do is turn to God and ask Him to fight for you. Jesus knows the truth, and He wants to defend you. When you feel like letting your words fly turn to Jesus instead.

*Memorize this:*

*God will fight the battle for you. And you? You keep your mouths shut! — Exodus 14:14 MSG*

### 4. Don't feel as if you have to carry those burdens alone.

Worried about a test? Concerned about a friend making bad choices? Did your dad lose his job? Has your mom been sick a lot lately? Those worries are a lot to carry. Sometimes it's hard to think, hard to sleep. But, you don't have to carry your worries alone. Ask Jesus to carry them for you. Take a minute and picture yourself placing them in His hands. Whenever those things come to mind again, remember Jesus is holding them for you, caring just as you care.

*Memorize this:*

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. — 1 Peter 1:7 NLT*

### 5. Trust Jesus to direct your path.

I remember when I was a teen being overwhelmed with decisions about the future. People were asking me what college I wanted to attend and what career I wanted to pursue, and I was just thinking about next week's Calculus test! Thankfully we don't have to figure out life all alone. We don't have to figure out our future career alone or our relationships alone. When you trust God and seek to do His will He will guide you. He'll bring people into your life to help you. He will give you peace about decisions you make. Jesus doesn't leave you alone to try to figure things out. Aren't you glad about that?!

*Memorize this:*

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.*

*Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. — Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT*

## How the Virus Stole Easter

By Kristi Bothur, With a nod to Dr. Seuss

T'was late in '19 when the virus began  
Bringing chaos and fear to all people, each land.  
People were sick, hospitals full,  
Doctors overwhelmed, no one in school.  
As winter gave way to the promise of spring,  
The virus raged on, touching peasant and king.  
People hid in their homes from the enemy unseen.  
They YouTubed and Zoomed, social-distanced, and cleaned.  
April approached and churches were closed.  
"There won't be an Easter," the world supposed.  
"There won't be church services, and egg hunts are out.  
No reason for new dresses when we can't go about."  
Holy Week started, as bleak as the rest.  
The world was focused on masks and on tests.  
"Easter can't happen this year," it proclaimed.  
"Online and at home, it just won't be the same."  
Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the days came and went.  
The virus pressed on; it just would not relent.  
The world woke Sunday, and nothing had changed.  
The virus still menaced, the people, estranged.  
"Pooh pooh to the saints," the world was grumbling.  
"They're finding out now that no Easter is coming.  
"They're just waking up! We know just what they'll do!  
Their mouths will hang open a minute or two,  
And then all the saints will all cry boo-hoo.  
"That noise," said the world, "will be something to hear."  
So it paused and the world put a hand to its ear.  
And it did hear a sound coming through all the skies.  
It started down low, then it started to rise.  
But the sound wasn't depressed.  
Why, this sound was triumphant!  
It couldn't be so!  
But it grew with abundance!  
The world stared around, popping its eyes.  
Then it shook! What it saw was a shocking surprise!  
Every saint in every nation, the tall and the small,

Was celebrating Jesus in spite of it all!  
It hadn't stopped Easter from coming! It came!  
Somehow or other, it came just the same!  
And the world with its life quite stuck in quarantine  
Stood puzzling and puzzling.  
"Just how can it be?"  
"It came without bonnets, it came without bunnies,  
It came without egg hunts, cantatas, or money."  
Then the world thought of something it hadn't before.  
"Maybe Easter," it thought, "doesn't come from a store.  
Maybe Easter, perhaps, means a little bit more."  
And what happened then?  
Well....the story's not done.  
What will YOU do?  
Will you share with that one  
Or two or more people needing hope in this night?  
Will you share the source of your life in this fight?  
The churches are empty - but so is the tomb,  
And Jesus is victor over death, doom, and gloom.  
So this year at Easter, let this be our prayer,  
As the virus still rages all around, everywhere.  
May the world see hope when it looks at God's people.  
May the world see the church is not a building or steeple.  
May the world find Faith in Jesus' death and resurrection,  
May the world find Joy in a time of dejection.  
May 2020 be known as the year of survival,  
But not only that -  
Let it start a revival.

Submitted by Pastor Bob





## BOOK CORNER

### Summary

What feels shaky in your world? Maybe you feel hurt by the past, disappointed by the present, or worried about the future. If so, there is hope. For every problem in life, God has given you a promise.

In the New York Times bestselling book, *Unshakable Hope*, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible's most significant promises, equipping you to overcome difficult circumstances by keeping your focus on the hope found in the promises of Scripture.

Whether it's heart disease or cancer, job failure or addiction, natural disasters or family disasters, mass murders or mental illness, there are so many reasons to be overwhelmed and hope can feel hard to come by. Now more than ever, we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God.

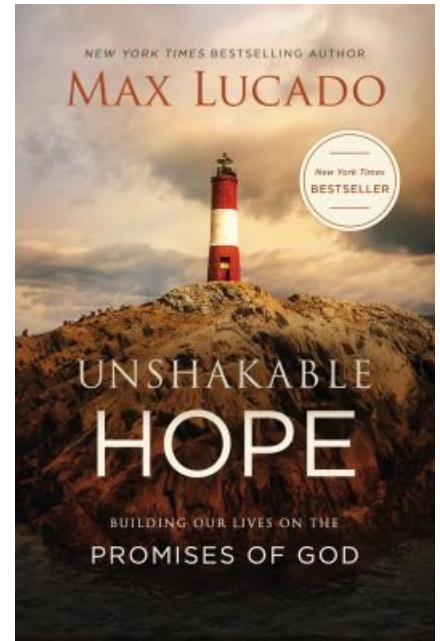
In this book, you will be reminded that God's promises are irrevocable because:

- God is unchanging
- God is faithful
- God is strong
- God cannot lie

What is your life built on--the circumstances of life or the promises of God? The answer to that question changes everything. Join Max as he takes a closer look at Scripture's unbreakable promises and shows you how to live with unshakable hope.

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This book can be purchased online on Cokesbury or Amazon or you can borrow a copy from your local library.



## THE TRAIN

(Shared on Facebook by Stan Martin)

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believed they will always travel by our side. As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant...i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. Others will step down over time and leave a permanent vacuum. Some, however, will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hello, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down.

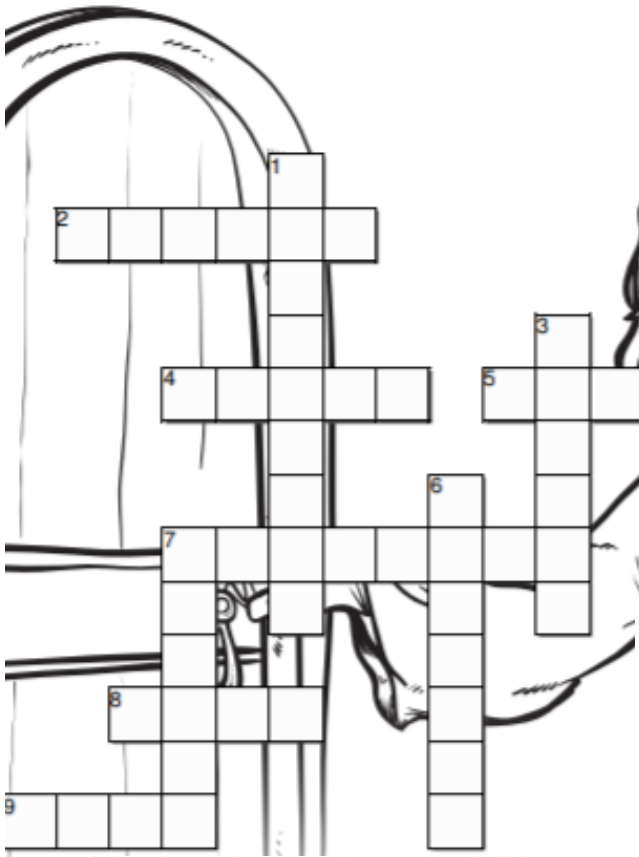
So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

Who has been the most important person with you on the train? No matter how big their role, remember to thank those who were with you on your journey.

Inspire MORE



# Children's Corner



## All Good Things

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:3-4

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



### Across

2. Because Jesus died on the cross, sin's curse is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Heaven is a real place where \_\_\_\_\_ lives and His presence is enjoyed.
5. God said from His throne, "Behold, I am making all things \_\_\_\_\_."
7. "For where your \_\_\_\_\_ is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21.
8. The streets in the New Jerusalem are made from pure \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In the midst of the new paradise stands the great Tree of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down

1. What is the capital city of heaven? The New \_\_\_\_\_.
3. John saw the New Jerusalem coming down from \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Jesus says, "Yes, I am coming \_\_\_\_\_."
7. A crystal clear river flows down through the city from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.



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### OAKLAND'S POT LUCK DINNER

Friday, June 21st  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

*Join us for an Evening of Food and Fellowship  
Bring a dish to share!*



### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT "AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD"

Friday, July 17th

Doors Open at 6:45 pm

Movie Starts at 7:00 pm

*Admission is FREE!! Bring a Friend! All Are Welcome!  
Popcorn and Drinks will be sold for \$1 each*



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July 27<sup>th</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

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**CORONAVIRUS NOTICE: DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, MEETINGS AND EVENTS MAY  
BE CANCELLED OR CHANGED TO AN ONLINE FORMAT.**

**May**

11<sup>th</sup> \* Finance Meeting 7pm online  
17<sup>th</sup> \* Last Day of Sunday School  
18<sup>th</sup> \* Church Council Meeting 7 pm online  
31<sup>st</sup> \* Pentecost Sunday

**June**

14<sup>th</sup> \* Graduation Sunday  
19<sup>th</sup> \* Pot Luck Dinner 6:30 pm at the Hall

**July**

6<sup>th</sup> \*Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm  
12<sup>th</sup> \*Worship Meeting after service  
12<sup>th</sup> \* Articles for August/September/October  
Newsletter Due to Jaclyn  
13<sup>th</sup> \* Finance Meeting 7 pm at the Church  
19<sup>th</sup> \* Movie Night 7 pm “Interview with God” at the  
Church  
20<sup>th</sup> \* Church Council Meeting 7 pm at the Church  
27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> \*Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Online services will be ready to view Sundays by 10 am until we can meet in person again.