

ANNOUNCEMENTS www.allgather.org/calendar

Come be a part of Oak Church's VBS program this summer! This year's theme, SonSpark Labs, takes kids on a science-themed journey to discover God's plan of salvation and restoration through Jesus. The dates are Thursday, Aug. 16 - Sunday Aug. 19. For a fuller schedule and to sign up, please contact Meg Hoffman: meg@oakdurham.org.

INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

GIVING www.allgather.org/giving

Giving is a vital part of our worship of God. If you would like to give this morning, you may do so by putting your offering in the black box on the back table. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of this church.

Other ways to give:

- (1) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (2) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (3) Online through Paypal.

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Psalm 125 | Ephesians 4:1-16

SOLID FAITH: 10 CORE BELIEFS



7: THE CHURCH

“The church exists primarily for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for his kingdom in the world. The church also exists for a third purpose, which serves the other two: to encourage one another, to build one another up in faith, to pray with and for one another, to learn from one another and teach one another, and to set one another examples to follow, challenges to take up, and urgent tasks to perform. This is all part of what is known loosely as fellowship.”

-NT Wright

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH

Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

GATHERING MUSIC: ONE LOVE

MARLEY

One love, one heart Let's get together to fight this holy Armageddon
Let's get together and feel alright (One love!)
One love, one heart So when the Man comes there will be no, no doom
Give thanks and praise to the Lord (One song!)
And I will feel alright Have pity on those, whose chances grow thinner
Let's get together and feel alright There ain't no hiding place
From the Father of creation.

Let them pass all their dirty remarks
(One love!)
There is one question I'd really love to ask
(One heart!)
Is there a place for the hopeless sinner?
Who has hurt all mankind
Just to save his own beliefs?

Written by Bob Marley

LET IT RISE

DAVIS

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us Let the joy of the King, rise among us
Let it rise Let it rise
Oh oh oh, let it rise Oh oh oh, let it rise
Oh oh oh, let it rise Oh oh oh, let it rise

Written by Holland Davis ©1997 Maranatha Praise, Inc

OH TO BE LOVED BY JESUS

COCKRELL

Oh to be loved by Jesus Oh to be loved by Jesus
Oh to be loved by him Oh to be loved by him
Oh to have joy and peace within Oh to have joy and peace within
Oh to be loved by him Oh to be loved by him

He knows the name of my sorrows
He knows the names of my fears
Why should I let them bother me
For I know he is near

And if no other will love me
In this life I roam
Oh there'd be no love I'd long for
I know I am his own

Oh to be loved by Jesus
Oh to be loved by him
Oh to have joy and peace within
Oh to be loved by him

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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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NOTES

WELCOME

PSALM 125

Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
 which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
 As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
 so the LORD surrounds his people
 both now and forevermore.
 The scepter of the wicked will not remain
 over the land allotted to the righteous,
 for then the righteous might use
 their hands to do evil.
 LORD, do good to those who are good,
 to those who are upright in heart.
 But those who turn to crooked ways
 the LORD will banish with the evildoers.
 Peace be on Israel.

COMMUNION

Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.

PRAYER

If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

HOFFMAN/SHOWALTER

What a fellowship, what a joy divine
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

○ how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 ○ how bright the path
 Grows from day to day
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning
 Safe and secure from all alarms
 Leaning, leaning
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread, what have I to fear
 Leaning on the everlasting arms
 I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

HOLD US TOGETHER

MAHER

It don't have a job, don't pay your bills
 Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
 Won't fix your life in five easy steps
 Ain't the law of the land or the government
 But it's all you need

It's waiting for you knocking at your door
 In the moment of truth
 When your heart hits the floor
 And you're on your knees

And love will hold us together
 Make us a shelter to weather the storm
 And I'll be my brother's keeper
 So the whole world would know
 That we're not alone

This is the first day of the rest of your life
 This is the first day of the rest of your life
 'Cause even in the dark you can still see the light
 It's gonna be alright, it's gonna be alright

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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

CHISOLM/RUNYAN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
 There is no shadow of turning with thee
 Thou changest not
 Thy compassions, they fail not
 As thou hast been thou forever will be

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is thy faithfulness
 Great is thy faithfulness
 Morning by morning new mercies I see
 All I have needed thy hand hath provided
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
 Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

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DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER

Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
 he took many captives
 and gave gifts to his people.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.