



Annual Report 2009-2010

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Oakland Church of the Nazarene
Annual Meeting
May 17, 2009

1. Minutes from 2008 Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.
2. Written Reports submitted by:
 - Dave King, Lead Pastor
 - James Leatherwood, Associate Pastor
 - Tom Darland, Youth Pastor
 - Chris Hampsher, Chairman of the Finance Committee
 - James Leatherwood, Evangelism Director
 - Glenda Burgh, Fellowship Director
 - Bill Myers, Sunday School Superintendent/ Discipleship Director
 - Sheryl Ford, Worship Director
 - George Mantor, Prayer Ministry Director
 - Kim Butler, Children's Ministry Director
 - Mike Flender, NYI president
 - Joyce Hampsher, NMI President
 - George Fluharty, Building & Grounds Director
 - Tim Siefer, Media Director
3. Pastor King honored Cliff McCarl with a Distinguished Service Award on his retirement from 35 years of Sunday School Teaching.
4. Pastor King shared his fifth annual report with the congregation. He spoke on the way Oakland is structured: Evangelism, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Worship. He presented the positive results and goals for the next 5 years.
5. Voting Area established – Ministry Center and Members working in classrooms.
6. Motions
 - a. To elect board Members, council members and delegates on the basis of plurality instead of majority vote.
 - b. To elect alternates to the Assembly and Conventions by taking the remaining nominees in order of most votes.
7. Annual elections took place. The results are as follows:

Church Board

Glenda Burgh
Kim Butler
George Fluharty
Sheryl Ford
Wayne Fritch
Mel Green
Chris Hampsher
George Mantor
Dave Siefer
Tim Siefer
Chris Taylor

NMI Council

Jackie Hodgins, President
Keri Cook
Deb Franks
Shari Fritch
Tammi Grimm
Lynda King
Tracy King
LeAnna Olson
Sue Reece
Cyndi Wright

NYI Council

Mike Flender, President
Cara Butler
Abbie Darland
Lucas Fritch
Conner Green
Christina Ling
Heather Marner

District Assembly Delegates

Kim Butler	Wayne Fritch
Eileen Fluharty	George Mantor
George Fluharty	Bill Myers

District Assembly Delegates (alternates)

Grant Carpenter	Marilyn Mantor
Trudy Carpenter	Carol Myers

Sunday School Superintendent (discipleship) Keith Burgh

District SS Convention Delegates

Glenda Burgh	Kim Butler
Mike Flender	Kirk Ford
Erik Franks	Wayne Fritch
George Mantor	Amy Marner
Bill Myers	Carol Myers
Amanda Neuenschwander	

District NMI Convention

Keri Cook	Eileen Fluharty
George Fluharty	Deb Franks
Lynda King	LeAnna Olson
Cyndi Wright	

District NYI Convention Delegates

Cara Butler	Abbie Darland
Lucas Fritch	Conner Green
Jake Leatherwood	Christina Ling
Jonathan Ling	Heather Marner

District NYI Convention Delegates (alternates)

Natalia Aruajo	Rochelle Castorf	Nichole Marner
Emily Cox	Heather Dvorak	Samantha Reu
Robin Gifford	Joe Gosnell	Allison Podgorski
Grace King	Brianna Kirby	Ashley Steenblock
Tanner Leatherwood	Liam Lafferty	Nick Vannatta

8. Church of the Nazarene Constitution and the Covenant of Christian Conduct 2009-2013 were made available for interested members and attendees.

9. Election Board and Council members were installed in the evening service.

10. Annual Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Visser, Church Board Secretary

OAKLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
LEAD PASTOR DAVE KING
ANNUAL REPORT 2009-2010

To the members and friends of Oakland Church of the Nazarene, I am humbled and honored to bring my sixth annual Pastor's Report.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3 NIV). The Apostle Paul speaks of unseen blessings. No matter how difficult life may be, through Christ Jesus we can be forgiven and cleansed, experience peace and joy, and anticipate an unspeakable eternal reward. For these I am thankful. I am also thankful for many of the other "good gifts" that have come from the hands of our good God. He has given me a faithful, loving wife for the past 21 years, two awesome daughters, good health, a house of my own, and a wonderful place to fulfill my calling.

The 2009-2010 fiscal year began on a sad note: In July we said "good-bye" to Pastor James Leatherwood, our faithful Associate Pastor. God provided a new job for his wife, Susan, and a new ministry position for James at Harvest Community Church of the Nazarene in Columbus, Georgia. Pastor James served with excellence for over 5 years and left big shoes to fill. We also had to release a number of core families to relocations throughout the country, and beloved saints to their heavenly homes. But by the grace of God, Oakland Church of the Nazarene marched onward.

After another good year of growth, Oakland is now the largest Nazarene Church in the State of Iowa and one of the fastest growing Nazarene churches in the country. During the past twelve months we have added 44 family units to our congregation. Our Sunday morning worship attendance grew 11% for a weekly average of 387 and our Discipleship Class average climbed 7% to 294. Most importantly, there were at least 49 children, teens and adults who committed or re-committed their lives to Jesus this year. Praise the Lord! Another exciting development is occurring in our teen department. Under the leadership of Pastor Tom Darland, our teen group has doubled in the past two years. We packed up to 81 teens and workers in the teen room on Wednesday nights. Pastor Tom is growing the group not only numerically, but spiritually as well.

Here are some of the noteworthy events that transpired during this fiscal year:

- 40 teens and workers attended Fun in the Sun summer camp
- 5th Sunday Concerts with Larry Campbell & Friends and Gregory Paul Smith
- Fall Revival with Reverend Tim Hancock
- 1st Annual Fall Festival with over 600 in attendance
- An epic, combined worship service we called "Mega Magnification Sunday"
- Over 300 attended our annual Hanging of the Greens service
- Our Children and Puppeteers helped us "Countdown to Christmas"
- 369 children participated in Upward Basketball and Cheerleading
- 1st Annual Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt with over 400 in attendance
- Two glorious Easter services with 532 in total attendance
- Oakland contributed generously to help the needy in our local church, community and world, built homes with Habitat for Humanity and served two meals at the Mission of Hope
- Faith Promise Missions Weekend with the Andersons from South Africa
- We hired John Radzimanowski as our Family Outreach Pastor to help us better evangelize and disciple children and their families (start date is May 30)

It is obvious to me and anyone who looks on that Oakland Church of the Nazarene is a strong, healthy, vibrant church. The people of our church continue to pay the price necessary for church growth and Kingdom (God's) expansion. I want to thank my small but competent staff, my hard-working Church Board, and you faithful volunteers who prayed, gave and served in some capacity this church year. I hold each of you in high regard. Way to go! But most of all, I thank our gracious God for continuing to bless and use our church. All glory belongs to Jesus for building His Church at 3000 42nd Street.

Having expressed unconditional thanksgiving and optimism, I do need to continue to challenge the people of our church. We cannot settle for good days if God is calling us to greatness. There remain hundreds if not thousands of people in our county who will spend eternity separated from God if we become complacent. God has positioned us to be a Kingdom force in Cedar Rapids. There are marriages that need to be reconciled and families that need to be transformed through the people and ministries of our church. Jesus is the hope of Cedar Rapids and the hope of the world.

So what does God have in store for Oakland in the new year? Our church leaders have been praying about and considering how to accommodate the next 100 families who will begin attending our church in the near future. Changes will be necessary, but I am confident that the people of Oakland will continue to put the needs of others ahead of themselves. We are also continuing to evaluate and improve our discipleship ministries. God's will is for all of us to become strong, mature, productive Christ-followers. That involves far more than spending an hour in a Sunday School classroom. We are revisiting the book of Acts and the disciple-making methods of the Early Church, confident that God will lead us and bless our efforts. One disciple-habit that needs to be improved is giving. While we will finish this fiscal year on budget, our congregational growth is far exceeding our giving growth. The question that each one of us is confronted with is simple: Is Jesus Lord of my money? I encourage everyone who calls Oakland their church home to make giving a priority so that we can continue to reach people for Jesus.

Years ago we made the decision to invest in children and teens. We are expecting the kind of success from our new Family Outreach Pastor in our children's department that we've seen from our Teen Pastor. Failure is not an option. If we don't thoroughly disciple young people by age 18, the odds are slim that they will live Christian lives. We have hired the appropriate staff, but we still need an army of volunteers to meet the needs of these age groups. I'm asking our Spirit-filled middle-aged and senior adults to stay engaged in the mission God has set before us. They may not be your children or grandchildren, but they are someone's. And Jesus is their only hope!

Please consider the following: 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = a healthy Christian. Every one of us should be involved on a regular basis in 1 worship service, 1 group Bible Study, 1 ministry within the church, 1 ministry outside the church to reach the lost and 1 mentorship group. We are at the early stages of developing the later program. But the point is this: get filled up through worship and Bible Study then get busy! We have all been uniquely shaped to serve in some capacity. Our church and our world need everyone to answer the call. Live is such a way that you will hear those wonderful words from our Lord on that Final Day: "Well done, good and faithful servant." And who knows, you might even enjoy the journey.

It is a privilege serving you and serving with you. I eagerly anticipate what God will do through us in the new fiscal year.

In Christ's Love and Service,

Pastor Dave

Oakland Church of the Nazarene
Youth Pastor Tom Darland
Annual Report 2009-2010

Pastor, Church Board, Members and Attendees of Oakland Church of the Nazarene I am honored to submit my second years Youth Pastor report.

I consider it an honor to serve as Youth Pastor of this great church and am humbled by the vote of confidence you have placed in me. I consider it a privilege to work with Pastor Dave King as he has continually shown me leadership that I am willing to follow. Our church board has been exceptional as they have been mission focused and more supportive of the youth program than anytime I can remember. I sincerely am thankful for all of you.

The opportunity was offered to me two summers ago to be involved with our youth on a part-time basis. Our mission has been clear as we seek to carry out our mission, "**Oakland youth exists to praise God, serve others, connect with other Christians, reach the lost, pray, and grow in our relationship with Christ.**" The following is a brief explanation of how we are achieving our mission.

1. **Reach the Lost:** Our Wednesday night program is designed to be teen friendly, fun and deal with real life issues that can be worked through because of our faith. Also teen camp which is called, "Fun in The Sun" is an ideal way of inviting their friends and having them exposed to the message in a strong evangelistic environment.
2. **Serving Others:** Our primary area of serving is our mission trips. This year for the senior high we did the "One Heart Many Hands" trip in Orlando during the General Assembly. For the Junior High we went to Kansas City and worked with NE Kansas City youth services and served in many areas. We also have served during many church functions, Celebrate Recovery and occasional service projects like roofing Dorothy Pollock's house.
3. **Praising God:** There is more than one way to praise God and we do several. Our main focus of worship is Wednesday night with music lead by the RPM band, Sunday morning in corporate worship, and at camp with the praise band. We also include worship in our other activities like the campout, retreat, Sunday School class, and by encouraging personal devotional times for every teen.
4. **Connect With Other Christians:** This is one area that I feel we are excelling in. Our attempt is to build a youth culture around the youth group. We not only connect our own teens with each other but we also connect the new teens and Iowa District teens by using Facebook, many activities, competition and recognition. This is a continual process of planning and administrating activities that in the end provide life long friendships and a sense of belonging they cannot get in the secular world.
5. **Pray:** We incorporate prayer in all our meeting, small groups, services and meals. It has become more difficult to gather the group together for prayer as the group has grown.
6. **Grow in our relationship with Christ:** Sunday School, Sunday night youth service, Wednesday nights, and small groups are the main area of our program to help the teens grow in their relationship with Christ. Also youth camp, retreat, campout and church services help our teens in building this relationship.
7. **Other:** We have spent many hours fund raising. We have sold candy, had a Mystery Dinner, Parents Night Out, sending out letter for the mission trip, sorted pop cans and other fund raisers.

Numerically growth is important to our group but I don't believe it is the main thing. If we have a spiritually healthy group it will grow naturally. When our kids are hungry they eat to be healthy and growth just happens. If we continue to focus on their spiritual lives and formation of disciples in our youth, growth will happen. We do have a healthy group. Our teens are very loving and accepting of others, sensitive to the spirit of God, and eager to serve. They are eager to invite their friends to youth group and not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I think this is part of what explains the growth we have had in our group. The other key feature that

has help our group grow is our great Youth Leaders. Without their leadership we would not have a youth group. The number one reason a teen will leave a youth group is because they don't feel connected to an adult. Thanks to those adults that have reached out to our youth we have reached many new teens. From my visitor cards we had around 70 first time visitors to our youth group this year. Although we don't retain them all we have retained some and their parents are now coming.

56.7 Unique head Count (Average number of teens that came each week at least one Sunday School, Wednesday Night or Sunday night program).

Some major accomplishments this year include:

Wednesday Night Youth Group-18 saved with approximately 55 in attendance, had 70 visitors. Some Wednesdays we had 60-70.

Leadership Training- Develop a plan for training and assimilating teen leaders.

Abuse Policy Training- Had all youth leaders go through the training.

Parent of teen meeting- Had 2 meetings.

SOS (Serve Our Schools) -In school ministry lead by the youth.

Facebook (CR Oakland Youth) - Forum for the teens to connect. 135 on the site.

Went to a Developing Leaders Training with LeaderTreks

Fall Retreat @ Camp Abe Lincoln- Had 44 teens and 17 adults in attendance.

Youth Band (RPM) and built the drum loft to make more room in youth room.

Made a weekly Flier for teens and Parents

Prepared a message and small group discussion for every Wednesday night for the year.

Recruited Brenna Miller to lead the RPM Band

Birthday cards to all teens in our Fellowship One system.

New seating in team room- now max seating is 72

Baptism Class offered

Membership Class - In process.

Teens lead service and worship, 4 times.

Family Activities- Used the "Fun Nights" as a time for the family and teens to connect.

Youth Pastor Lunch in- Cedar Rapids area youth pastor meetings. I attended most of these.

District NYI Missions Director -been planning the youth district mission trip.

Preached on one Sunday Morning and 3 Sunday nights.

Last year in my closing words I commented that the "Church" today is losing its connection with the youth of today. Not true for Oakland Church of the Nazarene. This church has caught the vision and realizes that our teens are the church of today.

This year's achievements could not have happened without the prayers of the church body and the dedication of the youth leaders. I am thankful for the Sunday school teachers, Wednesday night team leaders, back up support, special event leaders, performing arts leaders and those that just loved a teen. I want to thank those that have donated to make our youth events possible. Lastly I want to thank those that have prayed the pastor for his unwavering support and our church board for their amazing support.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

In Him,
Tom Darland, Youth Pastor

Discipleship Purpose
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To our pastors, members and friends of Oakland Church of the Nazarene:

This year, my first as the Director of Discipleship, we needed to determine the needs of our church concerning discipleship and then decide on how to meet those needs. Our first action was to define, through the scripture, a clear definition of a disciple. Here is the list of 10 items that we identified and compared ourselves to:

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| 1. Born again and receive the Holy Spirit | John 3:3-5 |
| 2. Worship regularly | Matthew 4:10 |
| 3. Be Baptized | Matthew 28:19 |
| Partake in Holy Communion | Luke 22:19-20 |
| 4. Witness | John 15:26 |
| 5. Love one another | John 15:17 |
| 6. Minister to one another | Matthew 16:24 |
| 7. Pray | Matthew 6:5-14 |
| 8. Give | Matthew 6:1-4 |
| 9. Study God's Word | 2 Timothy 2:15 |
| 10. Fully Committed-Sanctified | Ephesians 5:18 |

Once this guideline was communicated it allowed us to ask the full church to evaluate them selves against the basic standard that the scriptures provided. The results of the survey showed overwhelmingly that we had some specific areas in which we could help our congregation grow in our relationship to Christ. The top areas of discipleship are:

I am (not sure, fairly sure, mostly sure, positive) I would go to heaven immediately if I were to die today.	3.35
I am (not sure, fairly sure, mostly sure, positive) that all my sins have been forgiven.	3.57
I have given public testimony of my commitment to Christ through water baptism. (No, Yes)	3.54
I attend worship (rarely, sometimes, weekly, twice a week).	3.35

Survey was a 5-point scale (1 to 5). 5 represent the highest score. These scores reflect the input from 200 attenders.

The areas that we were we needed to most improve were these:

I (never, rarely, sometimes, weekly) witness to unsaved friends, family members, and co-workers in an effort to see them won to Christ.	2.64
Right now, I could do a (poor, fair, good, great) job of telling someone how a person can accept Christ as his/her savior.	2.61
I (never, rarely, sometimes, often) teach or train another person to become a mature Christian disciple.	2.22

Armed with this new information we established new opportunities to learn:

1. Walk Across the Room taught by Carol Myers was provided to help us learn to witness to people in our church, our job, our schools and our home.
2. *Discipleship Purpose-A Life Style* was created and 5, 4-person small groups are being started. The purpose here is to help people learn to mentor within a small group setting and make disciples as Christ did.
3. New Mentoring opportunities were created allowing us to mentor 8 children and 9 teens that accepted Christ, multiple one-on-one mentoring opportunities were created when new adults accepted Christ, and this allowed more people to learn how to teach and mentor new Christians.

Other needs have been identified and will be reviewed and met in the coming months. These new offerings coincided with the regular classes that we offered:

Adult Sunday School – Pioneers – George Fluharty; Faithbuilders – Tim Cox; Homebuilders – Chris Hampsher; Women of the Word-Jonna Kay Darland; Young Adults – Andrew Siefer; GRIP – Keith and Glenda Burgh;

Other Classes – Women’s Bibles studies – Glenda Burgh; Tuesday Morning Prime Timers – Irene McCarl and Don Wickenkamp; Chinese Ministry- Jonathan Lai; Happy Hill Climbers- Kaye Deburkarte; Truth Seekers (Formally PIT)- Isaac Hodgins- Men’s Fraternity – Wayne Fritch, College Class – Rachel Hampsher, Spouses for Christ – George and Marilyn Mantor, and Health and Fitness – Chris Taylor.

Fall Revival- a time of spiritual renewal lead by Tim Hancock.

Future Issues: We continue to look for ways to grow disciples. Our focus and efforts have been driven on providing opportunities for our church to grow in the areas where God is directing them. Our scripture focus is Colossians 1: 9-10:

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.”

To this end, we will need to overcome space issues, traditions, and developing strong leaders to encourage our church to “Go, and make disciples.” We will focus on not just ‘learning the Word’ but in also ‘Doing the Word’. This will be the challenge as we move forward.

Director of Discipleship

Keith Burgh

Children's Ministry

The end of this church year finds us in a period of transition. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to have served this church and its families as its children's ministry director for the past 5 years. I have learned and grown in so many ways. God has blessed me beyond measure. When I felt God calling me to this position 5 years ago, He reminded me of one of His promises. In Eph. 3:20 it says, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus..." I can testify that God is true to his word. He has done more with our children's department than I could have ever imagined! Praise God! We have grown to the point where the church board has felt the need to hire a full-time family pastor. It is with great expectation that we await John Radzimanowski's arrival.

Listed below are the various programs and highlights of the past year in Children's Ministry.

Nursery:

- Directors: Sara Childers and Lupe Steenblock directed the nurseries from May to February. In February, Jennifer Belyeu and Jamie Johnson agreed to be the new nursery/toddler directors.
- This year we added a second paid nursery attendant to work with the toddlers. While Jessica Colby continued to care for our infants, Megan Barnes began working with our toddlers. In May, after serving our church for 5 years, Jessica Colby will be moving away. We hired a replacement for her in April, and Cara Olson started training on April 29th.
- We purchased 10 additional pagers in the fall to accommodate all our families.
- Baby Day, May 2nd: We had 16 babies participate.

Preschool:

- Director: Tina Goetzinger
- Program: We had a great host of volunteers who helped out in Sunday School, Children's Church, and Wednesday evenings.
- Ministry opportunities: Our preschoolers participated in our services by singing or playing bells on various Family Sundays.

Kindergarten – 4th grade:

- Rotational Sunday School: Due to our continued growth in Sunday School, we added a 5th rotation in January. The kids were divided up into 5 groups. Kids now get to enjoy theater, computer lab, games, art, and cooking.
- This past summer the computer lab moved to a larger room and 2 additional computers were purchased. A special thanks to Wayne Fritch and Cory Vannatta for setting this up.
- ClubNaz (children's church) – Directors: Kirk Ford & Ted Kirby
- Family Sundays: On the last Sunday of the month the kids participated in worship with their parents. At times, they shared a song with the congregation. Outlines of the sermon were given to the children to help engage them during the service.
- Wednesday Nights: Besides the Bible lessons, kids in 2nd – 4th grades took turns going to the Hiawatha Care Center to minister to elderly residents.
- Christmas Musical: This year the children's choir and puppet ministry performed "Countdown to CMTV Christmas". They did a wonderful job presenting the gospel.

Preteen (5th/6th):

- Sunday School teacher: Brenda Hart, Helpers: Danielle Heck & Todd Butler
- Puppet Ministry Leader: Amy Marner, Helpers: Tracy King and Melissa Kaegbein
There were 15 regular participants each Wednesday night.

Ministry events: Monthly performances at the Hiawatha Care Center, Upward basketball, Sunday worship services, Christmas program

- ClubNaz Crew helpers: The kids were given opportunities to serve once a month in children’s church.

Children’s Bible Quizzing: Joshua, Judges, and Ruth

- Red Level Leaders: Kathy Visser & Kathy Hopp, Participants: 7 red level quizzers
- Blue Level Leaders: Sara Reed & Dayna Kriz, Participants: 9 blue level quizzers
- Highlight: On Feb. 7th, the kids quizzed against the adults in the “Quiz Bowl”. The kids studied hard and after answering the bonus questions correctly, the kids in both quiz levels beat their adult opponents! ☺
- On March 7th we hosted the Zone Quiz. 6 of our kids earned scores that qualified them for the District Quiz on March 20th.

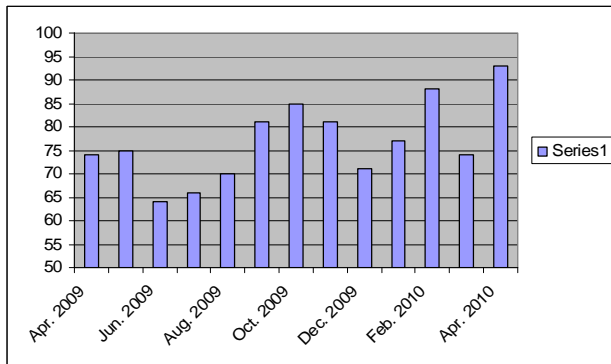
Children’s Camp 2008:

- Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center in Indianola, Iowa
- Sent 22 kids and 3 adult sponsors

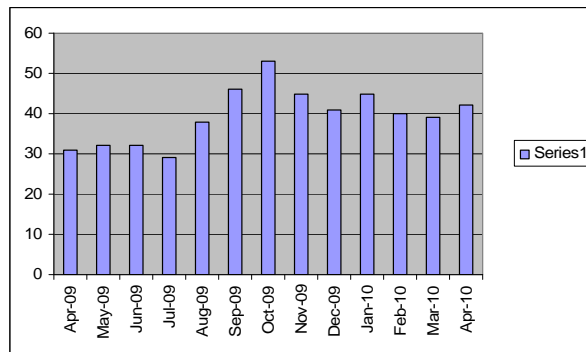
Discipleship: Under the directorship of Keith Burgh, we have implemented a discipleship mentoring program for all kids who accept Christ. We have already had 12 kids go through these lessons.

Fundraiser: “Freedom Festival” – We raised \$750.00.

Stats:



Children’s Sunday School Monthly Attendance



ClubNaz (K-4th) Monthly Attendance

I’m excited to see what God has in store for the children of Oakland. I’m anxious to see the new ideas that our family pastor will bring to the ministry. Please continue to pray for our children and our leaders. I would encourage all parents to get involved in some capacity with your children’s ministry. In order to have a healthy and thriving ministry, it is imperative that there is strong parental support.

May God bless this next year as we continue to reach the heart of kids for Christ. We commit this ministry to Him. “Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3

Kim Butler
Children’s Ministry Director

Children’s council: Tina Goetzinger, Karen Kirby, Tracy King, Amy Marner, Kirk Ford.
April 30, 2010

Pastor Dave, Church Board Members, and Oakland Family:

During the fiscal year ended May 31, 2010, the Finance Committee completed the following major endeavors:

1. Completed the audit for fiscal year end May 31, 2009. The audit revealed that strong internal controls are present and that there were no major discrepancies.
2. Reviewed the Treasurer's monthly financial reports and provided written monthly reports to the Board regarding Oakland's financial condition, variances from budget, and any areas of financial concern, along with suggested action.
3. Coordinated the preparation, detailed review, and presentation to the Board, of Oakland's 2010-2011 budget.
4. Made quarterly presentations to the congregation regarding Oakland's financial condition.
5. Working with our local bank to refinance Oakland's mortgage in order to lock-in at current favorable interest rates, which is expected to reduce our annual mortgage payment by approximately \$20,000.
6. Developing a member of the Finance Committee to take over leadership next year.

Sincerely,

Chris Hampsher
Chairman of the Finance Committee

Worship Ministry Report 2009-2010

Oakland continues to be a blessed church! God continues to send us talented, committed people to lead us in worship and serve in many behind the scenes capacities.

Last summer, we said goodbye to the Leatherwoods (and a couple of great drummers!) and the Shields (multi-talented worship leaders). These were some “big shoes” that needed filling, and fortunately, our God is great at filling “big shoes!” We didn’t miss a beat! Oakland’s all-volunteer worship teams continue to lead us with great music and tender hearts.

God has also blessed us with some talented (and very funny) actors/actresses and some great skit writing. Drama is a great means for helping us focus on what is important. Plus, it can be very entertaining!

Some of the highlights from this past year include –

- Larry Campbell and Friends concert
- Revival services with Tim Hancock
- Our very own Mega Worship Combined Service
- Christmas Eve services (despite the weather!)
- Concert by Gregory Paul Smith
- Easter Celebration

It is always good to look back over the year and remember what God has done for us! But it’s better to look ahead and anticipate what God is going to do for us, in us and through us!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Ford
Worship Director

FELLOWSHIP 2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT

To Pastors Dave, Tom and the Oakland Church family,

I have spent much time this year understanding what Fellowship should and does look like at Oakland. The dictionary defines it as a community of interest, activity or experience. Hebrews 10:25 tell us "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another". I pray that in our Fellowship activities that we are gathering together to share our faith and to strengthen one another in the Lord. These activities allow us to invite unsaved friends and family to events, to work together in the church to assimilate new attenders and believers, and to strengthen our relationships with one another. I am so thankful to the many volunteers who give of their love, time and assets to our Fellowship outreach. I pray that Christ' love motivate us to social and spiritual interaction, strengthening our relationship in Christ and with each other.

Fellowship activities and events included:

- First Sunday Brunches held on 6/7/09, 7/5/09, and 11/1/09. Fifth Sunday brunches held 1/31/10 and 5/30/10.
- Sunday AM coffee and cookie fellowship provided every week. Thanks to these workers.
- Volleyball leagues expanded to three evenings per week through June and July 2009.
- AM women's Bible studies offered 7/22/09-8/19/09, 9/30/09-11/4/10 and 3/10/10-4/28/10. Wednesday PM studies offered 9/23/09-12/2/09 and 1/27/10-4/28/10.
- Farewell reception for the Leatherwoods on 7/12/09.
- Volunteers supplied cookies to the Red Cross for a blood drive in July.
- All Church Picnic held on 8/16/09.
- Attended SS Convention in Des Moines on 8/22/09.
- Coordinated the Back to SS promo brunch on 8/30/09.
- Scrapbooking evenings held 6/15/01 and 9/1/09, coordinated by Jen Taylor.
- Funeral dinners: Osborn family 6/1/09, Green family, 12/15/09, Morehead family 1/4/10, McGinty family 3/20/10 and Freed family 4/10/10.
- Meet & Eats for new families held on 6/7/09, 9/20/09, and 2/21/10.
- Women's conference held on 10/24/09, planned by the Women's Ministry group.
- Worked with Evangelism and Children's in planning the Fall Family Festival. Over 600 people attended.
- Worked with Joyce Hampsher on the Hanging of the Greens service 11/29/09. Great program, over 300 in attendance.
- Hosted reception following the Christmas cantata 12/23/09.
- Baptismal reception held on 3/14/10.
- Worked with Evangelism on the Easter breakfast and egg hunt on 4/3/10. Proceeds from the breakfast given to the teen mission trip.
- Ladies Bunco evening held on 4/29/10.
- Mother-Daughter banquet hosted by Women's Ministry on 5/15/10.
- Father's Day gifts (2009) and Mother's Day gifts (2010) supplied.

In His Grip,
Glenda R Burgh

Oakland Church of the Nazarene
Evangelism Ministries Annual Report
Submitted May 2010

What a great year to be a worker for the Kingdom!

We at Oakland have had, and continue to have, opportunities for God to work miracles through us!

- Upward Basketball has gone from its first year of just over 100 children to having over 350 this past season. This ministry could not have happened without many volunteers! Special thanks to Doug and Tina Goetzinger for all the administrative work that had to take place that made this year a great experience for so many. Our challenge now is the follow up on the commitments that were made.
- Evangelism/Fellowship co-hosted the 1st annual Fabulous-Family-Fall-Fun-Festival. Estimated over 600 attended.
- Evangelism/Fellowship co-hosted the 1st annual Easter Breakfast with over 400 attending.
- Funded our Christmas Eve services and Easter Services. Many visitors came to both of these events.
- Funded advertising to the community.
- Funding for visitor gift cards.

The fruits of our labor are that 259 prospective families visited Oakland this year. 49 children, teens and adults made commitments or re-commitments to Christ this past year!

We are doing our best ever to plant new seeds, with Gods help, some water and son-shine, they will grow!!!!

I want to thank all who put forth a helping hand in all these potential miracles. Without many much will not happen.

Remember the words to a song "LITTLE IS MUCH.....WHEN GOD IS IN IT!"

Respectfully submitted
Evangelism committee chairman
Mel Green

Nazarene Missions International (NMI) Annual Report 2009-2010

Dear Oakland Church of the Nazarene,

This year has been a wonderful year of growth and learning for me as a first-time president of Oakland's Mission Council. I have greatly enjoyed serving the church in this position and am grateful that God has used this opportunity to open my eyes to His amazing work around the world!

The NMI council this year consisted of Keri Cook, Deb Franks, Tammi Grimm, Lynda King, Tracy King, Leanna Olson, and Cyndi Wright. I am so thankful to all of these women for their ideas, help, and participation in our many mission projects this year. Thank you so very much!

This year the Missions Council began coordinating quarterly compassionate ministry opportunities in the local community. So far Oakland has helped with a Habitat for Humanity build, participated in food and clothing drives for Mission of Hope, and helped provide and serve over 200 meals at Mission of Hope. Thank you to all who have participated and helped Oakland show compassion to our neighbors in need.

In October, we were blessed to have German Picavea, a missionary serving in the Mexico/Central America region speak to our Tuesday morning senior adult small group at Oakland. It is always a pleasure to hear from our Nazarene missionaries serving around the world.

I am pleased to report that all of Oakland's NMI financial responsibilities should be paid in full at the end of this fiscal year, including over \$44,000 in World Evangelism Fund obligations. Thank you for your faithful giving and support of Nazarene Missions for another year. I'd also like to thank everyone who contributed to the special missions offerings we have taken this year. These would include the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries offering in December, the Haiti Earthquake Offering in January, and the Alabaster offering in February. Rest assured that God will bless your generosity and the Nazarene church will use it to advance the kingdom.

Finally, we recently completed our annual Faith Promise Weekend in April. It was wonderful to have Phil, Denise, Makenzie, and Morgyn Anderson join us from the mission field of South Africa. Our Faith Promise goal for the upcoming year is \$55,000 and to date we have received approximately \$40,000 in pledges. Thank you for stepping out in faith and asking how God can use you to help send the gospel to all areas around the globe. Please be in prayer that we will successfully meet our goal.

As we look forward to a new church year, I am excited to share that Oakland currently has a team of 15 people committed to serving on an international Work & Witness trip to Costa Rica in March 2011. We are eager to see how the Lord can use us and covet your prayers for our group as we prepare to serve.

It is the hope of my heart that Oakland continues to value and support Nazarene Missions International with our prayers, gifts, and service. Please remember all of our missionaries serving around the world and faithfully hold them up in prayer. Please continue to help Oakland be a missional church with your faithful giving. And if you should feel called to serve, either locally or abroad, please feel free to contact me about how you, too, can get involved!

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Hodgins
NMI President

OAKLAND CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
PRAYER MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT

2009-2010

Reverend Dave King
and Staff

An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him.
And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat
was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

Luke 22:43-44

As Prayer Coordinator of Oakland Church of the Nazarene accomplished these:

- Quarterly Pastor Prayer Partners Breakfast
- Prayer Commissioner for Upward
- Upward Prayer Partners Kick off Breakfast
- Helped with Upward Basketball all season
- Wednesday Morning Prayer
- Friday evening Prayer (has been growing, is exciting to see some new people come to prayer, we have been seeing answered prayer to)
- Praying with STC monthly prayer meeting's
- Have done some Prayer walks with STC
- Helped wit Healing the Heartland Festival
- Done some volunteering for different functions
- Time spent visiting and praying with the sick of our family at Oakland
- Attended some training class
- Praying with more hurting people than ever & where ever
- Have been watching God work in our midst with answered prayer

My thoughts: This has been my third year as Prayer Coordinator of Oakland Church of the Nazarene, what a privilege and a great blessing to me to be picked to do this work. Have seen our Friday night payer group grow, 99 people accept Christ on Upward night, my family totally and wholly saved into the Kingdom of God, my own walk with God grow by leaps and bounds beyond my own imagination. To gain strength and energy as I go doing the things I do. To run this race with fire in the heart and urgency in the pace I set in my walk. Thank you for letting me be a part of this thing God is doing.

Am I earnestly seeking him enough?

Am I thirsting after him enough?

Am I longing him enough?

God's Blessing to all
Your Oakland Prayer Coordinator
George J Mantor

Building & Grounds Annual Report 2009-2010

Rev. David King, Members and Friends of Oakland

God has blessed Oakland with the facility He has given us. It has been a real joy in maintaining and developing it for ministry. I would like to thank the many who helped last year in all the work that was accomplished.

Activity Highlights:

1. Fixed water pipe leak in ceiling of lower foyer.
2. Made a cover for exhaust vent of kitchen exhaust hood.
3. Made shelves in Children's Resource Room.
4. Modified and moved 2 book cases from old music storage area in room off of sanctuary to Children's Resource Room.
5. Installed new furnace and air conditioner in sanctuary foyer,
6. Enlarged the perimeter of the playground
7. Repaired damaged playground equipment that was vandalized.
8. Repainted parking lot lines.
9. Constructed raised platform for drums in Teen room.
10. Installed a counter top in Teen room to create office space.
11. Moved computer lab to a larger room with additional table space for two more computers.
12. Added additional electrical outlets in new computer lab.
13. Completed body work and touchup painting on Dodge van. Front struts were also replaced.
14. Hired new part time custodian, David Davis.
15. Reroofed lower entry canopy.
16. Constructed an Information Center in lower link.
17. Mounted three televisions on walls in Nursery and Toddler rooms.

Respectfully submitted,

George Fluharty

Oakland Church of the Nazarene Media Ministry 2009-2010 Report

We have enhanced our media ministries at Oakland this past year and are praising the Lord as we continue to seek His direction for Oakland.

Some of the highlights are:

1. A Ministry Center platform backdrop curtain was purchased and installed to enhance platform sound and video qualities for both live audiences and video capture.
2. Video Capture (“tape”) ministry upgrades facilitating the ability to capture and provide DVD and CD copies of services/events have been provided.
3. Computer purchases/upgrades for ministerial staff and the Media Center have been purchased and deployed.
4. The Sanctuary media area has been upgraded with an additional wireless microphone to facilitate various services/classes and events using that facility.
5. Continued expansion of Ministry Center platform audio input wiring and interfaces for full capability of the sound system is underway and expected to be completed by July 2010.
6. A replacement theatrical lighting control providing needed control enhancements has been reviewed and is slated for purchase/deployment.

Projects slated for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

1. Continued expansion of Ministry Center wireless audio capability.
2. Continued expansion of Ministry Center theatrical lighting with upgraded controls.
3. Video Capture (“tape”) ministry upgrades facilitating the ability to provide Oakland website copies of services and events.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Siefer,
Media Director