

THE MESSENGER

WE ARE GROWING A GREAT FAMILY... GROUNDED IN FAITH, GUIDED BY GRACE, AND GOING IN LOVE

ANNUAL CELEBRATION: SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH



BUSINESS MEETING - A small portion of our Annual Celebration will include our Annual Business Meeting immediately following the morning service. At this meeting, we will be voting to affirm the 2017-2018 budget and affirming two new Elders and two new Deacons. Copies of the proposed budget and the leadership candidate profiles are available in the lobby. If you have questions regarding the budget or leadership candidates, the Elders will be available in the library for questions immediately following the morning service on June 4th.

CELEBRATION - Join your Oakwood Community Church family to celebrate God's faithfulness and be challenged by the great work that still lies ahead of us! This year's theme is: These Are The Good Old Days! Dress casual and be ready for a great evening of good fun and good food. This is going to be one party that you do NOT want to miss!

GAMES begin at 4pm (rain or shine) - Join in on the old time fun with games like the three-legged race, sack race, cake

walk, bubble gum blowing and games for children. It has been said, "The family that plays together...stays together". Come enjoy your church family in a way that we seldom get to... fun and games.

DINNER begins at 5:00pm (rain or shine). Join us under the tents for pulled pork, chips, coleslaw and the mac & cheese presented for the contest. Beverages will be provided. Dessert will be awesome!

CELEBRATION WORSHIP will begin at 6:00pm in the Worship Center. We will have an extended time of worship led by Cliff Washburn and the worship team from Ogden Church. We will be celebrating God's continual work and blessings at Oakwood and the lives He has changed. You will experience the year in review from each of our ministries and testimonies from individuals within the Oakwood family.

We are not charging for this event. Instead, we will be taking a "Thanksgiving Offering" at the worship service to cover the costs of the celebration and to potentially accomplish exciting projects that are not added into the new budget. Get excited, mark your calendar and R.S.V.P. (online or in the church lobby) with the number attending from your family. We anticipate seeing you on June 11th as we celebrate what God has done and is doing in our church!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Children's Ministry Forum**
Sunday, June 4th
- **S.O.S. House of Providence**
Saturday, June 10th
- **2017 Annual Celebration**
Sunday, June 11th
- **Discover Oakwood Lunch**
Saturday, June 25th



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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Hopefully most of you are already aware that we approached the budget a little differently this past year, increasing it significantly from \$445,000 to \$540,000. Most of the increases were due to needing an estimated \$50,000 for the worship center HVAC replacement, as well as adding \$15,600 for potential new staff. We had a great year of giving the prior year, and with projected growth we were hopeful that general fund giving would cover the full 2016-2017 budget.

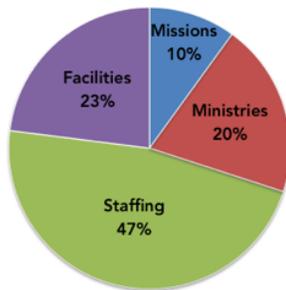
While that didn't happen, the good news is that we are still in good financial shape at Oakwood. Giving has been consistent and growing (see the sidebar) and we are not in a crisis situation. We just can't simply do everything we hoped we would be able to do this year. The Elders prayerfully reviewed our situation throughout the year and made some decisions to limit spending in nonessential areas, cutting the budget by \$53,000. With these cuts and recent giving increases, we are on track to finish the year in great shape!

The Elders and Oakwood's financial committee recently completed the proposed budget for 2017-2018. The total budget is set for \$498,000 (copies are available in the lobby and from the church office). We wholeheartedly believe giving can exceed this budget and we're excited to see what God does as we continue to give & serve for His glory!

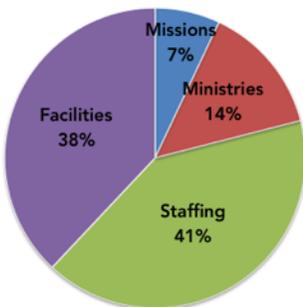
MOVING TOWARDS A HEALTHIER BUDGET

There are many different ways churches structure and evaluate their budgets. One common way is to look at the percentage of the budget allocated to four major categories. Research shows that effective churches tend to spend around 10% on Missions, 20% on Ministry, 20-25% on Facilities, and 45-50% on Staffing. These pie charts show we've been overstretched on the facility and underfunded in other areas. With the proposed 2017-2018 budget of \$498,000, we're moving in a healthier direction.

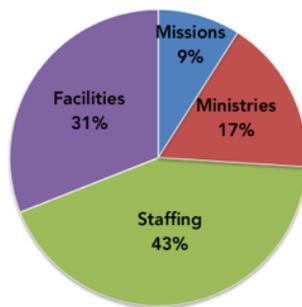
Healthy Church Budget



2016-2017 Budget



2017-2018 Budget

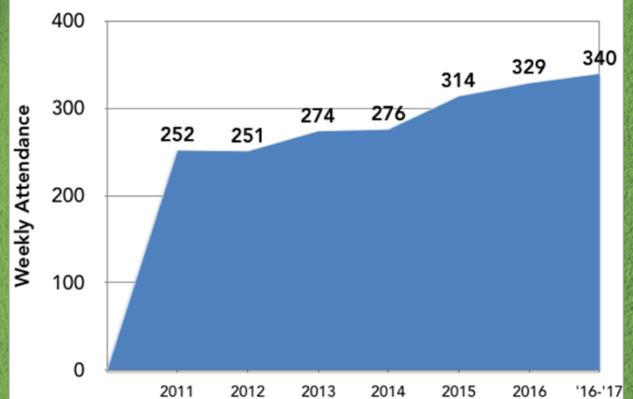


GROWING TRENDS

We are grateful to see steady, positive trends at Oakwood Community Church as God continues to grow our great family! As we wrap up the 2016-2017 fiscal year in June, we are on track to have our best year of general fund giving ever, coming in just under \$500,000. Attendance continues to grow and we're excited to see how God moves when we increase our capacity by going to two worship services this fall.

We have been blessed to see a HUGE shift in general fund giving over the past four months (see the bottom chart), as the weekly average has increased by \$2,000! Thank you for responding in faith and generosity!

Oakwood Attendance



Oakwood Annual General Fund Giving



2016-2017 Weekly General Fund Giving

