



EXPANDING PASTORAL CARE BY PASTOR JIM

Allan and Jeanette Kostboth are working with me to expand our pastoral care ministry on a volunteer basis. They have the gifting, heart, experience, and availability to help deepen the growing need for pastoral care in our community. We are so excited about this development!

As many of you know, Allan and Jeanette are founding members of Oak Hills. They have embodied faithfulness and godly leadership for 27 years. They bring perspective and grace to this new role, and we can't think of a better couple to spearhead the expansion of this ministry.

In the early fall, I asked Allan what was on his heart in the next season of his life. He shared with me that he and Jeanette were prayerfully considering how they might be able to serve together in caring for people, but they didn't know how it was going to take shape. I immediately asked him if they would like to help me expand our pastoral care ministry at Oak Hills. We started meeting and praying, sharing ideas and passions, and in December we finalized our vision.

Here is an overview of how we will be working together to care for the people of Oak Hills:

- #1** Pastoral Care still starts with the pastors – when you have a need for prayer, a visit, an emergency, etc. please call the office directly. If it is urgent please call Pastor Jim at home (his phone number is in the directory).
- #2** Pastoral Care follow-up for the congregation will be a combination of the pastors, the Kostboths, and potentially a Pastoral Care Team (see #6 below). Allan and/or Jeanette will minister at the hospitals, homes, nursing homes; they will administer communion, pray, send notes, and help keep an on-going pastoral care log.
- #3** Diaconate: Allan and Jeanette will be joining the team
- #4** Regular meetings with Pastor Jim – we will talk and email regularly to keep our information current.
- #5** Sunday 9AM prayer – Allan and Jeanette will continue to regularly attend our prayer meetings.
- #6** Involve others & build a team of caregivers – it is our vision to involve others in this ministry. We know that others also have a heart for this ministry and we would like to expand the team, as the Spirit leads, so that our congregation is cared for and strengthened.

I am sure you are excited with me in regard to this development. Please share your excitement with Allan and Jeanette. Praise God for His great work in our midst!



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BIBLE READING

We hope you have chosen a Bible reading plan for 2016. If you need one, we have three difference plans to choose from, starting at just 5-minutes per day. They are downloadable from the media tab on our website.

CHIAPAS, MEXICO



In late 2015, Oak Hills chose to become a *Compassion* church—meaning that we are intentionally getting involved with a Child Development Center (CDC) in Mexico to help kids in great need. *Compassion* works to release children from poverty by helping them become responsible Christian adults. Their holistic approach focuses on each sponsored child's spiritual, eco-

conomic, social and physical development.

As we partner with local churches to provide education, Bible classes, medical care, and health and hygiene, we also understand that recreation is a significant part of a child's personal growth.

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**STUDENT
MINISTRIES**



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YOUTH STAFF

- John Gross
- Jeff Ballard
- Ashley Maturan
- Courtney Ballard
- Joy Karges
- Rachel Dewey
- Kate Friesen
- Mark Schmidt
- Carrie Schmidt
- Tammy McDowell
- Branden Boyd
- Kara Koth
- Brian Gregg
- Julie Gregg
- Joel McDowell
- Colleen Thompson
- Laura Kunz
- Holly Kelly
- Steven Ballard

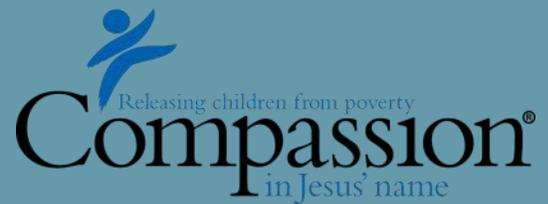


Oak Hills has a really incredible opportunity to serve outside of our community this summer. Our high school ministry has a four-year rotation of summer trips that students participate in, and this summer is the intergenerational trip. What this means is that if you *will* complete 8th grade this spring, or if you *have* completed 8th grade sometime in your life, then you are eligible to join this mission team. We will serve with an organization called Kaleo, in Minneapolis, MN July 17th-22nd. More info will be coming soon. Join us for an informational meeting **Sunday, February 21st at 9:30am** in the chapel.

CHIAPAS, MEXICO (Con't from page 1)

With our help, 307 *Compassion*-registered children will benefit from the construction of two playgrounds at two CDCs in the municipality of Tonalá State of Chiapas, Mexico. With these playgrounds, children will be able to improve their physical fitness, cognitive abilities, and social skills on a safe, secure, dedicated play facility.

Currently the communities where the CDCs are located do not have an entertainment space for children. As it is, most of the time the children are withdrawn and have a hard time interacting and communicating with other children.



With their own playground located at each center, children could enjoy being together, develop friendships, play, learn and improve their socio-emotional skills.

With our contribution from the Ministry Fund in 2015, *Compassion* is prepping to build two safe, secure and beneficial playground facilities that would help 307 children, ages 3 to 10, develop. We will emphasize this partnership on Sundays in February.

**ADULT
MINISTRIES**



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WINTER – SPRING

Full discipleship takes place within community. Relationships require us to understand and apply God’s word. Life Groups provide a healthy environment that encourages this growth.

Most of our Life Groups are ongoing, but there is an easy way to join in during January and February. See our brochure for more info.

Life Groups will conclude the spring term in mid April.

ADULT FORUMS JAN 4 – FEB 7



Hot Topic: Church Future with Brian Kolling @ **9:30am** in Room 200

While the Western church experiences some decline the Church in the global South and East is growing dynamically. Evangelicalism has long been held captive by its predominantly European American cultural identity and history. Yet, North American society is changing with the immigration of those from the global South and East. Perhaps God has given the Western church a foreign gift. Are we ready to learn from our brothers and sisters around the world? What can and should we learn from those who come from a much more dynamic church experience? The future of evangelicalism seems to hinge on our willingness to join what God is doing in the world outside of our own culture. *High school students are welcome to join this forum.*



Bible: The Blessed Alliance with Debbie Watley @ **11am** in the Fellowship Hall

In the beginning, God created men and women as Co-Image Bearers and gave them the mission to spread God’s kingdom and fight evil. God blessed this alliance between men and women and said it was very good. But sin brought patriarchy, matriarchy, and a battle for value and power. Instead of men and women fighting together against evil, we now fight each other--even within the Church. However, God’s original mission for us did not change, and He still works through His Blessed Alliance. We’ll study God’s original battle plan and look at multiple Biblical, historical and contemporary examples.

WHAT IS AN ADULT FORUM?

Adult Forums allow us to have deep conversations about specific issues. We have four main categories of Forums: 1) the study of a particular Bible text, 2) discipleship (core skill), 3) Hot Topic, and 4) Intergenerational. Every year, Oak Hills hosts some of the most profound conversations in each of these categories. We offer forum options concurrent with both worship services at 9:30am & 11am. This winter, we will flip the time offerings on February 14.

USHERING

Serving as an usher is much more important than handing out a few worship folders and collecting an offering. Ushering shapes the first impressions people will form about our church. Ushers must also be careful in dealing with people, attentive to and able to respond appropriately to a large variety of circumstances.

Ushering is not only meaningful for the church, it is fun to do. Even the family can be involve. Ushers can be men, women, and even children.

We are looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers. Please contact Pastor Paul to get more information about this vital ministry.

**OUTREACH
MINISTRIES**

IBA - LAURA B ANDERSON ELEMENTARY



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God has given us the opportunity to “adopt” Laura B Anderson Elementary. The relationship has been developing over the past five years. Now, we are intentionally deepening this relationship. We are seeking to care for the children, teachers, and staff through prayer, mentoring, volunteering, and meeting other school needs. Consider the following ways of engagement: Prayer, Volunteering, Mentoring and Events.

OAK HILLS PRAYER MEETING AT IBA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 4PM

Yes, that headline is correct! The principal and staff at LBA are opening their doors for us to come and pray. Let’s just take a moment and appreciate the significance of this opportunity!

As a church, we will meet at the school. After a time of prayer with the principal and some of the staff, we will return to OHBC for a Council led town hall meeting.

NEIGHBORHOOD

As a church, we continue to build our witness and presence within the local neighborhood. We believe that God has placed our church in this location with Kingdom purposes.

1200 households received a door hanger promoting the Fall Festival and making people aware of the Cherub’s Closet ministry.

Each month, 100 new residents in a portion of the 57108 area code receive a postcard welcoming them to the neighborhood.

Let’s continue to pray for our neighborhood!

DIRECTIONS



Heading north on I-229
Exit on Rice St & go west (right)
Travel less than a mile
Turn north (right) on N Wayland PL
LBA is a couple blocks up on the right
1600 N Wayland PL

GETTING INVOLVED

The staff at LBA have asked Oak Hills for volunteers to help out with students and various other tasks.

Specifically, they are looking for help during the following times:

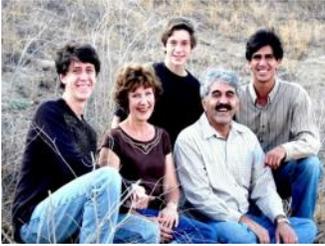
- ___ Monday 10:00-11:00
- ___ Wednesday 10:00-11:00
- ___ Friday 10:00-11:00

Other times might also be available.

If you are interested in volunteering at LBA please contact Robyn Ernster directly.

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DO YOU KNOW OUR GLOBAL PARTNERS?



Safi Bangherpour

Director of mission support to Farsi speaking peoples with Crossover International



Melody Bertsch

HR manager for CISP & Career Coach outside CISP at the Christian International School of Prague



Paul & Melissa Ewing

Field director for missionaries in Japan with the North American Baptist Conference



Brian & Julie Kolling

Members of the National Team for Cru Nations working in South Dakota among Native American students



Chris & Lisa Murfin

working with FamilyLife / Agape (a division of Cru), organizing marriage conferences & mentoring in the UK



Ron & Jeannie Seck

NAB Field coordinators in Hungary and regional developers for Community Health Evangelism

MISSION TEAM TO ENGLAND?

Chris & Lisa Murfin have asked Oak Hills to send a mission team to England! Details are currently being worked out and we anticipate a full announcement some time in February. Here are some preliminary details *that are subject to change*.

When: potentially mid-August for about 9 days

Who: adults and potentially minors accompanied by a parent

What: the team would provide support services to an EU Agape Staff Conference. Agape is the European division of FamilyLife (which is part of Cru). The support services could include childcare, food services, and other hosting responsibilities.

The OHBC Global Partners Team is excited by this opportunity to support the ministry of Chris & Lisa as well as the EU Agape staff. This could be a simple and very fun mission service.



Pictured (Top Left-clockwise): Gina Benz, Rachel Dewey, Shelly Haan, Toni Outland, Jill Palcovic

Kids Ministries has grown and changed over the years. This growth is not accidental and changes have become necessary to keep the program viable and vibrant. Much team collaboration but also much love goes into seeking the heart of God in and for our kids and the community as whole. I wanted to highlight those who serve so faithfully. Each brings unique gifts, all of which work together for a tremendous outcome. If you get a chance, please say thank you!

Gina Benz: Having served on the team for 10 years, Gina has covered about all the coordinating roles possible. Gina is an English teacher at Roosevelt High School. Gina and Josh were one of the first couples married in the current Oak Hills building and Emma (12) and Deacon (8) were both dedicated at the church.

Rachel Dewey: Rachel was the first Children's Ministry intern while in college and has continued to serve on the Kids Ministries team. She is in her 3rd year of teaching 3rd grade at Robert Frost Elementary and has worked as a Summer Coordinator at OHBC. Rachel is also part of the Student Ministries staff.

Jill Palcovic: In addition to serving as the Nursery Coordinator, Jill also leads a Life Group and is co-leader of the 9:00 Sunday morning prayer group. Jill is a Graphic Design Manager at Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. She balances work and church duties with life at home with husband Ryan, Bam (8) and Cruz (5).

Toni Outland: Toni, Derek, Max (14) and Emily (9) started serving almost immediately upon arriving at Oak Hills 6 years ago. Toni was recently hired as the Sunday Morning Coordinator, responsible for curriculum, volunteers and teaching on Sundays and Wednesday nights.

KIDS MINISTRIES



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Save-the-Date!

VBS 2016

July 10th-14th

Submerge yourself

Surprise Saturday



Mark your calendars for
saturday, March 26, 2016

- Interactive stations teach kids aspects of the Easter story
- Light Breakfast
- Easter Eggs

Kids Night Dates to Remember in 2016
2/7: Jersey Night
2/24: No Meeting
March Mission Madness
3/9: Socks & Ring Pops
3/23: No Meeting
4/6: Spazzy Hair Night
5/11: Awards Night

**OAK HILLS
MINISTRIES**

**WORSHIP
MINISTRY**



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One body ... many parts! All designed to uniquely glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Is God calling you to play a part in the music ministry at Oak Hills? If so, we could use your talents in any of the areas below!

- Soundboard
- Media/Computer
- Drums & Percussion
- Bass Guitar
- Acoustic Guitar
- Electric Guitar
- Keyboard
- Vocals

Contact Dave Aesoph at daesoph@oakhills.net or 605-351-5176.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

January 31st
5:00pm
Childcare Provided



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Mark Your Calendars...

- February 21st**—Women's Dinner
- March 6th**—Student Ministries Fundraiser for Ingenerational Missions Trip
- March 13th-19th**—Door Hanger Invitations Distributed for Resurrection Week Events
- March 21st-27th**—Resurrection Week

If you are planning on stopping by the church office, it is open during the week from 8:00am-12:00pm & 12:30pm-4:30pm. You're always welcome to call or email Leanne if you have any questions.

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