

SUNDAY September 6, 20269:30 AM

Welcome members, friends, and visitors! In this hour, may you find fellowship and experience the presence of the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are visiting with us for the first time, we invite you to sign the Guest Book and complete a welcome card. Please join us for coffee and fellowship following worship.

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST & COMMUNION SUNDAY WORSHIP

*Those who are able are invited to stand ***indicate times for ushers to seat worshipers
As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence your cell phones. Thank you.
Welcome to Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church for a time of worship. Greet each other in Christian love being mindful of those who need some time for quiet meditation.

The Chimes Call Us to Worship

Prelude*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*Arr. by Phillip Keveren
~~ During the prelude take time to *“Be still and know that God is Lord.”* ~~

GreetingsPastor Linda

Sharing Joys and Concerns

AnnouncementsJim Ellison and Earl Randall, Worship Leaders

Symbols of Remembrance

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 149)*

LEADER: Let us praise the Lord with a new song!
PEOPLE: **This is a day of new beginnings. We will be glad in it.**
LEADER: Let us praise God in the assembly of the faithful.
PEOPLE: **We praise God for a life enriched by love.**
LEADER: In this hour, God calls us to wake from sleep and feel God’s energy.
PEOPLE: **We sing with joy for God’s faithfulness to all generations!**

Gathering Hymn #595“They’ll Know We Are Christians”*

***Invocation and Lord’s Prayer:** As we come before the Lord in worship, let us come in faith, confident that God will hear, and the Holy Spirit will bless. Let us pray: **Loving God, we pause in gratitude for your vibrant presence with us. We rejoice at the assurance that you know us by name, and that your love for us is everlasting. Strengthen our resolve to live**

in loving harmony with each other, as Jesus called us to do. Guide us as we seek to live honorably and humbly in the spirit of Christ, who taught us to pray...
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Our Offerings, Gifts and Tithes
Offertory*“ I Give You My Heart”*by Reuben Morgan
Doxology #34“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”*
“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. Amen.”

*Offering Prayer

Prayer Hymn #395*“ The Bond of Love”*Verse 1
A Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Response #490*“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”*

Scripture LessonRomans 13:8-14

Communion Meditation*“Loving Our Neighbor”*

The Fellowship of the Lord’s Supper
Communion Hymn #704“We Meet as Friends at the Table”*Verses 1, 2 and 4
*Reading of the Church Covenant (front of hymnal)
Deacons’ Fellowship Offering
The Invitation and Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Sharing of the Bread and Cup *(Gluten Free bread is also offered.)*

* Closing Hymn #393*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*Verse 1

* Mizpah Benediction **“May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another. Amen.”**

Postlude

"The Gift of Love"

American Folk Tune

Enter to Worship

Depart to Serve

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*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of Jenna's 21st Birthday from Nana (Pam Pearson)!*

"...and you shall be called ministers..."

Ministers: all members of Oak Lawn Community Baptist Church

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Linda Hartley

Worship Leaders: Jim Ellison and Earl Randall

Organist: Margery Jones

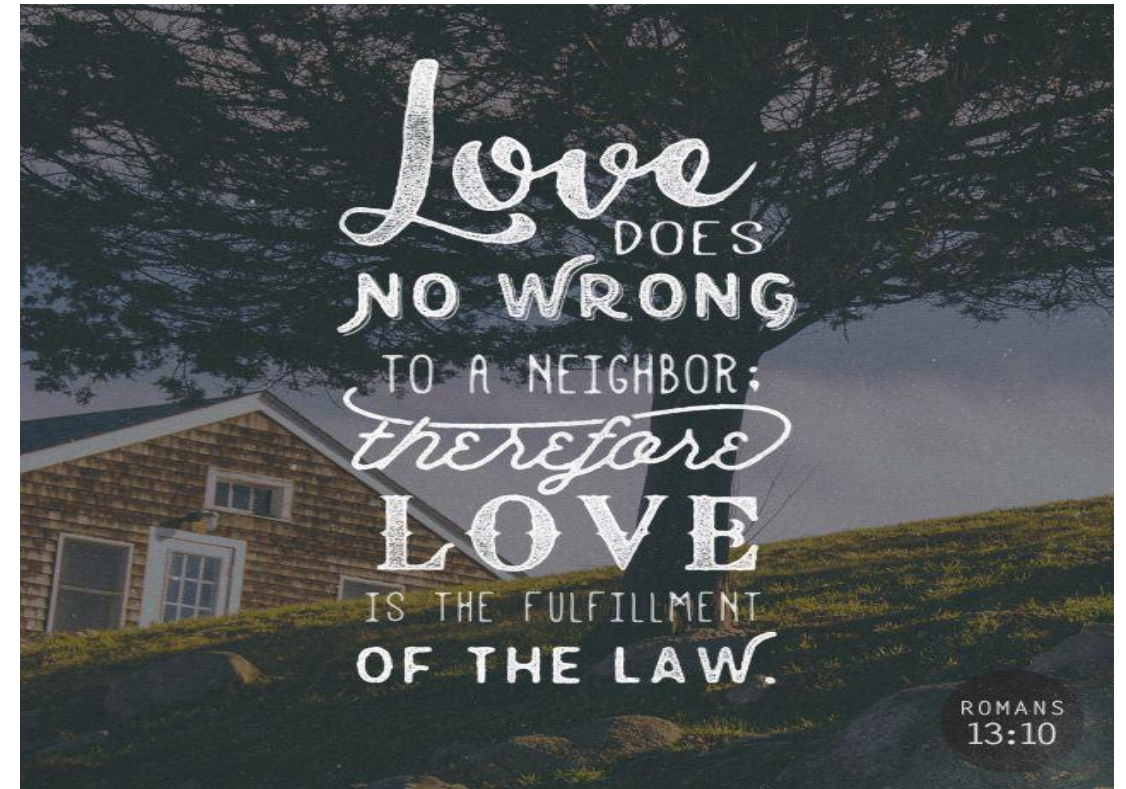
Choir Director: Margery Jones

Choir Accompanist: Marilyn Drummond

Oak Lawn Choral Bells Directors: Marilyn Drummond & Bob Kolb

Secretary: Beth Lamarre

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American Baptist Churches USA's website at: www.abc-usa.org

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OAK LAWN COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**

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*Prayers for all our Service Men & Women, and for peace
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Ongoing Projects

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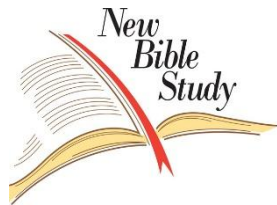
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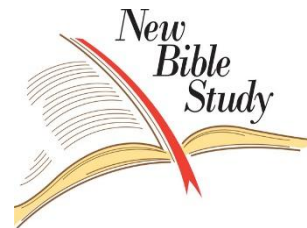
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