

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

September 8, 2024

Message: "Faithfulness, to God"

Passage: 1 Corinthians 7:10-16 | Speaker: Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

Family Fellowship & Feast - October 6

We will be having our fellowship and feast potluck immediately after the service. Please plan on joining us as we fellowship with one another. Bring a dish to share with everyone.

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study – 9-10 AM

We have started a new study in Colossians. Bring your Bible and your thoughts and we will study together right out of the Bible to hear what God has for us. If you have any questions contact Janet at (951) 970-2208 or janetwolter51@gmail.com.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 PM

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Room at OCC as we continue our study on The Gospel of John. Any questions, please contact Pastor Bill at (951) 970-2262 or pastorbillwolter@gmail.com.

Birth Choice Baby Supplies

Please remember to pick up some supplies for Birth Choice as you are out and about today. Thank you for being His hands and feet to those who have babies.

Please remember to pray for the ministries & missionaries that OCC supports on a monthly basis:

Birth Choice of Temecula | Colina de Luz: Jim Drake | Global Recordings Network

Mercy Projects: Pastor Jeff & Paula Thompson | MAF Missionaries: John & JoAnn Munsell

Calvary Chapel Bacolod: Pastor Joe & Billie Rosmarino | MAF Missionaries: Will & Julie White

Lori & Pastor Mike: Ministering in Southeast Asia

Important Information

PLEASE there is no food or drink, except water with a lid, allowed in the sanctuary. We thank you for your cooperation.

Our **FOOD PANTRY** is available for those who need it.

An **AUDIO LISTENING DEVICE** is available for those who need assistance in hearing the message. Inquire at the sound booth.

INTERNET ACCESS is available: go to "**occ**", the password is "**oakstone**".

The Heart of a Shepherd

So, God; why?

Isaiah 55:8–9 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. ⁹ 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.'"*

Ever sit and ask the question, so GOD why? The older I get the more I ask that question. I am sitting at my desk thinking of a young girl with Down Syndrome who has just been diagnosed with leukemia and placed in hospice care. I think of her mom who has faithfully loved her and God and served both and I ask, so, **GOD, why?**

I also think of the two preemie twins, Zoe & Michael who are at Mary Birch Hospital in San Diego. They were born at 26 weeks weighing in at an astonishing 1½ pounds. They now weigh 2½ pounds and are trying to overcome MRSA as well as Michael having pneumonia and Zoe having hydro-encephalitis. I think of their parents Michael Sr. and Irma and how God has used these two little ones to build their faith and trust in Him, yet I still ask, so, **GOD, why?**

I think of Dustin, once a budding gymnast, who many months ago at the young age of 21 had a heart attack and lays in a rehab hospital near UCSD trying to once again master bodily functions of life, and I ask, so, **GOD, why?**

In the same ward as Dustin is a young man I just met by the name of Raggy. Raggy is 18, no longer able to communicate or accomplish the basics of life. Raggy's mom told me that he was injured in the same car crash that claimed the life of his 9-year-old brother, her son and she weeps and I ask, so, **GOD, why?**

Well, I think that there are many different Biblical ways to answer the question, so, **GOD, why?**

For me, all that our Lord allows in my life is best summed up in the Scriptures below.

Proverbs 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;"*

Revelation 21:4–5 *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'"*

Our Lord has a plan for our life. We need to trust Him in all things, even if we at times do not understand His plan.

Pastor Bill

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Tithes & Offerings

As you are led, place these in the designated box in the back.