

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

September 15, 2024

Message: "Be content"

Passage: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 | 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

Old Things Are Made New

The other evening during the Tuesday night Bible study, we were going through the fourth chapter of **1st Corinthians**, and we talked about the importance of Christians spending quality time reading their bibles. Truly getting to know its contents as the only way to truly know God.

Later that evening and the next day, my thoughts ran to the times I felt closest to my Savior God. The times when I was the most excited about being His child and when I was most fruitful in His service. There has been one constant parallel, and that is when I am spending time with Him. When the word of God became so real that it had a physical presence on me.

I will confess to you that It hasn't always been that way. As real and profound as my walk with God has been so much of the time, there have also been times spent in the desert places. Of course, I know the reason. The times of dryness, the times of allowing the fruit to dry up on the vine, were the times I allowed other things to occupy too much of my life.

However, once I got back to spending time in the most wonderful book ever written, I realized that God had not gone away, I had. He truly is the same yesterday, today and forever. And he is faithful to restore you to the wonderful relationship you have with Him. He will bring you back from wherever you may have gone.

Ezekiel 36:24-26 "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His word give you joy unspeakable and cause you to leap for joy at the hearing of His voice.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael

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Tithes & Offerings

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