



# Welcome to OakStone Community Church

December 22, 2024

Message: " the GREATEST GIFT of ALL"

Passage: Luke 2:1-20 | Speaker: Pastor Bill Wolter

## Upcoming Events & News

### Family Fellowship & Feast - January 5

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

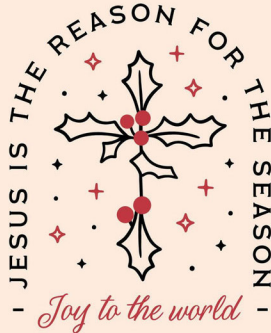
Due to **CHRIST**mas and New Years we will not be meeting until Monday, January 6, 2025. If you have any questions contact Janet Wolter at (951) 970-2208.

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Due to **CHRIST**mas and New Year, our Tuesday Evening Bible Study will not be meeting until January 7, 2025.

### 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

**Colossians 3:1-3** *"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things of the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."*

It is such a comfort to know that God never changes. **Hebrews 13:8** *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."*

We never have to worry about how God is going to be today. Will He be any different than yesterday? NEVER!

Along with that, we can be assured that because He doesn't change, His Word doesn't change either. What was good and righteous 2000 years ago, is still good and righteous. What was evil and sinful 2000 years ago, is still evil and sinful. We never have to guess if something in His Word has changed, we only need to go to His Word for the truth.

Today, we live in a society that is changing almost daily. A culture that is ever "evolving". What was bad and forbidden a few years ago, is now accepted and encouraged. Think back, if you are older than 50. We can remember when things like abortion, divorce, drug use, sexual orientation, random acts of violence, etc., were not even talked about much less accepted and common place. Yes, society is evolving, changing for the worse continually. What a wonder and encouragement for us to know God and His Word doesn't change.

We should all examine our lives continually to see if we are changing our morals and standards to go along with the world. Are our beliefs and practices in conformance to the standard of God's Word, or have we been deceived into accepting the world's standards, ever so slightly, and thus find ourselves, sometimes unknowingly, at odds with God's Word.

As we enter into this time of year, and we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let's not forget that the Child Who was born in Bethlehem almost 2,000 years ago, is the same One Who will rule the nations with a rod of iron, and Who will reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

The final outcome of this world is assured. Man doesn't conquer. Satan doesn't win. It is Christ Who is the Victor. What a great hope we have in Him, because all true members of the Body of Christ will rule and reign with Him forever. Are you a part of His body?

**John 1:12** *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."*

**1 John 2:28** *"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."*

### Pastor Gary Bergon

November 30, 1949 — January 1, 2015

In the eternal presence of his beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

## Tithes & Offerings

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