



# Welcome to OakStone Community Church

January 12, 2025

**Message:** "...whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

**Passage:** 1 Corinthians 10:23-33 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

## Upcoming Events & News

### Family Fellowship & Feast - February 2

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

Join us as we continue our 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.

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**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

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Do all things to the Glory of God

**1 Corinthians 10:23–24** *"All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify. <sup>24</sup> Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's well-being."*

Our liberty in Christ should be directed by our love and care for others. What might be perfectly fine for me to do in the midst of one group of folks, might stumble someone else whose presence that I am in. It is not that I should cease to exercise the liberty that I have in Christ so much as it is to take the opportunity, borne out of love for one another, to be selective as to when and how I practice the liberty that I have in Christ.

The word *"edify"* as used above means to teach someone something that increases their knowledge of the Lord or improves their godly character. I am not suggesting that we need to alter our conscience around those who are weaker or around those who hold different mindsets concerning our freedoms in Christ. What I am saying is what scripture is saying: don't change your convictions but do change your actions for the moment if that would prevent someone from stumbling.

Here are some thoughts that are helpful to me and guide me as to how I should minister and act around the family of God and the fallen of the world:

- Is what I am about to do helpful & God glorifying for those around me?
- Is what I am about to do instructive & God glorifying for those around me?
- Is there a real possibility that I could stumble those around me by my words and/or deeds even if I have the liberty in Christ to do them?

Yes, I have liberty in Christ to do all things, yet He has given me discernment as to when it is profitable or profitless for those around me.

Am I suggesting that we alter what we do or how we think if we see someone in sin? NO. What I am saying though is that by our decisions and actions others might be led to stumble & sin, liberty or not. To pray and to think and to act is far more profitable than it is to act, to think and to then seek God in a prayer of forgiveness.

**1 Corinthians 10:31–11:1** *"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. <sup>32</sup> Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, <sup>33</sup> just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved. <sup>11:1</sup> Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."*

Pastor Bill

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### Tithes & Offerings

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