

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

March 23, 2025

Message: "Unity and diversity in Christ."

Passage: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 | Speaker: Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

SAVE THE DATE: Family Fellowship & Feast - April 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 will be meeting at Janet's home. If you would like to attend or need more information please 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.

Ministry to Pray for This Week – Mercy Projects

Jeff Thompson is the founder and CEO of Mercy Projects (formerly Eastern European Outreach), a faith-based organization serving at-risk children in Ukraine, Armenia, Kosovo, and former Eastern Europe. Jeff and his wife Paula are from southern California where they lead the ministry from their Murrieta office.

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

Foundational Truths to Build Upon

Matthew 7:26-27 *"But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

Many years ago when I was in Indiana visiting my daughter & her family, I was smitten by all the vintage, quaint houses and businesses that contribute to the old school charm of Indiana. As with most items of age though, there is a ton of upkeep required on the inside of the buildings as well as on the outside of the buildings to keep them looking good & structurally strong.

As I visited many of the older business' I noticed that many were being remodeled. As I looked at what was being repaired or replaced, I found out that not all that glitters on the outside hold's gold on the inside. In trying to remodel an old home or store you soon discover electrical circuits that are outdated, paint that is tainted with dangerous chemicals, pipes that leak and walls that look like they have integrity but upon closer examination they are literally ready to crumble.

Believe it or not we, at times, bear a striking resemblance to some of the businesses or homes that I described above. We glitter & have a gleam on the outside, but we are rusting and decaying on the inside. We are at times building on a foundation with a material that catches the eye, but upon closer examination lacks depth, substance and ultimately the integrity that building upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ, has for us.

So how are we to know what foundation we are building upon? According to Scripture we will see the strength of what we have been building upon when we are set upon by the storms of life. It becomes evident to all who or what we have built our foundation upon when we are beset by trials, tribulations and we are sorely afflicted. Does the house stand or does the house fall? What does Scripture say?

Matthew 7:24-25 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock."*

What foundation are we building our life upon?

1 Corinthians 3:11 *"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ."*

Pastor Bill

Tithes & Offerings

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