



June 2014

Oakley Christian Church eMessenger

The Whytes Have Arrived!!

Join us in welcoming Jason, Heidi, Karsten, & Chloe Whyte
Jason's first Sunday preaching as Lead Pastor of OCC will be June 15th!



Be sure and visit with Jason, Heidi, Karsten, & Chloe personally, have them over for a meal, invite them to coffee, whatever you like, as we welcome the Whyte family to Oakley.

We asked Jason & Heidi to answer a few questions so we can start to get to know them.

First up is Jason - who also goes by Ja
Where were you born?

I was born in Wichita, KS

Where did you attend college and what did you earn your degree in?

I went to MCC and graduated in December of 1996 with a Bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministries and a minor in Youth Ministries. I then went to Landmark Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth Texas and graduated in 2005 with a Christian Counseling degree.

What are some things you like to do with your free time?

Spending time with my family, hunting, fishing, serving others, being outside, a great cup of coffee with great conversation. Watching how God and His word is applicable in life today. I am also learning how to roast my own coffee.

What are you looking forward to the most about ministering at OCC?

First, I'm looking forward to getting to know the people and their passions and their giftings and seeing how each of us fit into God's plan for the Kingdom.

Second, I am looking forward to seeing those Aha moments. Those moments where regular, mundane life gets turned up on end and life change occurs. It's where Jesus becomes real to the situation and the person sees Jesus in their life at that critical moment and that is when the light goes on, the "Aha" that's who Jesus is moment. Whether it be with those already serving God or those who didn't know of God before that Aha moment. That is the best part of ministry for me.

Questions for Ja continued

What do you think are some of the challenges facing churches in general today?

I believe the answer is twofold:

First, I believe the challenge deals with those outside of the church—those that either don't know Jesus or have been burnt by the church. I think making Jesus real, relevant and relational is crucial to those who are living and dying in a dark world. People need to know that Jesus is real—He's not fake He is alive and well and sitting at the right hand of the Father. People need to know that Jesus is relevant to their situation. God's word applies to their chaos. It applies to their needs and it applies to every situation that they are going through. People also need to know that Jesus is interested in a relationship. He is not some cosmic kill joy who wants to say "No" to everyone and everything. He desires a relationship with boundaries that are meant for freedom.

Second, I believe the challenge deals with those inside the church. Maybe they have been a Christian from practically birth or maybe they have been a Christian for several years but there is an apathy that exists. An apathy that says I'm tired and I've done my fair share for the Kingdom. An Apathy that says I hope my friends come to church someday. An apathy that allows someone to just go through the motions. This is the challenge of "being" the church. We can't just go to church we have to be the church. We are God with skin on and the church is the people not a building. If you want your friends to come you have to be the church to them. The church always needs to be moving and active until Jesus returns. He hasn't called us to stop being the church and until He does, it is our job as followers of Christ to be doers rather than just hearers.

A few questions for Heidi:

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Osborne, KS and moved to Aurora, CO (suburb of Denver) when I was about 3 yrs. old

Where did you attend /graduate college? What did you earn your degree in?

I attended and graduated from Manhattan Christian College in December of 1996 with a degree in Christian Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood

What are some things you like to do with your free time?

I love to garden—flowers, vegetables, etc. (I call it my therapy). I LOVE coffee (morning, noon or night—it doesn't matter), traveling and being outdoors with my family, I love Beth Moore Bible studies and Precepts studies

And tell us a bit about your kids!

Karsten is 13 and will be in the 8th grade (born on November 1, 2000). Karsten likes to hunt and fish and be outside doing all sorts of things. He is beginning to love 4-H and all that it entails. He is interested in showing all kinds of livestock. He loves any kind of animal and aspires to be a large animal vet someday.

Chloe is 7 and will be going into the 2nd grade (born on October 29, 2006). Chloe enjoys hanging out with her friends and family. She likes being outside and doing all sorts of things. She likes fishing, jumping on the trampoline, doing cartwheels, round offs and front hand springs and playing on the iPad.



JOSHUA 1:9

**HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?
BE STRONG AND
COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE
AFRAID; DO NOT BE
DISCOURAGED, FOR
THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE
WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.**

The Rock

June 29th - July 1st

The ROCK is a retreat designed to help our middle school youth go deeper in their faith (going into 6th—9th grades). They are challenged to take a stand, build their relationship as solid as a rock with Christ and to share their faith with their friends. The trip is to Colorado, where we do a fun activity in Denver, camp out in the mountains and do a service project with the salvation army.

THE ROCK THIS YEAR IS June 29—July 1. RELEASE FORM AND PAYMENT OF \$40 NEEDS TO BE INTO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY June 15. If you have any questions, call Jason 672.3188. Please go to our www.oakleychristianchurch.com for the release form!

FOR ALL KIDS GOING TO LAKEVIEW CHRISTIAN CAMP in JUNE - please meet at the church at 1:30 pm on the Sunday that your camp begins!



VBS at OCC was a big success! Around 80 kids learned to Stand Strong for God! Thanks so much all the adult/middle & high school helpers - about 35 in all - and thanks to Linda for all the hard work! We enjoyed hearing from our missionaries Pecos & Lynda Ichaustegui from Mexico! \$774 was raised for their mission work!



Oakley Christian Church will be delivering meals on wheels (over the noon hour) during the month of JUNE!! If you would like to be a driver, please contact Carla Pilkington at 785.672.4481. *Thanks so much!! There are only a few days open to deliver, on Saturdays and Sundays, and Friday, June 27th, please let Carla know if you can help!*



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Mission Moment



FAIRS EVANGELIZING HAITI

Bill and Marilyn Fair began their work in Haiti with the hope of creating a mission

compound complete with a Bible college. OCC has sent two mission groups over to help with construction. The youth team went in 2012 and an adult team in 2013. At present the Fair's have the land purchased, walls constructed around the perimeter, a septic system, water well, church building, and a supply building. They are starting to build the mission house and tool shed. Besides monthly offering support of \$185, we collect personal hygiene items for the mission.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10th 7:00 PM
Oakley Trap Club**

It's time to get outside! Come and join the fun with the OCC trap shooting team! If you are interested in being a part of the team, meet at the Trap Club (4 miles south and 1 mile east) on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00 PM! Everyone welcome - boys, girls, men, women! If you have any questions at all, contact Dwight Abell 785.824.3862. Trap shoot takes place the 2nd Tuesday of each month!



Join us on Sunday, June 8th for Fred's last Sunday preaching! We send a big thank you and a special hug to Fred & Marvia for their encouragement, love, preaching, and everything in between during our transition time here at Oakley Christian Church!

Potluck Dinner on the 8th following the worship service, plan to stay and help us say thank you to Fred & Marvia!

1:30 PM Board Meeting, June 8th



We rejoice with Danielle Allison! Danielle was baptized on June 1st. Her parents are Steve and Shawna Allison and they live at 724 East 7th in Oakley.



We extend our love and sympathy to Murray and Janet Bean. Murray's mom, Lois Bean, left this earth to meet Jesus on May 31st. Murray & Janet live at 2897 CR A in Oakley.

Congratulations to Gracie & Tristen Tyler on the birth of their daughter, Brielle Mae Tyler
 May 28, 11:01pm
 6lbs 10.5oz,
 19" long
 Grandparents are Keith & Donna Corbett and Kevin & Kerie Barnett.
 The Tyler's mailing address is PO Box 203 Oakley, KS, 67748.



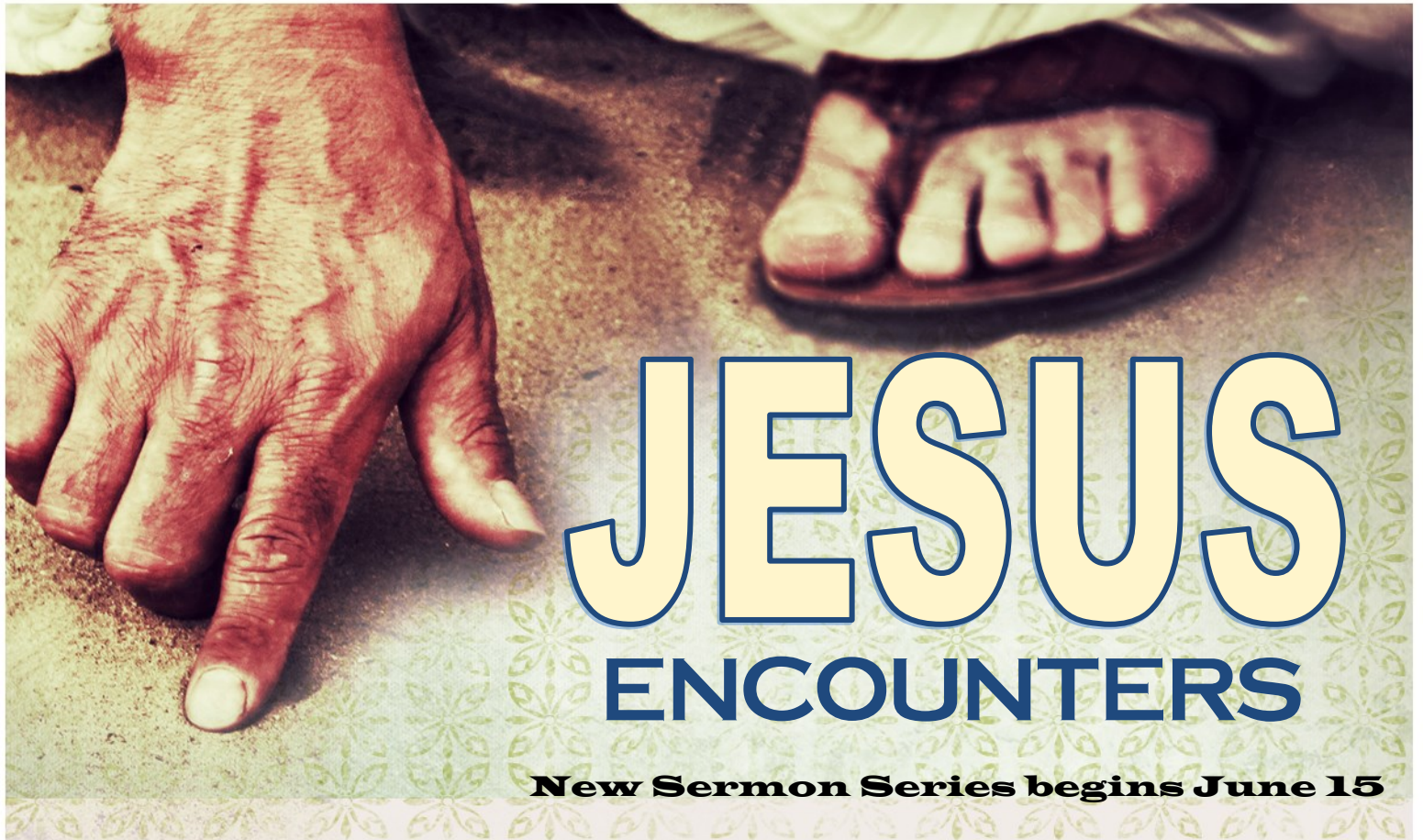
- ▶ There is a Missions Bulletin Board in the foyer of the church (behind the sanctuary) . You will find all the missions we support at OCC and their current information. Stop by and check it out!
- ▶ We have books at OCC that can be checked out. They are located upstairs by the offices in a large bookcase, lots of great series for summer reading for kid. You are welcome to stop by and check them out!

Women's Community Summer Bible Study
 Thursdays in June & July | 9:30 AM | Begins June 5th
 ALL WOMEN WELCOME



1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit.



New Sermon Series begins June 15

What would it be like if we had lived when Jesus did? What would it be like if Jesus was our next door neighbor? What would we want to see Him to do? What would we want Him to say? The goal for this summer is to encounter Jesus to see the great many things he did throughout the Gospels. Bring a friend a join us on June 15 as we dive into the "Jesus Encounters".

32 men & boys enjoyed the Bake, Blast, & Cast held on Saturday, May 31st! A lot of fishing and shooting went on...ran out of time to do the baking, but it seemed the guys didn't seem to mind!



June 2014 At-A-Glance
Oakley Christian Church

- June 1st - Pecos Inchaustegui
Leave for High School Camp | 1:30 PM
- June 5th - Women's Bible Study | 9:30 am
- June 8th - Fred Miller (Last Sunday Preaching)
Potluck Dinner
Church Board Meeting | 1:30 PM
Leave for Camp 789 | 1:30 PM
- June 10th OCC Trap Club Team | 7:00 PM
- June 12th Women's Bible Study | 9:30 AM
- June 15th Jason Whyte "Jesus Encounters"
Leave for 1st & 2nd gr camp | 1:30 PM
- June 17th Leave for 3rd gr camp | 1:30 PM
- June 19th Women's Bible Study | 9:30 AM
- June 22nd Jason Whyte "Jesus Encounters"
Leave for Camp 456 | 1:30 PM
- June 26th Women's Bible Study | 9:30 AM
- June 29th Jason Whyte "Jesus Encounters"
Rock Retreat leaves



SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH

A good father is
one of the most
unsung,
unpraised,
unnoticed,
and yet one of the
most valuable
assets in our society.
-Billy Graham-

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Bob Clark
15 Jera Schoenfeld
15 Eric Sperber
21 Rachel Gilliland
25 Kent Gladin
26 Zander VanEaton
28 Shelley Brock
28 Jacqueline Wood



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Fred & Marvia Miller
9 Jeff & Annette Kasselmann
9 James & Stephanie Wright
10 Ron & Pat Clark
11 Kurt & Julie Maurath
12 Brian & Dannie Hopwood
15 Keith & Linda Shoemaker
21 Lyle & Glennis Boyd
29 Scott & Vanessa Wellbrock
30 Nate & Diane Harter

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