

UNLEASHED



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF OAKLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH | JANUARY 2017

From the Whyte House

Here we are in the new year. Time to reflect, take stock and maybe do things different this year. That is the typical process of most everyone this time of year. But often times, as the year moves on, we have a tendency to go back to the old way of things. Why? Maybe it's because change is hard. Maybe it's because the old way is too comfortable. My personal belief is that the enemy, Satan, is playing hardball with us. He is tripping us up. He is causing us to second guess our path. Well I pose this question, "What would happen if the church, the followers of Christ, would unleash the power of God in our lives?" What would our new year look like? How might life be different? I believe Satan wouldn't stand a chance against that power. I believe our family and friends would see something different in us. I believe that our family and friends would be changed as a result.

Our theme for 2017 will be titled, "Unleashed." We will be looking at, in the weeks ahead, stories of people's lives that exhibit the unleashed power of God in them and how that same God, with that same power, is the same God who is in our lives today. How that same God who did the remarkable in the lives of those we will see and talk about can do the same things in our lives as well.

I am very excited about the new year and I hope that you can join us in 2017 as we embark on unleashing the power of God in our lives.

Excited about what He's doing,

Ja

THE CAVE

Each Wednesday at The Cave

Bible Club | 2:30 PM

D2BD (5th grade) | 3:30 PM (at the church)

Middle School Youth Group | 6:00 PM

High School Youth Group | 7:30 AM

WINTER RETREAT AT LAKEVIEW CHRISTIAN CAMP for ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS January 13—15, 2017

We are trying to network more with the surrounding towns and other Christian churches and their youth groups. We will be leaving the OCC parking lot at 6:00 pm on Friday and we will be back to Oakley on Sunday at 1:00 pm.

The cost is \$60. This includes all meals. Payment goes to Oakley Christian Church.

There will be worship/speaker/bonfire/mechanical bull from Scott City and many more activities throughout the weekend.

To register, go to our website www.oakleychristianchurch.com and click on the FIX picture on the homepage.

There is a basketball game in Stockton on Friday, January 13. Jason will be picking up students who would like to still attend the retreat from the game. Please let Jason know if you plan to attend the retreat after the basketball game so that arrangements can be made. Stockton is only 10 minutes from the camp.



Valentine Banquet

Sunday, February 12 | 6:00 PM

Held at The Cave | Child care provided at the church

COME ENJOY A WONDERFUL EVENING!!

This is the annual fund raiser for the High School Summer Mission Trip!

This year they are doing an Inner City Mission Trip.

All the high school students that will be going on the mission trip will be serving at this banquet. Free will donation.

MISSION



SPOTLIGHT

Each month at OCC, we will spotlight one of the 11 missions that we support. Information about all the missions/missionaries we support is also available on our website www.oakleychristianchurch.com under the MISSIONS tab. This month's spotlight is Gather the Outcasts.

Gather the Outcasts Ministry is the evangelism ministry of Jim Rowh of Norton, Kansas. The ministry began in 2001 with a focus on preaching in the prisons, and has since expanded to the present focus of preaching church revivals and crusades in five countries in Africa. The countries reached thus far include Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, and Democratic Republic of Congo. Another project of the ministry is the building of the Living Water Orphanage near Mumias, Kenya. The orphanage project began in 2015 and is in the construction phase as of now, and will eventually be the home for 30 orphan children. Contact information: Gather the Outcasts, Box 92, Norton, Ks. 67654, or on the web at www.gathertheoutcasts.com or Facebook at www.facebook.com/EvangelistJimRowh.



Oakley Christian Church Missions Prayer Calendar | 2017

Each calendar day pray for the mission/missionary listed on that day. At the end of the month add other missions to pray for. *Matthew 10:37-38 says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

1st	Missions World Wide	17th	Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission
2nd	Christian Colleges & Seminaries in the USA	18th	Pecos & Lynda Inchaustegui – Mexico
3rd	Dare To Be A Daniel at OCC (5th grade)	19th	Jim Rowh, Gather The Outcasts
4th	Manhattan Christian College	20th	KGCR Radio (Tri State Praise)
5th	Bill & Marilyn Fair - Haiti	21st	Justice For All - Wichita, KS
6th	OCC High School Youth Group	22nd	Operation Christmas Child (Shoebox project)
7th	Oakley Christian Church	23rd	Pioneer Bible Translators
8th	Razvan & Allyssa Savu—Romania	24th	Alpha Christian Children's Home - Perry, KS
9th	Pastor Ja Whyte & family	25th	Living Water Orphanage near Mumias, Kenya
10th	Wycliffe Bible Translators	26th	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) at OCC
11 th	Bible Club at OCC (Kindergarten - 4th grade)	27th	Heartland Christian School - Colby, KS
12th	Dan & Shawn Thompson Family – Vanuatu	28th	
13th	Pastor Jason Schmidt & family	29th	
14th	Lakeview Christian Camp	30th	
15th	OCC Middle School Youth Group	31st	
16th	Brent & Robin Kejr Family - East Asia		

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are starting back up again this winter/spring. It's a great way to meet people and get more connected with one another. If you have any questions about attending, contact a small group leader!

MONDAYS at 7:00 pm—held at the home of Mel & Camile Snow, contact Mel at 785.671.1290. This small group has begun, please feel free to attend beginning January 9.

WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 pm—held at the home of Curtis & Kara Larshus, contact Curtis at 785.672.2394. This small group will begin again starting January 18.

THURSDAYS at 6:30 pm—held at the home of Jason & Wendy Schmidt, contact Jason at 785.672.3587. This small group will begin again starting January 19.



**Tuesdays at 10:00 am beginning
January 10th.**

All women are invited to attend.

For the son of man came to seek
and save that which was lost.
Luke 19:10



Summer 2017 Camp Dates

June 4—10 | High School Camp (9th - 12th grades)

June 11—16 | Middle School Camp (7th & 8th grades)

June 18—23 | 6th grade camp

June 28—July 1 | 4th grade camp

July 5—8 | 3rd grade camp

July 9—14 | 5th grade camp

July 16—21 | Challenge Camp for grades 7, 8, 9



*Camps are for the grades students will be entering in the fall of 2017. For example: If your child will be a 6th grader next year (fall of 2017) - they would attend 6th grade camp.

For information on all camps, visit the camp website:

www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org



**Mothers of Preschoolers meets the 2nd & 4th
Thursdays of each month at Oakley Christian Church**

9:15 am to 11:00 am | Child Care Provided

January 12 & 26

February 9 & 23

March 9 & 23

April 13 & 27

Congratulations to JD & Kayla Meadows on the birth of their baby boy!

OLIVER COY MEADOWS

December 14 | 10 lbs 3 oz and 21 inches long

Big sister, Clara, welcomes him home, they live at 615 Longview in Oakley




WELCOME
TO THE WORLD
BEAUTIFUL
BABY BOY!

Congratulations to Derek & Melissa Lock on the birth of their baby boy!

CECIL CALE LOCK

December 21 | 8 lbs 7 oz and 20 inches long

Big sisters, Brecken & Paige welcome him home, they live at
512 West 8th in Oakley

Plans are being made for an **OCC Adult Mission Trip** to Africa with Jim Rowh - Gather The Outcasts. The trip will take place in July, 2017. Jim will be here Sunday, January 15 to share about his mission work during the Sunday School hour (9:30



am) and also during the Mission Moment time in our worship service. There will also be a potluck dinner on Sunday, January 15. Anyone interested in going on the OCC Adult Mission Trip to Africa with Jim Rowh, plan to be here on January 15th to learn more about the trip! If you have any questions, contact the church office, 785.672.3188 or office@oakleychristianchurch.com.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to the many, many volunteers that worked hours and hours on the foyer remodel project! It is completed and it looks great!



**BE ON GUARD.
STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH.
BE COURAGEOUS.
BE STRONG.
AND DO EVERYTHING WITH LOVE.**

1 CORINTHIANS 16:13-14



ELDERS
Leading. Shepherding. Teaching.

DEACONS
Leading through Serving.

Currently serving as elders, deacons/trustees, and deaconesses are:

ELDER: Tom Johnson, chair; Glen Good, vice-chair; Murray Bean, Michael Gee, Ja Whyte, Jason Schmidt

DEACON/TRUSTEE: Curtis Larshus, chair; Zach Gladin, Derek Lock, Nate Harter, Tristen Tyler, J.J. Steiger

DEACONESS: Kara Larshus, chair; Melissa Lock, Stephanie Wright, Diane Harter, Kerie Barnett, Janet Bean, Sharon Maurath, Linda Shoemaker, Julie Maurath, Camile Snow, Leoma Steiger, Dana Steiger

Please keep these people in your prayers during 2017 as they lead and serve at Oakley Christian Church.



January 2017

- Jan 10 | Women's Bible study begins at 10:00 am
- Jan 12 | MOPS at 9:15 am
- Jan 13-15 | High School retreat at Lakeview
- Jan 15 | Jim Rowh (Gather the Outcasts) will be here during the Sunday School hour
- Jan 15 | Potluck dinner (deaconesses hosting)
- Jan 17 | Elders meeting at 7:00 pm
- Jan 26 | MOPS at 9:15 am

OCC is in charge of the church services at The Manor during the month of January. We invite you to join us each Sunday at 4:00 pm for devotions and singing.

- Jan 1 | Jason Schmidt (devotion); Janet Bean (song leader)
- Jan 8 | Dwight Abell (devotion); Kara Larshus (song leader); Rhonda Abell (piano)
- Jan 15 | Steve Allison (devotion); Caroline Waugh (song leader)
- Jan 22 | Tom Johnson (devotion); Merabeth Riggs (song leader)
- Jan 29 | Michael Gee (devotion); Emily Corbett (song leader)

JANAURY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Sondra Kitch
- 6 Derek Lock
- 8 Rhianna Leitner
- 9 Glen Good
- 9 Kutler Barnett
- 16 Dwight Abell
- 21 Lindola Merriman
- 25 Keith Corbett
- 29 Tristen Tyler
- 31 Leigh Ann Maurath
- 31 Jason Schmidt



Sunday, January 15 following the worship service. Please bring a side dish or dessert and a main dish to share. Deaconesses are in charge of set up/clean up.

In 2017, potluck dinners will be held the 3rd Sunday every other month beginning in January.

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