



OAKLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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From The Whyte House

Pastor Perry Noble used to be the pastor of New Spring Church in South Carolina, and now is a church consultant. I read his blog while he was the pastor at New Spring and he always had a lot of good things to say about leadership and about our walk in general. I read one of his posts a few years back where he was talking about our obedience to God and I wanted to share this rather profound thought and then give some of my own thoughts on this idea. Perry Noble says, "God will not trust us with what is next if we are not obedient NOW!" He goes on to say, "Delayed disobedience is IMMEDIATE disobedience."

I thought these thoughts were right on when it comes to our walk with God. We have been spending the last several weeks talking about God stories and our obedience to Him and moving forward on our journey with Him and I wanted to share these thoughts to keep us encouraged as we run this race.

We get so caught up in just living that we forget who we are living for. So our obedience goes by the wayside and we wonder why God isn't moving us. We become so lethargic, complacent and comfortable in our old ways that we forget that God has something new in store for us every morning. I ran across a passage in Lamentations chapter 3 that reminded me of this very thing.

Lamentations 3:22-24 (NIV) ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."

This is where our obedience comes from. Not because we have to, but because God is so good to us and has something new for us every morning. We must learn to be obedient to the one who has given us everything. He wants us to move forward with obedience. God loves you so much and you can trust Him with those things that keep you in disobedience mode.

Living for Him,

Jason

March 2017

- March 15 | NO BIBLE CLUB, NO D2BD, NO YOUTH GROUPS (Oakley spring break)
- March 19 | Potluck Dinner following worship service
- March 21 @ 7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- March 22 @ 6:00 pm Mother/Son Laser Tag at The Cave
- March 9 & March 23 @ 9:15 am MOPS
- Tuesdays @ 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

VBS will be May 22 - 25 at OCC, in the evenings

We Love Vacation Bible School!



Come Join Us!



9:15 am at the church | child care provided

March 9 & 23

April 13 & 27

women's
bible study
growing deeper, together

Tuesdays at
10:00 am at the
church



*Hebrews 10:24
And let us consider
one another in order
to stir up love and
good works.*

BIBLE CLUB at The Cave
For kids in Kindergarten
through 4th grade meets
every Wednesday from 2:30
pm to 3:30 pm!

**THERE WILL BE NO
BIBLE CLUB March 15**
(Oakley springs break). The
last day of Bible Club will be
April 26.

DARE TO BE A DANIEL is for
5th grade and meets at the
church from 3:30 pm to 4:30
pm. D2BD follows the same
schedule as Bible Club.

THE CAVE

YOUTH GROUP at The Cave meets every
Wednesday

Middle School at 6:00 pm

High School at 7:30 pm

NO YOUTH GROUP ON MARCH 15
(Oakley spring break)

THANK YOU to everyone who helped
with and attended the OCC Valentine's
Banquet!!! We

raised \$4,000 for
the High School
Mission Trip!!
Thank you for your
generous support!

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

Allyssa & Razvan Savu with Team Expansion in Romania

Their mission statement is: "Bringing the Hope of Christ to the Orphans and Outcasts of Romania". Allyssa & Razvan have set some ministry goals for 2017 and shared those in their January 2017 news-letters - here are just a few of them. Continue faithfully with our kids club in the orphanage. We hope to continue helping the kids hide God's Word in their heart. We want to develop deeper relationships with the kids. We hope to challenge & encourage the kids to make their own choice to follow Jesus & help them learn what that looks like. Another desire is to support & encourage the house parents more intentionally. Develop better relationships with the teenage girls at the state orphanage. This one is for Allyssa & the ladies she serves alongside. God opened the doors for this group. However, these girls are very slow to trust. It has been a struggle to develop consistency with the girls & many simply aren't interested. I'm praying for wisdom, creativity & for God to move mountains in these girls' hearts. Host and lead our summer interns well. We will be hosting two interns for eight weeks this summer through Team Expansion's Pathways program. We are looking forward to how God will work in & through both our interns & ourselves through this endeavor. Pray and act faithfully based on our call to a lesser reached part of Romania. This goal has carried over from 2016. However, we want to be more active in seeking the Lord's will for our future ministry in another area of Romania. This may be through fasting and concentrated prayer. We also want to research some of the cities God has brought to our attention; possibly, even visit some of them. God has been prodding our hearts to be ready for this move and we want to be faithful and ready when the time comes.

Keep Allyssa & Razvan Savu in your prayers as they continue to minister to those in Romania.

They love mail, their address is:

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Sânmartin, Bihor 417495
Romania

You can also contact them via email:

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MOTHER & SON LASER TAG BATTLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 | 6:00 PM

FOR MOMS AND SONS OF ALL AGES!

HELD AT THE CAVE

QUESTIONS? TALK TO JASON SCHMIDT

We express our love and sympathy to the family of Lorene Clark. Lorene went home on February 4, 2017, she was 96 years old. Lorene's two sons, Jerry & Terry, and their families wish to thank Oakley Christian Church for all the love and support given to Lorene throughout the years.



Lakeview Women's Retreat

Friday, April 28-Sunday, April 30, 2017

The theme is "Just Breathe." The retreat will be a wonderful time of fellowship and time in the Word, featuring main sessions presented by Sherry Robinson of Philipsburg. There will be workshops, small groups, campfire, testimonies, games, laughter, and great food. If you're looking for a time to retreat, to get away from the pressures and schedules of daily life, come be encouraged by other women and the Word of God. Plan on bringing some friends and joining us for this great weekend! Ladies of all ages are encouraged to attend. For more information and to register, visit lakeviewchristiancamp.org. (Register by April 15th to receive a \$10 discount).

Lakeview Christian Camp
1380 10 Rd. Stockton, KS 67669

SUMMER 2017 Camp Dates Lakeview Christian Camp

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 (*ends on Saturday*)

July 5—8 | 3rd grade camp (*ends on Saturday*)

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.

*You can register now at www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org. Please remember that if you register early you are agreeing to pay for 1/2 the camp tuition and attend camp. There are no refunds after May 1. Save \$20 per camp by registering before April 15.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2 Marvia Miller
2 Ron Clark
7 Jada Renner
7 Cathy Good
7 Jada Renner
8 Kylie Wamsley
9 Linda Shoemaker
17 Bob Renner
20 MacKenzie Ritter
22 Melissa Lock
22 Heidi Whyte
25 Tom Johnson
26 Garrett Waugh
27 Jenson Schoenfeld
28 Ja Whyte

ANNIVERSARIES

29 Eric & Rhonda Sperber



Plans are in place for the **OCC Adult Mission Trip** to Africa with Jim Rowh - Gather The Outcasts. The trip will take place in July, 2017. **There's room for you!** If you have any questions or are interested in going, email the church office rhonda@oakleychristianchurch.com.



SUNDAY, MARCH 19

Following worship service

Adult 1 Sunday School class is in charge
of set up/clean up



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