



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2017

From the Whyte House...

Heidi, the kids and I were just talking about what great neighbors we have. There is something to be said for having and being a good neighbor. In a society today that takes advantage of people's good nature, a good neighbor, is sometimes hard to find. In fact Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:39, to love our neighbor as ourselves. James even tells us in James 2:8, that if we are following that commandment in Matthew, we are doing right. That being said, there is some debate over the definition as to who is really our neighbor. My opinion and belief is that our neighbor is anybody that we have contact with in our life. From right here at our local grocery store to us being on vacation in some other state.

This article is simply written as a checkup and to encourage us to love our neighbors as ourselves. From right here in and around church to those who are lost and in need of a savior. Are we taking time to pick up the trash that may blow out of our cars and into our neighbor's yard when we head into church? Are we welcoming to visitors who come through the doors at church? Do our neighbors who live next to our personal houses see Jesus in us? Or do we just drive into our garages or driveways and walk into the house without even saying a word? We need to be good neighbors wherever we are at. We represent Christ in everything we do and everywhere we go. Are you a good neighbor? Are you loving your neighbor as yourself? We all know that we wouldn't neglect ourselves, so let's not neglect our neighbors. Let's strive to be the neighbor that we want others to be. More pointedly, let's be the neighbors that Christ tells us to be.

Being neighborly,

Ja

September 2017

- Sept 6 | Bible Club & D2BD begin
- Sept 9 | Church Work Day
- Sept 10 | Reception for Hatfields @ the Maurath's
- Sept 12 | Trap Shooting
- Sept 14 | MOPS begins
- Sept 16 & 17 | High School retreat at Lakeview
- Sept 17 | Kejr family here & potluck dinner
- Sept 17 | Small groups begin
- Sept 20 | Clavinova teaching session
- Sept 26 | Women's Bible Study Meeting

More detailed information about all of these events are in this newsletter

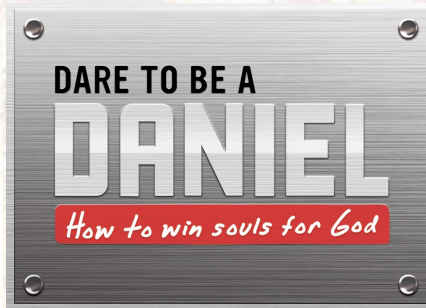


Our after school kids programs begins on September 6. We will follow the Oakley schools calendar. If there is a snow day or school is not held on a Wednesday, we will not have Bible Club or D2BD. It's going to be a great year filled with new songs, new games and new lessons on Jesus!

For Kindergarten - 4th grades

Wednesdays | 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

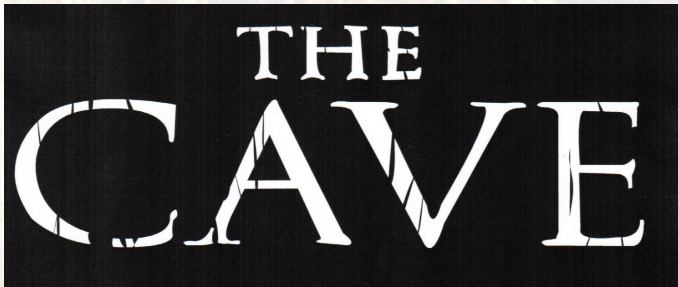
Held at The Cave



For 5th grade

Wednesdays | 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Held at church on the mid level



YOUTH GROUPS at The Cave

Wednesdays

Middle School at 6:00 PM

High School at 7:30 PM

In a world and culture that is constantly pulling us in multiple directions, telling us that we should think, act, dress and feel a certain way, it is difficult to focus on truth. Come join us for a weekend of fun and refreshing truth from the **WORD**. Let's be **FIXED** together. To register to www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org or visit with Jason today!

High School Retreat

When: September 16-17

Where: Lakeview Christian Camp

Cost: \$40



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STUDENT CONFERENCE

Nov 17-18 | Manhattan, KS

worship

speaker &
hip-hop artist



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What is a Small Group? A small group at Oakley Christian Church is a group of people which typically meets weekly to connect, study the Scriptures, serve and support one another.

Where and when do they meet? Most of our small groups will meet in homes. *We will begin the week of September 17th.*

What will we study? This will vary.

How important are Small Groups? We believe that connecting in authentic community with one another is vital for our spiritual lives. Small Groups are a great way to facilitate this connection. They are the place where much of the life-on-life ministry of the church takes place as we study God's Word and share our lives with one another. In a growing church, Small Groups are a great way to connect more meaningfully with a smaller group of people.



What is the required commitment? Though we know there are times when a person needs to miss a Small Group, we encourage a commitment to attend as regularly as possible. We have found that the more you go the more you will get out of it. We encourage all Small Group members to make their groups a high priority in their lives.

What about childcare? We do not provide organized childcare for Small Groups. However, each group may decide to do something in their own groups for childcare.



SMALL GROUPS at OCC Fall 2017

SUNDAY | 6:30 PM | Men Only

Led by Ja Whyte

Held at the home of Ja & Heidi Whyte

Study: Kingdom Man Bible Study

MONDAY | 6:30 PM

Led by Jason Schmidt

Held at the home of Jason & Wendy Schmidt

Study: Parables

TUESDAY | 6:30 PM

Led by Mel Snow

Held at the home of Mel & Camile Snow
Study: Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven
by David Jeremiah

WEDNESDAY | 6:30 PM

Led by Curtis Larshus

Held at the home of Curtis & Kara Larshus
Study: The book of James



YOU'RE INVITED!!

Saturday, September 30

Lunch | 12:00pm

Annual Meeting | 1:00pm

At Lakeview Christian Camp



It's the annual general board meeting for Lakeview Christian Camp! EVERYONE from all the supporting churches of LCC is invited. Lunch served at noon; the meeting begins at 1:00 pm in the dining hall at camp!

SUNDAY, September 17

POTLUCK DINNER

(Worship Team - Joyful Noise in charge of set up/clean up)

MISSIONARIES BRENT & ROBIN KEJR WILL BE HERE TO SHARE WITH US DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR AND THE MISSION MOMENT IN CHURCH! Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share!



POTLUCK DINNER



Saturday, September 9 | 8:00 am

Everyone is invited to come and help work at the church!

Questions? Contact Curtis Larshus



MOPS of Oakley begins on Thursday, September 14 at 9:30 am!

MOPS will meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month through April, 2018.

Meetings are 9:30 am to 11:00 am held at the church. Child care is provided!

ALL Mother's of Preschoolers are invited to attend.

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 Brent & Robin Kejr.

Brent & Robin Kejr (Annaston, Bree, Channing) working with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 2014.

This is from Brent explaining what their role in their mission work in Indonesia is: Our work is in community development — training, equipping & supporting the local church. Primarily we work alongside local church leaders to create small businesses that can create jobs and the capacity to financially support the advancement of Bible translation within the indigenous people groups we work with.

Mailing address:

Brent Kejr
2750 Virginia Drive
Salina, KS 67401

The Kejr family is currently on furlough in the USA. We are excited that they will be with OCC on Sunday, September 17th! Plan to come and visit with the Kejr's personally about their mission!

Brent & Robin Kejr
Annaston, Bree & Channing

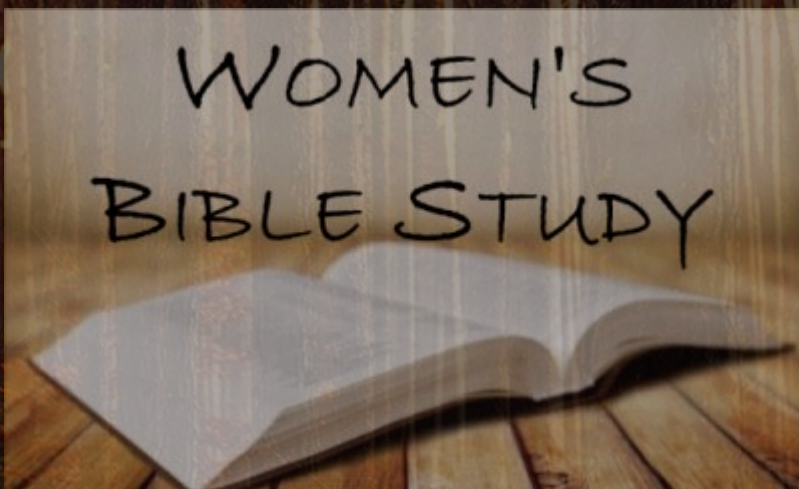


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...to the peoples of Southeast Asia



Tuesday, September 26

10:30 am

Women's Bible Study Meeting to fellowship and discuss what study will take place this fall. All women are invited. Held at the church.



There are several areas in our church that are in need of volunteers!

WORSHIP TEAM | If you would like to help lead singing, play the clavinova or help with the sound board & power point, there is a spot for you! **Rhonda will be holding a clavinova teaching session on Wednesday, September 20 at 6:00 pm at the church.** If you are interested, come and check it out! If you would like to serve by singing, visit with Tami Gee. If you are interested in sound board, visit with Michael Gee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL | We are in need of 2 or 3 people that would like to teach Middle School Sunday School on a quarterly (3 months) at a time rotation basis. If this is something that interests you, please visit with Rhonda Abell or Jason Schmidt today!

MOPS | MOPS is always in need of child care providers while they are in their meetings, the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. If you are interested in helping, contact April Teeter or Wendy Schmidt.

September Birthdays

- 1 Amanda Gilliland
- 2 Fred Miller
- 3 Delma Dible
- 6 Emily Corbett
- 7 Michael Gee
- 8 Donna Corbett
- 10 Lyle Boyd
- 10 DaNae Larshus
- 10 Joe Renner
- 13 Merabeth Riggs
- 16 Connie Renner
- 16 Zach Gladin
- 17 Tami Gee
- 28 Shawna Allison



Anniversaries

- 10 Murray & Janet Bean



Reception for Travis & Jennifer Hatfield in honor of their recent marriage.

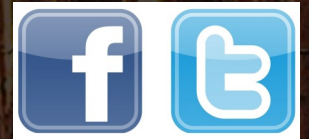
Sunday, September 10 6:00 pm

At the home of Kurt & Julie Maurath, 2.8 miles south of Oakley on US 83.

This is a family affair, so all kids are invited! There will be a cookout (meat will be provided) - please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone!

****There will be a money tree (in lieu of gifts) for the Hatfields**

****Please bring a written recipe to share with the Hatfields!**



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