



Oakley Christian Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2018

From the Whyte House

Easter falls on April 1 (April Fools day) which I think is Awesome. I'm sure it has fallen on April 1 before but I just think it is awesome because it is as if Jesus is saying to Satan, "You thought I was dead but April Fools I'm alive!!"

Easter is one, if not, the main holiday that we as Christians, hang our hat on for our faith. Easter is when we celebrate Jesus Christ rising from the dead. It gives us hope and it encourages our faith.

My mom used to listen to a song by Sandi Patty, as I was growing up, called, "Was it a morning like this?" The song reflected on what that morning, when Jesus rose from the dead and stepped out of the grave, looked like, smelled like and felt like. The opening line of the song asked the question, "Was it a morning like this...?" Have you ever wondered and marveled over the very idea of Easter and why we celebrate it? Have you ever thought about that morning when Mary, Peter and John looked in and saw that Jesus was gone? How terrifying this must have been for them and yet that absence of Jesus from that tomb brings us great exuberance and joy.

You see, what is seen in the risen Christ for me, is the victory over sin. It is the victory over Satan and all of his schemes. Satan thought that he had Jesus with a cross and nails and he would have if Jesus stayed in that tomb. But He didn't. He arose! To conquer death, defeat sin and crush Satan. That is why I celebrate an empty tomb. That is why I celebrate a risen savior. That is why I celebrate Easter! That empty tomb gives me the victory once and for all. There are 2 passages of scripture that come to mind for me as I celebrate Easter. The first one is found in the first part of **Isaiah 54:17a (NIV)** ¹⁷ **no weapon forged against you will prevail..**, and the second passage that helps put Easter in the right perspective is **Romans 8:31 (NIV)** ³¹ **What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?** Why do you celebrate Easter? I would ask, over this next week, as Easter approaches, for you to examine why you and your family celebrate Easter.

Celebrating the Risen Savior,

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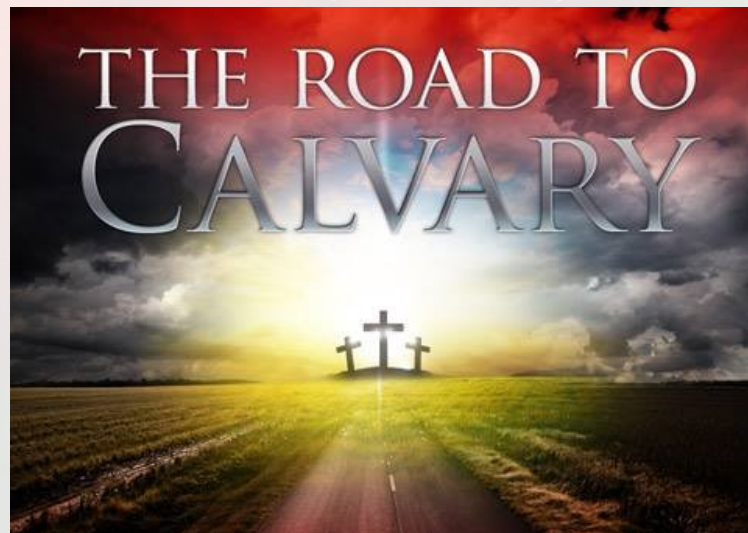
HE IS RISEN

CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

JOIN US ON EASTER SUNDAY

Breakfast from 9:00 am to 10:20 am

Easter Celebration Worship Service 10:30 am



Friday, March 30

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm | Come Anytime

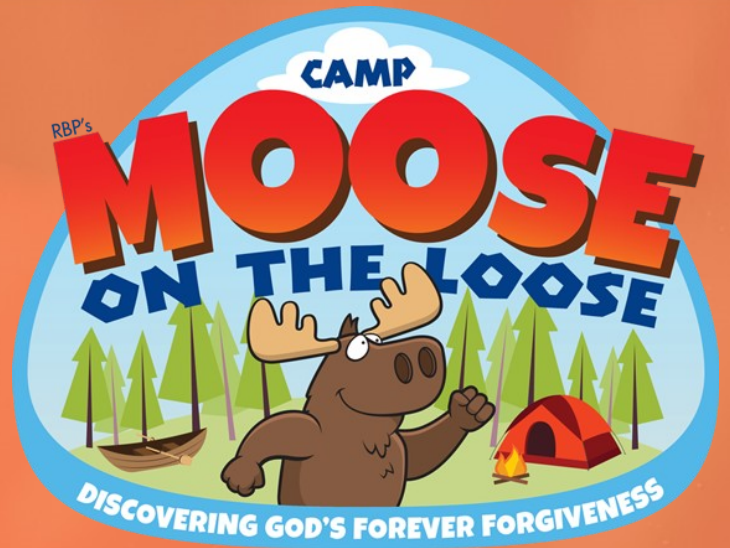
Self-Guided Event At Oakley Christian Church

The Road To Calvary is basically based around the last 48 hours of Jesus' life and is designed to help you focus on the sacrifice that was made for you. You are invited to bring your children with you and go through this self-guided event as a family together. This will be a quiet and meditative time, so we ask that your children stay with you.

There will be instructions for this self-guided event as you arrive; please look for these as you come in.

There will be 5 stations on The Road To Calvary (each will be numbered) throughout the main floor of the church building. You will be prompted to do an activity to aid in the focus of Jesus' sacrifice. If at any time you are unable to do one of the activities, at any of the stations, feel free to skip the activity and simply pray for the specific focus of the activity.

The Road To Calvary is created to be a quiet and meaningful time for you/your family and the Lord. We ask for you/your family to be as quiet as possible, as there may be others going through these activities at the same time as you/your family. The Road To Calvary is a way to prepare your hearts for Resurrection Sunday!



Sunday, April 8th will be Camp & VBS Sunday at OCC! We will have all the information you need for signing your kids up for camp and getting registered for VBS! We will also have sign up sheets for those who would like to help with VBS! To check out all the summer camp dates, go to www.lakeviewchristiancamp.org. VBS will be May 29—June 1 in the evenings.



FATHER/SON NERF WARS

Sunday, April 15 | 2:00 pm

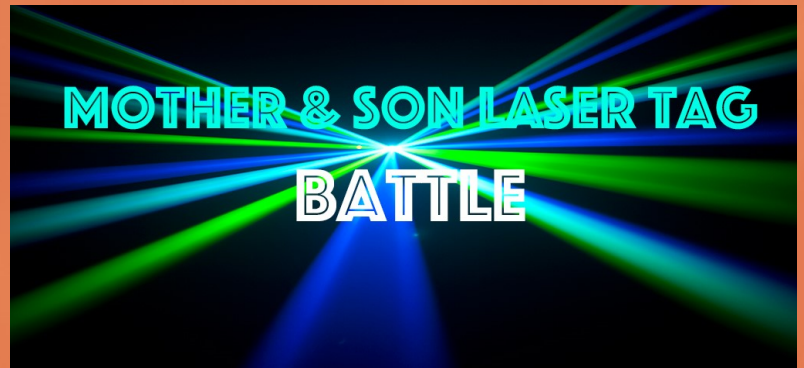
**Bring your own Nerf gun
(mark your guns)**

Meet at the church

**We will provide N-strike elite
bullets**

For Fathers & Sons of ALL AGES

Get ready for battle!



MOTHER/SON LASER TAG SUNDAY, APRIL 22

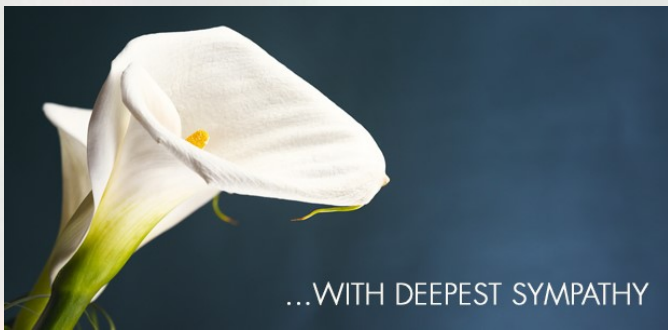
PRESCHOOL-4TH GRADE 4:00 PM

5TH GRADE & OLDER 5:00 PM

FOR MOMS AND SONS OF ALL AGES!

MEET AT THE CHURCH

QUESTIONS? TALK TO JASON SCHMIDT



We extend our sympathy to the following families

To the family of Keith & Linda Shoemaker, Linda's father, Leo Lines passed away on March 14, 2018. Their address is: 503 Elm Avenue Oakley, KS 67748

To the family of Joe & Michelle Renner, Joe's father, David Renner passed away on March 17, 2018. Their address is: 312 Willow Avenue Oakley, KS 67748



Mother's Of Preschoolers will have two more gatherings for the 2018 year!

Child care is provided!

April 12 and April 26

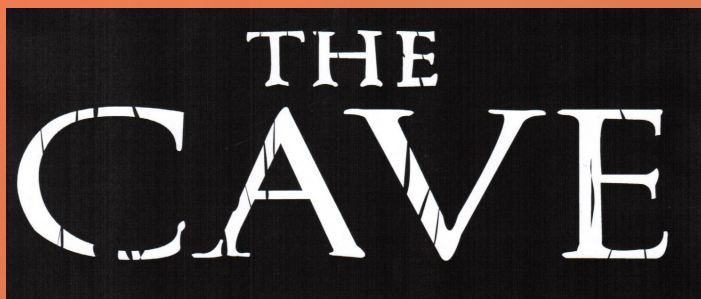
9:30 am to 11:00 am



Adventure Bible Zone

ABZ is our Children's Church held during the sermon time of our worship service on Sundays. It is for kids age 4 years old through 4th grade. April 1st (Easter) will be a special event during ABZ KIDS! ABZ will also meet April 8 and April 22 - we look forward to sharing Jesus with your kids!!

ABZ Kids has a NEW FACEBOOK PAGE - please go and like the page to keep up to date on all the ABZ Kids news! **Adventure Bible Zone - OCC**



YOUTH GROUP at The Cave meets every Wednesday

Middle School at 6:00 pm

High School at 7:30 pm



Parents—Mark your calendars!

THE ROCK (for those going INTO 6th, 7th, 8th, & 9th grade) will be Sunday, May 20 through Tuesday, May 22!



Thank you to Julie Maurath, Camile Snow, and all the deaconesses who helped with the Women's Fondue Brunch on March 10th! A wonderful morning was enjoyed by all; guest speaker, Deena Bandy gave an inspirational talk about serving others!



Please plan to join us on **Sunday, April 29 for a POTLUCK DINNER!** Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share. The Adult 2 Sunday School class is in charge of set up/clean up.

Jim Rowh, missionary to Africa, will be here on that Sunday, April 29. He will be sharing during the Sunday School hour and also during the Mission Moment time in our worship service.



Sunday, May 6, 2018

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Please send your senior picture to the OCC Office (email or hard copy) by April 15 to have your students included in the May Newsletter and the Youth Sunday Bulletin!

LAST DAY!

Bible Club

Dare To Be A Daniel

Last day for this school year will be Wednesday, April 25!

What's Happening...

- April 1 | Easter Breakfast 9 to 10:20 am
- April 1 | Easter Worship Service 10:30 am
- April 1 | ABZ Kids Special Event during sermon time
- April 8 | Camp & VBS Sunday (you'll get all the info you need for your kids)
- April 11 | Women's Bible Study begins at 7:00 pm
- April 15 | Father/Son Nerf War 2:00 pm
- April 17 | Elders Meeting 7:30 pm
- April 22 | Mother/Son Laser Tag (Pre-4th gr @ 4 pm | 5th gr & up @ 5 pm)
- April 25 | Last Day of Bible Club/D2BD
- April 29 | Potluck Dinner
- April 29 | Jim Rowh here for Sunday School hour and Mission Moment
- April 8 & 22 | ABZ Kids during sermon time
- May 6 | Youth Sunday honoring graduates
- May 13 | Sunday School Promotion
- May 20-22 | THE ROCK
- May 29 - June 1 | VBS in the evenings

ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE NOTE THESE SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

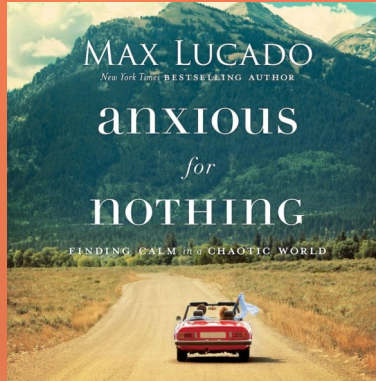
*NO Sunday School classes on Easter, April 1 - please join us for breakfast anytime from 9:00 am to 10:20 am

*APRIL 29 Sunday School will be held in the Sanctuary. Jim Rowh will be here to share about his mission work in Africa, please plan to come and learn about missions in Africa!

*Sunday School Promotion will be May 13th - please join us at 9:30 am in the basement for coffee and rolls!!



NEW Sermon Series begins April 8!!



New women's Bible study will begin on Wednesday, April 11th at 7:00 pm here at the church; Cathy Good will be leading—all ladies are invited to attend!

This study is also taking place on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the church!

SAVE THE DATE



THE GLOBAL
LEADERSHIP
SUMMIT

AUGUST 9th & 10th, 2018

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