

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF OAKLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH | JULY 2018

From The Whyte House

When I hear July, I automatically think of, "the 4th of July." A day that we have set aside to remember our independence and freedom as a nation or "the day we shoot fireworks" according to some. Either way, it is a day that we remember and look forward to every year. Whether we have picnics, family reunions or just a little time off work we are celebrating the 4th of July and our freedom that is often overlooked. As I think of our freedom as a nation I am reminded of the freedom that we all have in Christ. Freedom from the bondage of sin and the freedom to be what God has called us to be. When I think about this freedom I am reminded of 2 different passages. The first passage is John 8:32, when Jesus is speaking to the Jews who believed in Him and held closely to His teaching, He told them, **"you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."** And what is this truth that Jesus speaks of? John 14:6 says, **"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** There is freedom in Christ like none other. In Christ, we are free to live for a God that created the universe and yet is personal enough to know my name and call me His child. I am free! You are free! WE ARE FREE!! Let us Lead for Him, Love for Him and LIVE for Him. As we remember the lives that were given so that our nation could be free, let us not forget the **LIFE** that was given so that <u>WE</u> could be <u>FREE!</u>!

Serving in Freedom,

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2nd Tuesday of each month | 6:30 pm TRAP SHOOTING

Come and join the fun with the OCC trap shooting team! If you are interested in being a part of the team, meet 1 1/4 miles south of town on the west side (Teri Hockersmith's place) on Tuesday, July 10th at 6:30 pm! Everyone welcome - boys, girls, men, women! If you have any questions, contact Glen Good. Trap shoot takes place the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. July 10, August 14, September 11, October 16.





We are needing to purchase a new van for our students as they travel on their many trips. We are wanting to purchase this van before the students leave on their Mexico Mission trip July 22-28. We are asking if you would like to participate in this offering to please contribute as you can. Please put "Van Fund" in the memo line of your check. You can also give online to this fund by designating "Van Fund" when you submit your online gift. Currently, at the time of this newsletter being written, we have about \$12,000 given to the "Van Fund."



a \$1,000 OCC has been given gift Bible designated for а College Any persons interested in Scholarship. applying should write a short essay explaining why you are interested in this scholarship. All essays should be submitted to the elders of OCC by August 1, 2018.



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World-Class, Accessible & Affordable: Growing your leadership demands intentionality. Each Summit faculty member is carefully selected to deliver intellectually rigorous content in an environment that fosters vigorous thinking and dialogue. Hosted in more than 1,300 cities worldwide, the Summit is both accessible and affordable, facilitating large team participation.

A Culture of Leadership: Everybody has influence and the potential to spark positive change. A culture of Christ-centered leadership can change individual lives, churches, businesses, government, schools and homes. For many participants, the Summit is the most leadership-infusing annual experience they use to build into their entire congregation.

Unapologetically Christ-Centered: From the very beginning, the primary target of the Summit has been church-focused. Increasingly the Summit attracts Christians from every walk of life. Still, the leadership core in a local church remains the focal point. A culture of Christ-centered leadership can change an entire church, a community...even the world!

Local Ownership, Global Reach: Our Host Sites and local church leaders are uniquely equipped to reflect Christ to the communities they serve. Whether in a suburb of Los Angeles or a village in Vietnam, local Christ-followers are challenged to elevate their intensity of leadership and adapt the learnings within their cultural context.

OAKLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN BRING THIS EVENT TO OAKLEY!!

August 9 & 10, 2018 held at The Cave For more information and to register, check out the GLS website (www.willowcreek.com/summit). There are many exciting and well known speakers, check them all out online! Everyone from OCC can attend for a discounted rate, our PRIORITY code is: **18HSFAMILY**

Get registered today!

High School Mission Trip



Casas por Cristo short term missions Nineteen high schoolers and four adult sponsors (23 total) will be heading to Acuna, Mexico to build a house with the mission organization of Casas por Cristo. High School kids going are: Ainsley Wolf, Andelyn Johnson, DaNae Larshus, Danielle Allison, Elise Corbett, Elizabeth Gladin, Eric Annis, Ethan Abell, Jace Engel, Jada Renner, Jantz Engel, Karsten Whyte, Karson Bean, Keegan Bean, MacKenzie Ritter, Rebekah Kitch, Susannah Corbett, Tegan Schmidt, Wyatt Abell. Adults going are: Jason Schmidt, Suzy Annis, Dwight & Rhonda Abell. The trip will take place July 22—28. Please keep these students, adults and this trip in your prayers!

No Youth Groups at The Cave During the month of July.

Oakley Christian Church;

Thank you so much for organizing the diaper and frozen meal shower for our family! It was such a blessing in our first few weeks as new parents!

Blessings,

The Kemps

Potluck Dinner Sunday, July 8

Following Worship Service Everyone is invited! Please bring a main dish and side dish or dessert to share!

(Deacons in charge of set up/clean up)

What's Happening In July at OCC

- July 1—4 | 3rd Grade Camp
- July 5—6 | 1st & 2nd Grade Camp
- July 8 | Potluck Dinner
- July 8 –13 | 6th Grade camp
- July 22—28 | High School Mission Trip to Acuna, Mexico



Mark Your Calendar



Sunday, August 19

6:00 pm

Annie Oakley Park

Please bring a main dish and a side or dessert to share!



Congratulations to Oakley Christian Church! We have been a drop of location for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child for 10 years! Full Circle Speaker, Desi Nana, NWK Area Coordinator, Rachel Albin, Pastor Ja Whyte, & Operation Christmas Child Regional Director, Billy Kaufmann.

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