## Oakley Christian Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2018

### From the Whyte House....

I believe that one of the greatest things we can do in our walk with Christ is serve others. I am reminded in 2 different places in scripture that we are to serve and work for the Lord not for man. The first passage is found in Ephesians 6:7-8 (NIV)<sup>7</sup> Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,<sup>8</sup> because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. The second passage is found in Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, <sup>24</sup> since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. I know that Paul, in these 2 passages, is writing to Slaves specifically but I believe we can learn a lot and apply these aspects to our walk. Notice that Paul is saying to the slaves that they are to work and serve with all of their heart, working and serving for the Lord not men. He also reminds them that there is a reward given by God for our service. We are going to have an opportunity to serve God as we serve William and Mary Cunningham in our 4th annual Impact Day on September 22. We will meet at their house at 516 Cornell here in Oakley at 9:00 a.m. We will scrape and paint their house and be the hands and feet of Jesus to them. The more we have the easier it will be on all of us. I pray that you can join us to serve God as we love on William and Mary.

Serving Together,

Ja

#### SMALL GROUPS at OCC Fall 2018

#### SUNDAY | 6:00 PM

Led by Jason Schmidt Held at the home of Jason & Wendy Schmidt Study: TBD

#### SUNDAY | 6:30 PM | Men Only

Led by Ja Whyte Held at the home of Ja & Heidi Whyte Study: "Unfoldded" by Eric Geiger

#### TUESDAY | 10:00 AM | Ladies Only

Led by Leoma Steiger Held at the church Study: TBD

#### TUESDAY | 6:30 PM

Led by Mel Snow

Held at the home of Mel & Camile Snow Study: "Living In His Presence" by Robert Morris

#### WEDNESDAY | 7:00 PM | Ladies Only

Led by Cathy Good Held at the church Study: TBD



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 9th.* 

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.



# FIND YOUR FIRE

Never let the fire go out... When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

-Romans 12:11-13 (NIrV 1998)

Faith. Friendship. Connection. Support. Growth.

9:30 am - 11:00 am 2nd & 4th Thursdays

Celebrating Moms from pregnancy thru Kindergarten Childcare provided!



2018 - 2019 Meeting Dates

Sept	13	82	27
Oct	11	&	25
Nov 8			
Dec 13			

Jan 10 & 24 Feb 14 & 28 Mar 14 & 28 April 11 & 25

FOOD and hot coffee made with love, SPEAKERS and programs to encourage us and FREE CHILDCARE so you can enjoy a morning to recharge and connect with other moms!

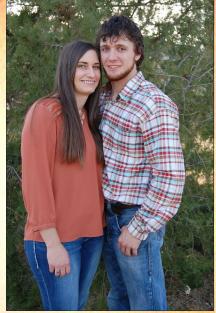
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#### **CAMPING** with the CORBETT'S

You're invited to help us bless Jonathan Corbett & Tatum Elder as they



begin their life together! We are holding a "Camping with the Corbett's" shower for them on **Sunday, September 16.** There will be an area in the foyer for you to leave a gift for the couple (camping related). They are registered at Oakley Farm & Home.



Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. - 1 Chronicles 16:34 -



We rejoice with Isaac Wolf! Isaac was baptized at OCC on July 22, 2018. Isaac and his wife, Nicole, live in Quinter KS (PO Box 314), they have one daughter Adaline, who will be 2 in October and they are expecting a new baby in December! Begins Sunday, October 7 | 9:30 AM | 4 week class

NEXT STEPS

**NEXT STEPS CLASS**: is a 4 week class intended to help you connect at Oakley Christian Church. Whether you are questioning who God is or you have spent much of your life as a follower of Jesus Christ; we hope to answer your questions about God and about Oakley Christian Church. Join us beginning October 7 at 9:30 in the basement. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Ja.

## PRAYERFORCE

#### A new ministry at OCC! Oakley Christian Church Adults praying for High School kids that attend The Cave HS Youth Group and/or Oakley Christian Church!

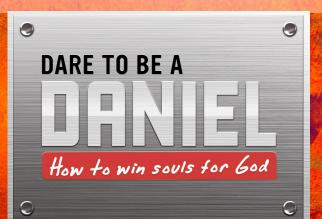
We are going to start up a Prayer Partner Program called PRAYER FORCE. This is for all high school students that attend High School Youth Group at The Cave and/or attend Oakley Christian Church. This is a great way for the adults of OCC to get connected with the High School Students of OCC (and The Cave Youth Group). For now, we ask that each adult that wants to participate pick one high school student (until we see how many adults we have participating). *Kids pictures and information will be available on Sunday, September 16th in the church foyer.* We ask that adults (who want to be a part of this prayer ministry) choose a high school student (cards with kids names/pictures will be in the foyer), let them know they are praying for them, check in with them from time to time about specific prayer requests, and pray for that student during this school year (2018/2019)! If you have any questions, contact Rhonda Abell



YOUTH GROUPS at The Cave Wednesdays Middle School at 6:00 PM High School at 7:30 PM



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

## Ladies Only



#### Women's Event! Saturday, September 8 | 6:00 pm

Gourmet Hot Dog Roast held at the Maurath Farm! Please bring a side dish and a chair! This is a great outreach event to bring your girlfriends to! The Maurath farm is located 3 miles south of Oakley on HWY 83.

## **W** A B Z KIDS

ABZ KIDS schedule for September:

Sunday, September 16th; Leader: Dannette Repshire Student helpers: Jaysie and Jera Schoenfeld, Andelyn Johnson; SPECIAL EVENT!!!

**Sunday, Septmeber 30**; Leader: Linda Shoemaker Student helpers: Wyatt Abell and Karsten Whyte

#### 2nd Tuesday of each month 6:30 PM Oakley Trap Club

Come and join the fun with the OCC trap shooting team! If you are interested in being a part of the team come to the trap shoot 1 1/4 miles south of town (on HWY 83) on the west side. Everyone welcome - boys, girls, men, women! If you have any questions contact Glen Good. Trap shoot this month will be on September 11th!

Adventure Bible Zone is our Children's Church Ministry! Held every other Sunday during the sermon time for kids age 4 years to 4th grade! We will be doing a VBS REWIND theme during September and October, reviewing all the great things we learned at VBS! We are keeping the mid level hallway decorated to keep the excitement going for the kids!



Special Event on Sunday, September 16th for ABZ!!! Bring



Your Own Banana, we will be making banana split sundaes!!!



5th Annual Impact Day | Saturday, September 22 | 9:00 am Meet at the home of William & Mary Cunningham 516 Cornell in Oakley We will be scraping and painting their house!



Sunday, September 9 following worship service! Please bring a main dish and a dessert or side dish to share! Worship team is in charge of set up/clean up.

BRIAN BARR, Director of Lakeview Christian Camp will be bringing us the message on Sunday, September 9th!!

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