



Oakley Christian Church

DECEMBER 2018

From the Whyte House....

I have noticed that throughout the years that we have been here I have done a lot of talking about sharing Christ at Christmas but never really focused on inviting the community to our Christmas Eve service. But I have been doing some reading and brainstorming and what I have noticed through all of this is that Christmas has still remained intact, for the most part, as a Christian holiday. Think about this, people of all backgrounds still sing Christmas songs with the words God and Jesus in it. Many people have no issue with manger scenes and the star of Bethlehem at Christmas. In fact many of the people who wouldn't claim to be Christian may have these symbols in and around their house at Christmas time. It's as if those things are still sacred. In fact when I looked at the numbers of our Christmas Eve services from the last few years we have seen an increase in attendance. So, to be honest, this is a huge revelation and source of encouragement to me as we move into this Christmas season. So what does this mean for us as a church? [cue the drum roll please] "An opportunity." This is an opportunity to invite the Oakley community to be apart of our Christmas Eve service. It's an opportunity to share Jesus with our friends, neighbors, co-workers and the people we see at the grocery store. In order to do this we need to add a Christmas service and be intentional about inviting. So we will have 2 services one at 5:00 and one at 6:30. We have tickets to make it very simple to invite. You hand the ticket to the person/people you are inviting and just say, "We would love to have you join us at the Oakley's Christmas Eve Service." or you can make it more personal by saying, "My family would like to you to be our guest at the 5:00 (or 6:30) service (whichever service you will be going to). To say that I am excited would definitely be an understatement. What I like most is that this little change has nothing to do with us and all to do with those in need of Christ this Christmas. I am glad to be apart of a church that desires to bring the lost to Christ. Be thinking of who you will invite and be prepared to watch God do amazing things here in Oakley with our Christmas Eve services. Blessings on you and your family this Christmas season...

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Oakley's Christmas Eve Service

December 24
Service Times

5:00 pm

And

6:30 pm

Held at

Oakley Christian Church

Merry Christmas



OMA CARING TREE

The Oakley Ministerial Alliance Caring Tree is at the Farmer's State Bank. You can choose tags and purchase gifts for children in need in the Oakley area. Wrapped gifts with tags attached need to be returned to the FSB by **Wednesday, December 12.**

On Saturday, **December 15** the OMA will meet at the United Methodist Church at 9:00 am to put together the food boxes and the caring tree gifts for families in the area. Everyone is invited to come and help put the food/gifts together!

WOOHOOO WE DID IT
**THANK YOU
 EVERYONE!**

OAKLEY PACKED 255 Shoeboxes!!

Northwest Kansas packed

6,755 shoeboxes!!!



Thank you to our many volunteers that helped on Shoebox Loading Day! Murray & Janet Bean, Jim Kitch, Jayme Pfeifer, Curtis Larshus, Caroline Waugh, Dwight & Rhonda Abell, Ja Whyte, Jackie Marshall, Rachel Albin, Rena Whyte, Linda Manning, Jason Schmidt, April Teeter!



Loading up the biggest shipment from Hays! Also helping were Emily Corbett, Danette Respire, Marti Engel, James Wright, Scott Haswell and folks from Hays!



Shoebox counters and carton packers Steve & Shawna Allison!

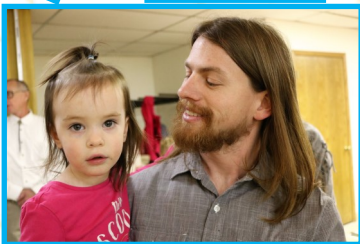


Project leader for GCMC, Wendy Schmidt!

Thank you to Dana Steiger and Ginny Hornung for food during our loading day!!

SO VERY THANKFUL

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the OCC Thanksgiving Feast! It was a wonderful turn out! Thank you to Ja & Heidi Whyte, Jason & Wendy Schmidt, Glen & Cathy Good, Michael & Tami Gee, John & Carla Pilkington, Mel & Camile Snow, Kurt & Julie Maurath for preparing the turkey and fixings!





Sunday, December 9

10:30 am

ABZ Kids

Christmas

Program



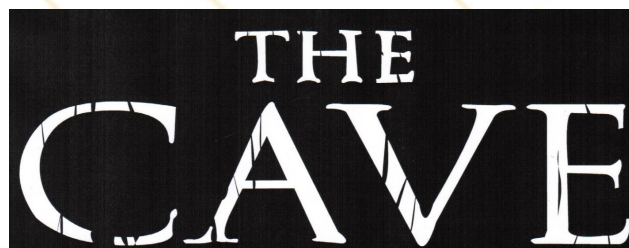
Wednesdays at The Cave

Bible Club (K-4th) at 2:30 pm

Dare To Be A Daniel (5th) at 3:30 pm (at the church)

Middle School Youth Group at 6:00 pm

High School Youth Group at 7:30 pm



**NO Bible Club/D2BD/Youth Groups
on December 19 and December 26
and January 2, 2019**

Thank You

Thank you to the OCC congregation for blessing us at the time of our new baby. The gifts of food and diapers were so appreciated. We thank you all for the many kind thoughts and prayers. It's nice to be part of a church home.

Love, The Keller Family





*Stock the Pantry Shower
For Michael Maurath & Katherine Simon*

Stocking the pantry is our dream.
Spices, canned goods, mixes for cake.
Anything you would use for dishes you make.
Be creative and add a note or recipe card.
Anything you want to give, don't think too hard!
The kitchen will be ready for all the cooking they do,
creating meals together, thanks to you!
Please help us bless Michael (son of Kurt & Julie Maurath)
and Katherine as they begin their new life together! **Bring
gifts on Sunday, December 9th - there will be a
place in the foyer to leave gifts for the couple!**



MOPS of Oakley
December 13
9:30 am to 11:00 am
Child care is provided
Held at the church

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