

Happy Thanksgiving!

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From The Whyte House....

I want to start off this article by saying "Thank You!!" Thank you for the cards, gift cards, meals, the love offering and the overall outpouring of love that you have shown our family. We are blessed to serve God and this church. Thank you for your friendship and love it means so much to us.

Last November I wrote an article about being thankful for the cross. While I am still very much thankful for the cross, I was thinking about all of the things that we are personally involved with and the potential of all of the other things everyone else could be involved with or that looms on the horizon that requires our involvement and it keeps us all running and exhausted. We become "busy sick" because we "do" way too much. I am not saying that we shouldn't be doing things fun and exciting and getting our kids involved but I think the things that we choose to do pale in comparison to what God wants us to do. I am reminded what Jesus says to the crowd and His disciples in **Mark 8:34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.**

Jesus gives 2 specifics when it comes to following Him. First, "we must deny ourselves..." the idea of denying ourselves doesn't mean that we deny things or become a martyr for the cause it means denying our self-centeredness and selfish interests. It means keeping ourselves from being defined by the, "what we do," rather than being defined by "who God has created us to be."

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November at OCC

- Nov 11 Shoebox Packing Party during church
- Nov 18 at Noon Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov 18 at 2:00 pm Christmas Decorating Party
- Nov 12—19 National Collection Week for OCC Shoeboxes
- Nov 19 at Noon Loading Day for Shoeboxes
- Nov 21 NO Youth groups, Bible Club or D2BD
- Nov 30 - Dec 1 OASIS for Middle School

From The Whyte House Continued....

Second, Jesus tells us to take up our cross. This literally means choosing God's will and way rather than our will and way. Jesus took God's will and way when He chose the cross for us. It means we may have a decision to make when it comes to choosing what we want verses what God desires.

I am not, in any way, trying to take the fun out of life I just don't want us missing out on everything that God has in store for us as we put him first and our selfish interests second. I pray that as we move into the busiest time of the year that we won't become "busy sick" but we will find rest as we take up our Cross and Follow Him.

Serving Him with You,

Ja



All Church Thanksgiving Feast | Sunday, November 18 | NOON

Following the worship service

We invite you to join us for our Annual All Church Thanksgiving Feast. The elders and their wives will prepare the turkey and all the fixings, *we ask that you bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share!* We love this annual fellowship time! There will also be a Review of the year 2018 at OCC!



Sunday, November 18
2:00 pm

Everyone is invited to join us as we get the church ready for Christmas!



Sunday, December 9
10:30 am

Children's Christmas Program at OCC!



*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!**



CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
PRECIOUS
little
SWEET
CUTE & CUDDLY
BEAUTIFUL
BABY

Congratulations to Emily & Calder Keller
and big brothers Rylan and Rydge on
the birth of their new baby girl

**RYNLEIGH COVE
KELLER**

October 17, 2018



*"..Fearfully and wonderfully made."
Psalms 139:14*

Congratulations to James & Stephanie
Wright and big brother Malachi and big
sister Hannah on the birth of their new
baby boy

**CALEB LOUIS
WRIGHT**

October 20, 2018





November/December Schedule for ABZ Kids (Children's Church)

November 4 & 11 | NO ABZ KIDS

November 18, 25 and December 2 | ABZ Kids will meet to practice the Children's Christmas Program

December 9 | Children's Christmas Program during church

Wednesday, November 20
NO Youth Groups
NO Bible Club
NO Dare To Be A Daniel



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!

Those of you that are praying for these kids, please feel free to contact them via text or mail - they would love to hear that you are praying for them!

We have a few new students that need a prayer warrior, if you would like to sign up to pray, contact Rhonda in the office (Rhonda@oakleychristianchurch.com)

MOPS of Oakley

November 8 & December 13

9:30 am to 11:00 am

Child care is provided

Held at the church

Oasis

STUDENT CONFERENCE

For MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS only!!

November 30 - December 1

Held in Manhattan KS

For more information check out our website!

(High School OASIS will be February 15—16, 2019)





**GET INVOLVED,
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

National
Collection
Week

Nov. 12-19, 2018



Oakley Christian Church is a **Central Drop Off Location** for Shoeboxes! We have a goal for OAKLEY of collecting 200 shoeboxes! Will you pack a shoebox?? OCC also collects ALL the large cartons of shoeboxes from the NW KS Drop Off Locations (there are 11) on Monday, November 19th!! It's an exciting day of collecting over 6,000 shoeboxes and loading them onto semi truck trailers to be taken to the Denver processing center. We have a great crew ready to help but we can always use more, if you are wanting to help on Monday, November 19 with loading shoeboxes, visit with Rhonda Abell (the Central Drop Off Team Coordinator), 785.953.7078.

Join us on Sunday, November 11 - We will be having an all church packing party during our worship service! You do NOT need to bring anything!

Thank you! Thank you!

I want to thank our church family in their generous gift during pastor appreciation. We can't thank you enough for your love and generosity! Thank you for the notes, gifts and love offering. You are and have been a blessing to my family and I for so many years.

*God bless!
Jason*

A big Thank you to my kids and church family for the great birthday dinner-party and the many birthday cards. I will try to live up to all you said. Let's Save The Date and do it again in 10 years!

*Because He Live,
Edith Clark*

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and words of sympathy during the last illness and death of our sister and aunt Betty Marqueling. Also Pastor Ja for the beautiful memorial service. Everything was most appreciated.

*Erma Gee
Michael and Tami Gee*



TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Informational Meeting On A Trip to the Holy Land Sunday, November 11

Following the worship service

For anyone interested in going on a trip to the Holy Land in 2019.



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Meeting

Wednesday, November 7
6:00 pm

Deaconess Meeting, held in first classroom off the sanctuary.

Thursday, November 15
7:00 pm

Elders Meeting