

The header features a dark background with a pattern of various autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, yellow, and green. The text "Oakley Christian Church" is centered, with "Oakley" in a white serif font and "Christian Church" in a light orange script font.

Oakley Christian Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | SEPTEMBER 2019

From the Whyte House...

My hope in this article is to bring each of you encouragement. The last few sermon series have been rough and that is okay because we are, "Growing Together" as our theme would suggest. But I wanted to just say "Thank You" to all of you. We have had a great summer. Usually summers are really hard for churches. But this summer has been good. Numbers haven't dipped, giving has stayed steady and our enthusiasm about church and spiritual things has really been good. I am so very proud to say that I am a pastor at Oakley Christian Church. I look forward to coming to church on Sunday to see all of you and hear story after story of what God is up to in your lives. I want to share a verse to encourage us even more as we move into Fall, the holidays and winter. **Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.** That day that the author of Hebrews is referring to is that day when Christ returns. But I am reminded as the author also suggests that it is easy to stop meeting together for one reason or another and soon it becomes a "habit." Let's keep on reaching for God as we continue to do life together. So that we "Grow Together," encouraging one another all the more as that "Day" approaches.

Blessings,

Ja

September at OCC

- **Sunday, Sept 1 | Pastor Ja begins a new series**
- **Tuesday, Sept 3 | Women's Bible Study Fellowship time at 10:00 am**
- **Sunday, Sept 8 | Kevin Ingram, President of Manhattan Christian College will be bringing the message**
- **Thursday, Sept 12 | MOPS begins at 9:00 am**
- **Sunday, Sept 15 | OCC High School Mission Trip review**
- **Sunday, Sept 22 & Monday, Sept 23 | Small Groups at OCC begin**
- **Sunday, Sept 29 | Potluck Dinner following worship**

THE CAVE

YOUTH GROUPS at The Cave

Wednesdays

Middle School at 6:00 PM

High School at 7:30 PM



Seems Like Forever Ago

Lesson Series for Middle School and High School Youth Groups in September!!!

HIGH SCHOOL NOVEMBER 22-23

Oasis is a weekend youth conference hosted by Manhattan Christian College and Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. Oasis features dynamic worship, teaching and fellowship activities that will help teens develop a deeper relationship with Jesus and leave challenged to impact their world for His Kingdom. Since 2005, Oasis has been encouraging and equipping students from across the midwest, and served students prior to that as the Kansas Christian Teen Convention.

Beginning in 2018, Oasis is moving to 2 conferences! **This year, High School will be November 22-23, 2019 and Middle School will be February 21-22, 2020, Mark your calendars!!!**



A special offering will be taken on Sunday, September 8th for Lakeview Christian Camp. All supporting churches have been asked to raise \$2,000 for the expansion of the dining hall.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FEBRUARY 21-22

SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

September 1

- ▶ Pastor Ja begins a new sermon series "Parables"
- ▶ Manor Services at 4:00 pm

September 8

- ▶ Kevin Ingram, President of Manhattan Christian College will be bringing the message during the worship service
- ▶ Diaper/Freezer Meal Shower for the Glassman Family
- ▶ NEW Adult Sunday School class begins studying Philippians
- ▶ Manor Services at 4:00 pm

September 15

- ▶ OCC High School Mission Trip review during worship service
- ▶ Manor Services at 4:00 pm

September 22

- ▶ Pastor Ja continues with "Parables"
- ▶ Manor Services at 4:00 pm
- ▶ Small Groups Begin

September 29

- ▶ Pastor Ja continues with "Parables"
- ▶ POTLUCK DINNER following Worship service
- ▶ Manor Services at 4:00 pm



Adventure Bible Zone is our Children's Church Ministry! Held every on Sundays during the sermon time, for kids age 4 years to 4th grade!

September Schedule:

Sept 1 | NO ABZ

Sept 8 | Leader, Jason; Helpers: Jada & Tegan

Sept 15 | Leader, Jackie; Helpers: Kasira & Matthew

Sept 22 | Leader, Danette; Helpers: Chloe & Will

Sept 29 | NO ABZ



Ladies, mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 8th** in the evening!

A special ladies event is coming—be watching for more details soon!



Bible Club at The Cave

Wednesdays | 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

For all kids Kindergarten through 4th grade

We walk the kids from Oakley Elementary to The Cave at 2:30 pm

Pick up kids at The Cave (326 Center) at 3:30 pm

BEGINS OCTOBER 2

Sunday church services at The Manor | 4:00 pm

Sept 1 - Dwight Abell, devotions; Rhonda Abell, songs

Sept 8 - Tom Johnson, devotions; Caroline Waugh, songs

Sept 15 - Mike Gee, devotions; Janet Bean, songs

Sept 22 - Glen Good, devotions; Merabeth Riggs, songs

Sept 29 - Murray Bean, devotions; Janet Bean, songs

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND and visit with the residents on Sundays at 4:00 pm in September!

MOPS of Oakley

2nd & 4th Thursdays

9:00 am to 10:30 am

Child Care Provided

September 12 & 26

October 10 & 24

November 14 | December 12

TO *Have More Fun*
THE *Fear Less*
FULL *Find Your People*

MOPS 2019-2020

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."
- John 10:10*


to the full

SMALL GROUPS at OCC 2019 Begins September 22 & 23

SUNDAY | 6:30 PM | For everyone

Led by Jason Schmidt

Held at the Schmidt home

Study: TBD

SUNDAY | 6:30 PM | Men Only

Led by Ja Whyte

Held at the Whyte home

Study: "No Excuses"

MONDAY | 6:30 PM | For everyone

Led by Mel Snow

Held at the Snow home

Study: "Signs" by Dr. David Jeremiah

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 22nd.**

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.





Great evening at the OCC Picnic !! Thank you to everyone who came out!!
 Congratulations to **JR Robertson and James Wright**, winners of the Corn Hole Tournament!!



Congratulations to Derek & Sadie on the birth of their new baby girl!

Big sister, Ronnie helps welcome her home! They live at

605 Longview, Oakley

EVIE LYN GLASSMAN

August 25 at 8:53 pm

8 lbs 10 oz | 20 1/2" long



Diaper & Freezer Meal Shower

For the Glassman Family

Sunday, September 8th

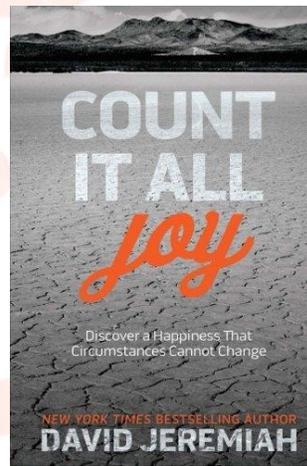
Please bring diapers and/or a freezer meal to bless the Glassman family! There will be a place in the foyer for you to put your items!



Sunday, September 29
following worship
service

Join us for a potluck dinner, please bring a main dish and a dessert or side dish to share!

The Adult 1 Sunday School class will be in charge of set up and clean up!



New series on Philippians begins **September 8 at 9:30 am!** Held in the Adult 1 Sunday School classroom (off the sanctuary) - *EVERYONE is invited to attend!!!*

It's never too early to start gathering items for shoeboxes!! If you want to help with this ministry in any way (during collection week OR on shoebox loading day, November 25th) talk to Rhonda Abell!

ONE SHOEBOX MAKES A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Oakley Christian Church is a DROP OFF location for Operation Christmas Child!



A shoebox recipient speaker will be in our area the weekend of September 14 & 15. Boun Thorne grew up on a boat in Cambodia with her Buddhist family, come and hear how a red and green shoebox changed her life!

Saturday, September 14th at Messiah Lutheran Church (2000 Main St) in Hays at 4:00 pm

Saturday, September 14th at the Lincoln Building (920 Lincoln St) in Quinter at 7:00 pm

Sunday, September 15th at Mount Pleasant Church (14998 East RD Studley, KS) at 10:45 am

Sunday, September 15th at the Wesleyan Church (360 H Street) in Phillipsburg at 4:00 pm

If you have any questions about any of these events, visit with Rhonda Abell (785.953.7078) or Rachel Albin (785.639.1325)

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