



THE OAKBRIDGE

May Article *From Pastor Jim*



Your Elders are investigating a variety of possible avenues for evangelistic outreach in the St. Croix Valley. This variety includes sponsoring or participating in special events, arrangements to be involved with service organizations, ongoing relational ministry in a neighborhood, as well as several other approaches.

Right now we are focusing on possible involvement in the Stillwater Log Jam that will be held July 17-19. We have been in contact with the organizers of this annual event, and the initial response has encouraged us to continue pursuing this direction. We are seeking a face-to-face meeting with some of the organizers so we can get a clear understanding of specific ways we could be involved.

If these efforts come to fruition, our goal in participating in the Log Jam event is two-fold: to serve people in the name of Jesus Christ and to create opportunities for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are eager to see what this could look like. It may involve a Sunday morning service in one of the parks near downtown. It may involve sponsoring a booth throughout the weekend at which we would be able to talk with people. We won't know exactly what the possibilities are until we meet with the organizers.

One of the reasons we see the Log Jam festival as an important avenue to pursue is that many of the evangelical churches in our area are focusing on a different regional event being held the same weekend. Because the Log Jam festival is local and because it appears there is minimal gospel witness being planned in connection with it, we believe this is where our attention needs to be placed.

Another long-range potential opportunity into which we are looking is participation with Community Thread,

the local service organization that provides help to seniors and people with disabilities in the area. I have met with the program coordinator of Community Thread, and it looks like we as a church could get involved in a number of ventures that this organization organizes. These would include chore services and providing transportation for people in need.

Our participation with Community Thread would enable us to develop ongoing relationships with many of the people we would serve. Such relationships provide ideal opportunities for ministering the gospel of Jesus Christ, and that is exciting.

Community Thread also organizes special events at certain times of the year. If we establish a working relationship with them, we will probably start with involvement in their fall event called Rake-A-Difference Day, held in October. However, if you as an individual would like to become familiar with Community Thread earlier than that, they are coordinating a Spring Into Service event on Saturday morning, May 16, during which volunteers do spring cleaning activities at various local nonprofit organizations.

Do continue praying for your Elders as we prayerfully investigate all the possibilities for outreach in this valley. There are many options. We can't do them all, so we want the Lord's wisdom, direction and enabling power for those ventures that are His will for us to pursue.

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All I Have is Christ

Music and Words by Jordan Kauflin

Submitted by James DeCaro

I would like to share a couple of things to enrich our understanding of our May song of the month, *All I Have is Christ*. First, please take a look at some of the verses that led Jordan Kauflin to write the song.

1 Corinthians 15:10
Colossians 3:4

Ephesians 2:1-3
1 Peter 2:24

Philippians 1:20-21
1 John 4:19

After reading the verses and the song lyrics, take a look at this powerful video animation found on the web at (<https://vimeo.com/25358049>). It gives the song the context of a believer teaching about Jesus in the midst of persecution and the threat to recant Christ or die. In that moment, the believer reflects on the work of Christ in his life and that Christ alone is his life. If it weren't for Jesus, he (and I!) would still be fighting against God. If it weren't for Jesus, he would be expecting God's wrath. Freed from sin, the world no longer holds the same sway over the believer. Threats of violence, loss of possessions, and the end of earthly life are nothing compared to having Jesus.

VERSE 1

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

VERSE 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

CHORUS

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

VERSE 3

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

May Bible Reading

- 1 1 Chronicles 6
- 2 1 Chronicles 7-8
- 3 1 Chronicles 9-11
- 4 1 Chronicles 12-14
- 5 1 Chronicles 15-17
- 6 1 Chronicles 18-21
- 7 1 Chronicles 22-24
- 8 1 Chronicles 25-27
- 9 1 Chronicles 28 - 2 Chronicles 1
- 10 2 Chronicles 2-5
- 11 2 Chronicles 6-8
- 12 2 Chronicles 9-12
- 13 2 Chronicles 13-17
- 14 2 Chronicles 18-20
- 15 2 Chronicles 21-24
- 16 2 Chronicles 25-27
- 17 2 Chronicles 28-31
- 18 2 Chronicles 32-34
- 19 2 Chronicles 35-36
- 20 Ezra 1-3
- 21 Ezra 4-7
- 22 Ezra 8-10
- 23 Nehemiah 1-3
- 24 Nehemiah 4-6
- 25 Nehemiah 7
- 26 Nehemiah 8-9
- 27 Nehemiah 10-11
- 28 Nehemiah 12-13
- 29 Esther 1-5
- 30 Esther 6-10
- 31 Job 1-4

*Join us this year as
we go through
the Bible canonically.*

*And all the people
gathered as one man at
the square which was in
front of the Water Gate,
and they asked Ezra the
scribe to bring the book
of the law of Moses
which the LORD
had given to Israel.*

Nehemiah 8:1

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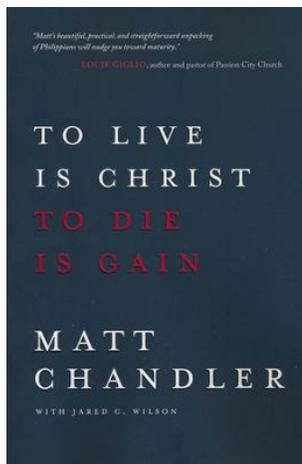
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, the One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Isaiah 45:6-7</p>						
3 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship	4 6:30 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting	5	6 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 6:30 p.m. - Youth Meeting	7 7:15 a.m. - National Day of Prayer Breakfast 7:00 p.m. - National Day of Prayer Service	8	9 8:30 a.m. - Church Work Day
10 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship 1:45 p.m. - Good Samaritan Sunday Service 4:30 p.m. - DeCaro Care Group	11 6:30 p.m. - Elders & Deacons Meeting	12 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team Practice	13 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 6:30 p.m. - Youth Meeting	14 6:30 p.m. - Butler Care Group 7:00 p.m. - Larson Care Group	15	16 10:00 a.m. - Piecemakers Sewing Saturday
17 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship	18 5:00 p.m. - Elders Meeting	19	20 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 6:30 p.m. - Youth Meeting	21 6:30 p.m. - Butler Care Group 7:00 p.m. - Larson Care Group	22	23
24/31 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Time 9:00 a.m. - Sunday School 10:20 a.m. - Worship 4:30 p.m. - DeCaro Care Group (24 th)	25 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed	26	27 9:00 a.m. - Prayer Time 6:30 p.m. - Connecting in Prayer 6:30 p.m. - Youth Meeting	28 6:30 p.m. - Butler Care Group 7:00 p.m. - Larson Care Group	29	30 9:00 a.m. - Worship Team Practice

Youth News

Submitted by Jeremy Misener

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21



I am really excited to have started a new 12-week study of the letter of Philippians during the Sunday morning 9:00 hour. The first week Matt Chandler spent some time explaining the diversity represented in the first followers of Christ in Philippi by looking at Lydia, the slave girl who had a spirit of divination, and the Philippian jailer. Without Christ none of these people would have known each other, let alone been in deep community with one another. It reminded me once again of the diversity represented by the small group of youth we currently have in our youth meetings. We have students representing five different schools, different personalities, different church backgrounds, an artist from the east coast, a mid-twenty-year-old who grew up in a completely different Oakridge culture, and a bald 40-year-old. The only common denominator bringing us all together is Christ. I am really excited about the material we are going to be going through, but it won't have a chance to take root unless the youth actually show up and engage, so please be praying that the Lord would haunt them at about 7:00 a.m. every Sunday morning so that they have no option but to show up at 9:00 a.m.

May Birthdays

May 3 - Doug Anderson

May 9 - Darlene Schmoeckel

May 9 - Nancy Weber

May 14 - Ryan Wyss

May 17 - Samantha Magler

May 19 - Sue Butler

May 23 - Sarah Larson

May 25 - Erika Schlicht



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OCC Vision

The vision of Oakridge Community Church is to spread a joyful passion for the absolute, eternal supremacy of Jesus Christ in all things, to all peoples.

OCC Mission

The mission of Oakridge Community Church is to glorify God by delighting in, declaring and displaying the gospel of Jesus Christ.

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www.oakridgecommunity.org