S.O.S. on AUGUST 6th

Can I really serve the Lord by running or walking? Yes! As a church we want to think outside of the box, outside of our church walls and let God direct us to making an impact in our community for Him! We are very excited about our next S.O.S. event on August 6th! There are two parts to this day. The first is the Run for Our Youth. This is a 5K & 2.5K Fun Run/Walk that will raise money for the Oxford Addison Youth Assistance. This program exists to help strengthen youth and families in our community to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse & neglect. By signing up and being a runner/walker in this event you will help provide funding for programs & scholarships for youth in our area. This is a great way for the whole family to practically get involved in serving our community. We are hoping for a huge sign up from Oakwood! We also need a dozen volunteers to help with the event.

The Run/Walk will start at 8:30am at Oxford Middle School & follow the Polly Ann Trail with a finish at Centennial Park in downtown Oxford. The costs are Adult $27.37, Youth $18.93, Family of Four $64.29. Children under 5 are Free. Strollers are welcome!

Sign up online for Run For Our Youth: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/run-for-our-youth-tickets-24911380610

If you would like to run/walk, but the cost is the only thing holding you back, please let us know at the signup table or talk with the church office. Scholarships are available!

The second part of this day involves the privilege of serving at the Oxford Lone Ranger Festival & Parade. Oakwood will have a booth at this event, with a bag toss, mask crafts & literature about Oakwood. We will need families to serve at our table on a 2-hour rotation. This is a great opportunity to be in the community and tell people about Oakwood! We will also need some people to sign up for various jobs at the parade and festival.

Please visit our S.O.S. table to sign up or ask questions!

Let’s serve and represent Christ together in a BIG way on August 6th!
NEW CHURCHWIDE STUDY COMING THIS FALL

Oakwood will be starting a new study initiative on Sunday, September 11th called the Gospel Project. Designed by Lifeway, the Gospel Project is a chronological Bible study for adults, students, and kids that examines how all Scripture gives testimony to Jesus Christ. Pastor Don will be preaching messages on Sunday mornings that will line up with what our children, teens, and small groups are studying throughout the week. We are excited to see the church grow as we journey together from Genesis to Revelation over the next few years. We are also thrilled about the benefits and opportunities this approach will open up for our families, as they can be reading, discussing and interacting with each other over the same Scriptures at home during the week!

We are planning to modify Lifeway’s suggested schedule a bit, taking breaks once or twice a year to allow flexibility for Pastor Don and our other ministries to teach and tackle other relevant topics on Sunday mornings and in our midweek ministries. The tentative schedule for the first year might look something like this:

- **Sept. - Nov. 2016** - Gospel Project #1: The Story Begins (Genesis)
- **Dec. 2016** - Christmas Series
- **Jan. - Feb. 2017** - Bible or Topical Series
- **Mar. - May 2017** - Gospel Project #2: God Delivers (Exodus, Leviticus & Deuteronomy)
- **Summer 2017** - Bible or Topical Series

There are a number of key strengths and benefits of this study, including:

- **It’s a Christ-centered study** that helps people understand how all of Scripture testifies to the gospel of Jesus Christ. In other words, it will help us see that Jesus isn’t just part of the biblical story, He’s the point of the biblical story.

- **The chronological study plan** will help people grasp the grand story of the Bible by tracing major themes and essential doctrines throughout all of Scripture.

- **A focus on life application** will help people understand and apply biblical truth by exploring implications for life in every session.

- **A missional focus** will help move people to mission by demonstrating proper responses to what God has done for us in Christ.

We hope you are excited about implementing the Gospel Project here at Oakwood. We are praying that God will work through His Spirit as we study His word to grip our hearts with the gospel and encourage us to live on mission for Him. Please join us in praying and stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved!

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