
OREGON CITY EVANGELICAL CHURCH

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN

Owen Anderson, Army; Tim Anderson, Marines;
Ezekial Blackwell, Marines; Clark DeWhitt, Air Force;
Daniel Domme, Army; Chris Doud, Army; Keith Forsman, Marines;
Talon Green, Air Force; Jonathan Juckel, Air Force; Peter Knight, Army
National Guard; Tessa Knight, Army; Johnnie Koyama, Air Force;
Bryan Lietzke, Air Force; Nathan Phillips, Army;
Kyle Steputis, Air Force; Brook Solheim, Army;
Kent G. Solheim, Army Special Forces; Rebecca Tucker, Navy;
David Vattiat, Army; Austin White, Marines; Connor Williams, Army;
Scott Willey, Marines; Lance Wonder, Army Rangers;
Cameron Workman, Marines

Please contact the office with any updates for this list.



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IDENTITY: THE GOSPEL

Ed Grover - Lead Pastor
January 06, 2019

OCEC HAPPENINGS

GRATEFUL PRAISE CHOIR

Rehearsals are starting back up **tomorrow, January 7 at 7:00pm!** If you are interested in joining the choir and helping to lead worship, contact Pastor Dave at davel@ocec.net

OCEC FAMILY MEETING

Next **Sunday, January 13 at 6:00pm** in the Fellowship Center is our first OCEC Family Meeting of 2019. This meeting will be a chance to welcome the Eckhardt family and get to know them a little better. Back by popular demand, popcorn and nachos!

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

There is a prayer service **tonight at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary.

Student Ministries

The Branch Meeting Times:

Sunday: 9:00am in High School Room(D5)

Wednesday: 7:00pm in D5

LifeWire Meeting Times:

Sunday: 9:00am in Middle School Room (C7)

Wednesday: 7:00pm in D5



Stay up-to-date during the week by checking out the Branch & LifeWire Facebook pages!

WOW WINTER KICKOFF

Our next Women of the Word Bible study kicks off on **Tuesday, January 8, 9:00-11:00am** in the Fellowship center. Join us as we study Genesis. Registration is available online (follow links under Women's Ministry) and in the Fellowship Center each Tuesday morning starting Jan. 8. We would love to see you there! Questions? Call Angela Dillon at 503-419-7721.

PRIMETIMER'S LUNCHEON

If you're 55+, you're invited to join the PrimeTimers on **Thursday, January 10 at 12:00pm** in the Fellowship Center for a wonderful potluck luncheon. Entertainment TBD. Please bring a main dish, salad or side dish, or dessert. Bring enough for six if coming alone or twelve if coming as a couple. See you then!

NEEDED: Caring adults (especially men!) willing to help provide a safe, loving environment for special needs students in the Garden Room one Sunday a month during the 9:00am service. Want to know more? Talk with Pastor Sue and/or Marilyn Brown or email sueb@ocec.net.

CHURCH BAPTISM

OCEC will have a baptism day on **Sunday, January 20 at 1:30pm** at the Canby Swim Center. If you are interested in being baptised, please contact one of the pastors or email Caitlan in the office at caitlanh@ocec.net.

BUDGET & GIVING

December Monthly Budget

\$ 92,326.23

Offerings Received through 12/31/2018

\$ 118,920.11

Please pray with us and ask God to provide for OCEC ministry needs through the tithes and offerings of the church family.

Sunday, 9:00AM - Room C-5/6

Instructors: Brent Burson and Chris Storey

Title: *Biblical Perspectives on Heaven & Hell - What Can We Expect In the Afterlife?*

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Instructor: Allen Solheim

Title: *The Life of the Apostles*

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Instructors: Bruce Benson and Wayne Schock

Title: *Hebrews*

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Intro: Imagine you are meeting someone for the first time and they ask, “So who are you?” What kinds of things would you tell them about you?

Read Mark 5:21-34

- 1) Briefly sum up Sunday’s message. How much thought have you given to your own identity? And, how much do you think your identity currently affects your day-to-day routine?
- 2) How scary/reassuring is it that what God says about you matters more than what you say about you?
- 3) How difficult do you think it is to really live in a way that our fulfillment comes from God? What things (even good things) can get in the way of living like this?
- 4) Can you think of a time that you realized that you were actually part of the problem? How does love help us to be sensitive to this kind of “hard truth”?
- 5) Read 1John 1:9. Why is confessing our need so powerful and essential as a follower of Christ? What do we miss out on if we fail to do this?
- 6) Thinking about the woman who touched Jesus, why is it not enough to simply come because, as Pastor Ed said, of “what Jesus can do”? And how is it different to seek Him simply for “who He is”?
- 7) Why is it dangerous to base our identity on what our heart wants? Do you ever sense that you are conflicted about what you really want?
- 8) What are some things (companies, institutions, etc.) that you thought would never go away, but have since vanished? What does this say about the certainty the gospel brings to our lives?
- 9) Go back to the intro question, do you think God might say anything different from what you said when describing you?

Prayer:

Pray for each other that God would remind us who we are in His eyes, and that we would allow Him to remove the identity we have created for ourselves in our hearts and minds. Let His word be the last word.