
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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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
IN THE BEGINNING

Ed Grover - Lead Pastor
March 10, 2019

OCEC HAPPENINGS

FAMILY MEETING: TONIGHT 6PM

We are challenging our entire church to pray together over the months of March and April for our city and its people. This is no easy task and so we are devoting our entire family meeting to what this will look like, and how we can together take on this first step of reaching our community for Jesus. This meeting is not just for the prayer warriors out there, it's for everyone, especially those who have a hard time praying for much of anything. Also we are having hot dogs and frito boats!!! So come hungry!

SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY 2019

Over the next month leading up to Easter we will be praying together as a church for our city, seeking God for the long range change that only He can bring. We are using the "Seek God For The City" booklets as a way of guiding us through this season of prayer and giving us different things to lift up to the Lord each and every day. Please join us in this by picking up a prayer guide outside of the fellowship center or downloading the app for your phone.

Student Ministries

Sunday Meetings:

9:00am: Pre-Sermon Discussion & Fellowship Time in Christi Center

10:45am: meet in the Sanctuary, middle section, first few rows

Wednesday Meetings:

6:45pm: The Branch in D5 (High School)

6:45pm: LifeWire in C7 (Middle School)

Stay up-to-date on Student Ministry Events:
<https://www.ocec.net/student-ministry/events>

SPRING BREAK INTENSIVE

Join OCEC Student Ministry for a night of tacos, games, worship, movies and more!

When: March 29, 7:00pm-7:00am

Cost: \$10 per student

Sign up online through the OCEC Student Ministry

Events page. Students are encouraged to bring as many friends as they can!

PRIMETIMERS LUNCHEON

If you're age 55+, please join us for our monthly potluck in the Fellowship Center this **Thursday, March 14 at 12:00pm**. Bart Maley will be sharing about his ministry with sand filtration systems providing clean drinking water to the people around the world who have none. We always have a great time and delicious food, so we would love to see you there! Please bring a main dish, salad or side dish or dessert. If coming as a single, bring enough for 6 or enough for 12 if coming as a couple.

A RESURRECTION SUNDAY GARDEN AT

OCEC: BECAUSE HE LIVES, WE TOO SHALL LIVE! OCEC hopes to fill the platform with plants and flowers for Easter Sunday morning--a Resurrection Garden to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and to honor the memory of loved ones in heaven.

Will you help us make the garden? With each \$20 donation, we'll purchase a plant in memory of a loved one--in anticipation of the resurrection to come! We'll publish in our Easter bulletin a list of those being memorialized. After our Easter morning services, you may select a plant from the platform to take home or to give away.

How to reserve your memorial plant: Enclose \$20 in an offering envelope, marked: Easter Garden: in memory of (*loved one's name*), given by (*your name*).

MEMORIAL SERVICES:

Gene Garoutte's service will be held at OCEC on **Saturday, April 13 at 11:00am**, a luncheon to follow. All welcome.

Irene Varce's service will be held at OCEC on **Tuesday, July 2 at 11:00am**, a luncheon to follow. All welcome.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

There will be **no** prayer service tonight.

BUDGET & GIVING

March Monthly Budget	Offerings Received through 03/03/19
\$ 93,070.50	\$30,688.98
February Monthly Budget	Offerings Received through 02/28/19
\$74,456.27	\$72,959.94

Missions Giving: \$6,162.50 supported 55 Missionaries for February 2019

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

Read John 1:1-18

Intro: The prologue of John is one of the most theologically rich passages in all of scripture. Share with the group a verse or thought in these first 18 verses that causes you to stop and marvel at God and what He has done.

- 1) Why do you think John decided to begin his gospel before anything was created? How should this impact the rest of how we read the book?
- 2) How do you try to comprehend the fact that God had no beginning? That there never was a start to Him? Is it an idea that you tend to dwell on, or have you accepted it as true and moved on?
- 3) Think about the beauty of Oregon. Its wonders show the beauty and intentionality of God's creation. **Read Prov 8:22-31.** God thought of you before anything else. Discuss how this speaks to you.
- 4) Have you ever considered that the purpose of God's light is to show who you truly are and to destroy the shadows that hide your true worth?
- 5) Does the grandeur of God make it difficult for you to believe that He wishes to know you personally? How can the coming of Jesus help us with our own struggles of realizing our personal importance to God?
- 6) Do you tend to see prayer as you entering God's space or Him invading yours? Does it matter? How might John 1 challenge or enhance your thoughts on this?
- 7) Is it possible for us to get "too comfortable" with God? What are the dangers of us losing sight of how big God is?
- 8) How can we maintain the right balance between knowing God personally but also understanding that He is God? How do we make sure that being in His presence maintains its sacredness, but that we also aren't too scared to ever approach Him?
- 9) How are you hoping to experience God and grow in Him as we walk through the gospel of John?

Prayer:

Let's pray that we will cherish God's invitation to know Him in a way that we have yet to experience in our lives.