
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
THE GOOD NEWS & BAD NEWS

Ed Grover - Lead Pastor

April 14, 2019

OCEC HAPPENINGS

PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK - TONIGHT!

Tonight at 5:00pm we are having our Palm Sunday Potluck in the sanctuary! We will be providing the main dish of pulled pork sandwiches. If your last name starts with **A - M**, please bring a side dish or salad. If your last name starts with **N - Z**, bring a dessert. We hope to see you there!

GOOD FRIDAY

Join us for our Good Friday Service this **Friday at 7:00pm** in the church sanctuary. Please take note that there will be **no childcare** for this service.

EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

There will be **no** prayer service tonight

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>

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

There ***is*** youth on Wednesday's
4/17 and 4/24 - 6:45pm!

There will be **no** pre-sermon discussion on
Easter Sunday.

EASTER SERVICES

Just a reminder that we will have an extra service on Easter Sunday, **7:30am, 9:00am, and 10:45am**. Please note there will be **no childcare for the 7:30am** service. Normal childcare and Sunday school during the 9:00am and 10:45am services.

LAST DAY TO RESERVE YOUR MEMORIAL PLANT:

HOW TO RESERVE: Enclose \$20 in an offering envelope, marked: Easter Garden: in memory of (*loved one's name*), given by (*your name*).

PESM GRADUATION

OCEC will have the honor of hosting the annual graduation ceremony for our denomination's seminary, Pacific Evangelical School of Ministry (PESM), **Sunday, April 28 at 6:00pm**. In its 20 years of existence, PESM has equipped and graduated dozens of leaders for our churches. Two graduates will be honored this year: Justin Coats, youth pastor at New Hope Church in Bend, and David Briner, worship pastor at Vancouver 1st Evangelical. PESM was started by Dr. Bill Vermillion and Dr. Don Hohensee, who continue to serve on PESM's faculty. Its current dean is our denomination's Superintendent, Brian Eckhardt; and OCEC's pastors, Dave LeRud and Matt Eckhardt also serve on the faculty. This year's commencement speaker will be PESM's Christian Education professor, Nancy Austin. Our OCEC family is invited to attend the graduation ceremony in support of the school and its students. (For more information about PESM, go to <http://pacificecna.org/pesm>.)

BUDGET & GIVING

April Monthly Budget

\$ 74,456.40

Offerings Received through 04/07/19

\$ 18,607.73

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

Intro: Before you became a Christian, pro-religion, neutral, or anti-religion? Did the idea of religion and being religious excite you before you came to Christ? How about after coming to Christ?

Read John 3:1-15

- 1) Nicodemus doesn't begin his discussion with Jesus, as most people do, by asking anything, yet Jesus has a message for him. Why do you think Jesus felt the need to discuss being "born again"?
- 2) How would you use these verses to define what it means to be "born again"? Can you point to other places in scripture that point to the need for being "born again"?
- 3) What kinds of things do people wrongly trust in for salvation? What is Jesus' message for them?
- 4) Why did Nicodemus search Jesus out? What had Jesus done to make him curious? What draws people today to be curious about Jesus?
- 5) Do you think that some people may be "turned off" to salvation in Jesus if they realize that it also means gaining a new identity? If so, how can you use this passage to show them this is actually a good thing?
- 6) How does the idea that your worth is found in something outside of you rather than inside of you highlight the need for discipleship in your life? Does it challenge you in anyway?
- 7) Being honest, which of the 3 types of people that Pastor Ed described do you most identify with? Why?
- 8) Why do you think that some people are "born again", yet have difficulty living as children of God? How does the church sometimes hurt in this area? How can those in the church help?
- 9) How does the idea of the image of the snake being lifted up on the pole make you more grateful for Jesus being "lifted up?"

Prayer: Pray that as we begin Holy Week that many more in our city, including ourselves, would know the reality of a full life in Jesus.