



Worship
March 3, 2024

Get Connected

Welcome to Oak City! We are so glad you came to worship with us. Would you consider scanning this QR code to share your info with us so we can send you a note of thanks? You can also scan to share a prayer request!



Gospel of Grace

Oak City Youth

We are excited to launch a weekly gathering for our middle and high school students in our new youth room at the church! This night will include Bible study, pizza dinner, and activities:

- **6:30- Middle School Bible study:** Faith Foundations: What's the Bible all about? How do I understand it? How does it apply to my life? What do I really believe?
- **7:00- All youth pizza dinner and fun:** we will have Little Caesar's pizza every week followed by a joint game/activity
- **8:00- High School Bible Study:** Jonah- This incredible true story is bigger than a fish! It's a story about God calling us to do hard things and how we respond to His mission for our lives. It's ultimately a story that points us to Christ who is the better Jonah!

Women's Bible Study

Ladies please join us on Wednesday nights for Bible Study at 6:30pm in our worship space. We will be studying the book *From Garden to Glory* by Courtney Doctor. Please contact Leah Kirby [863.398.2441] for more information and questions.

Seeker/Young Believer Study

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible, Jesus, and the Christian faith? Every Saturday, a small group of friends come together at 8:30am [510 S Broadway Ave, Bartow} to discuss a chapter of God's Word together. If you are interested, contact Chris Clark [863.289.9439].

Bartow High School Outreach

Every week mentors meet with high school boys at Bartow High School during their lunch hour. This outreach is in partnership with Idols Aside Ministries who focus on the fatherless. This is an opportunity to share the gospel and mentor students with biblical truth! Talk to Pastor Brian [334.294.1226] if you are interested in joining our team!

Culture of Care

City Groups Launching Tonight!

City Groups are places of community building, care, and spiritual growth. We encourage you to plug into a group that fits your schedule, location or family:

- Fridays [6:30] at the Clark's - studying Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund
- Sundays [12:30] at the Leto's [2715 Red Egret Dr Bartow]- studying questions from the sermon
- Sundays [6:30] at the MacDonald's [705 E. Church Street, Bartow]- studying questions from the sermon. Note: Grab a babysitter and make it a date night as there will be no childcare!

Need Counseling?

Oak City Biblical Counseling is a ministry of our church and its mission is to proclaim gospel hope through the truth of God's Word for lasting heart change in the midst of sin, sorrow, and suffering. For more information go to www.ocbcbartow.org or contact Christopher Boll [863.255.3374]

Priority of Prayer

Prayer Cohorts

Prayer cohorts are a lot like discipleship groups that have ample time to share but are specifically focused on prayer for one another, our church, and the city! Women meet Wednesdays at 9:30am at the church [500 W. Stuart St. Bartow]. Men meet on Tuesdays at 6:30am at Broadway Diner [1380 N. Broadway Ave].

Order of Worship

‡ = please stand if
able

God Calls Us to Worship

Worship begins with a Scriptural call for God's people to worship Him (Exodus 20:1-11).

We Praise His Name

In response to God's grace, we offer the "sacrifice of praise" to Him, the "fruit of our lips" that honor His name (Hebrews 13:15)

We Confess Our Sins

In God's holy presence, we stand in awe and feel our need for His saving grace (Psalm 51:17).

Welcome and Announcements

‡ Song of Preparation

10,000 Reasons

‡ Call to Worship

Psalm 18:30-31

LEADER: This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.

PEOPLE: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

‡ Prayer of Adoration

‡ Hymns of Praise

Blessed Assurance

Trinity Hymnal #693

Build My Life

Confession of Sin

ALL: Almighty God, we acknowledge our sins before You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess that we have failed to love You fully with all our heart, mind, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive our past failings and enable us to find joy in obedience for the honor of Your holy name. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

silent confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:9

Hear the promise of God for those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

‡ Song of Renewal

Rock of Ages

Trinity Hymnal #499

‡ Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 38 Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

A. Though innocent, Christ was condemned by an earthly judge, and so he freed us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. *Amen.*

Kids (4 years old- 1st grade) are dismissed for class

‡ Doxology

God Cleanses Us

God assures believers of His forgiveness through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 John 1:9)

We Confess our Faith

For centuries, God’s people have been using creeds and confessions in order to identify where they stand on critical issues of the faith (1 Tim. 3:16).

We Pray for One Another and our City

We use this time to intercede for some of our church families and for our ministry impact in Bartow. We end with the model prayer Jesus taught his disciples (Matthew 6:9-13)

City Group
Sermon Discussion
Questions

Questions 1

What are some practical steps you feel led to take to deepen your prayer life? How can you hold yourself accountable to these changes?

Question 2

What are the biggest challenges you face in maintaining a consistent prayer life? How can you address these challenges based on the insights shared in the sermon?

Question 3

How does your current prayer life compare to the vital, communicative relationship with God described in the sermon? In what ways do you feel called to deepen or change your approach to prayer?

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah

POUR OUT YOUR SOUL TO GOD

Psalm 62:8

I. The Necessity of Prayer

A. Prayer is necessary if you are to be saved (Romans 10:11-13; Luke 18:13; Romans 8:15)

B. Prayer is necessary if you are to be sanctified (Leviticus 20:26; Hebrews 12:14; 1Pet 3:12)

II. The Nature of Prayer

A. Prayer is communication with God. (Psalm 62:8; Matthew 9:12-13; Matthew 11:28-30; Psalm 51:7; Hebrews 4:15-16)

B. Prayer is reverent and humble communication with God (Luke 11:1-2; Hebrews 12:28-29; Psalm 5:1-7; Exodus 3)

C. Prayer is Trinitarian Communication with God (John 17:21-23; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 1:3)

Song of Preparation

Jesus Paid it All

Communion

Prayer of Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Believing on Jesus: Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.

Prayer of Struggling Against Sin: Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the pioneer and champion of my faith. Amen.

+ Hymn of Response

Jesus Paid it All

+ Worship through Giving

Benediction

We Feast with Christ and His People

During the sermon, this passage will be explained and applied to our lives. We're called to listen diligently and prayerfully, examining what we hear by the Scriptures, and receiving the truth with faith, love, and humility (Romans 10:14-17).

We have gluten free bread. Wine in the inner ring and alcohol free wine in the outer ring. Please come forward and partake when you receive the elements

We Give Our Offerings

The offering is a time for prayerful reflection. We give to support the work of the church and those in need (Ecclesiastes 5:1-2; 1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

God Sends Us Out

Since God's hand of judgment was raised over Christ on the cross, God raises His hand of blessing over us (Luke 24:50-53).

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 3

10:30a — Morning Worship
6:30p — City Group @ the MacDonald home

Tuesday, March 5

6:30a — Men's Prayer Cohort

Wednesday, March 6

9:30a — Women's Prayer Cohort
6:30p — Women's Bible Study
6:30p — Middle School Youth Bible Study
7:00p — Youth Dinner and Activities
8:00p — High School Youth Bible Study

Thursday, March 7

11:00a — Bartow High School Outreach

Friday, March 8

6:30p — City Group @ the Clark's home

Saturday, March 9

8:30a — Seeker/Young Believer Bible Study

Community Bible Reading

Monday — Isaiah 38; Acts 22

Tuesday — Isaiah 39; Acts 23

Wednesday — Isaiah 40; Acts 24

Thursday — Isaiah 41; Acts 25

Friday — Isaiah 42; Acts 26

Saturday — Psalm 114



Our Vision

Grow a healthy church that will cultivate a beautiful Bartow

Our Values

GOSPEL OF GRACE
CULTURE OF CARE
PRIORITY OF PRAYER

Our Staff

Brian MacDonald, Pastor
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