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 Omega Baptist Church

A circle of believers with Christ at the center.

BEACON

“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

A Favorite for Good Reason

At the Deacon Board meeting in July I asked for ideas or suggestions for what book of the Bible might be good for us to use in Sunday morning worship when we finish the book of James. One man suggested that in contrast to the blunt nature of James, it might be good to use Philippians since it is so encouraging.

Philippians is a favorite of many Christians for good reason. Some of our favorite verses are found in this small book. The attitude of the book is very positive, especially in light of the less than ideal circumstances of the author; but more about that in a bit.

The next day in the office I looked through my file on Philippians and was surprised to find that I have never done a sermon series through that book. I've preached several sermons from Philippians and have used passages from Philippians as support for sermons on other books of the Bible but have never preached through the book sequentially.

One of the neat things I found in my file was an introduction to Philippians from The Living Insights Study Bible, forward by Chuck Swindoll. It reads, “If you need warm encouragement, a cheery boost of joy, a happy and hopeful word to lift your spirit,

you have come to the right place...these 104 verses offer authentic reasons to be thankful, joyful and contented. And to think they were written by a man who was living under house arrest, bound by chains to a Roman guard all day long! How could he be so joyful?...Because his focus was on his Savior rather than on his situation.”

As we embark on this new series my prayer is, “that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ - to the glory and praise of God.”
Philippians 1:9-11

In His Joy,

Pastor Rodney Price



AUGUST SERMON SCHEDULE

- 4 Guest Speaker
- 11 Philippians 1:1-11 “A Powerful Confidence”
- 18 Philippians 1:12-26 “It’s a Win - Win”
- 25 Philippians 1:27-2:11 “A Powerful Example”



YOUTH MINISTRY



So I was thinking...

about a song called, "Order, Disorder, Reorder." If you're anything like me, that title makes you cringe and raise an eyebrow just a little. When I first heard the title, I wasn't sure I was going to like the song that followed. (Especially when you add the next part of the chorus, "over and over and over." I was a skeptic.) But it's very interesting when you get to hear from the artist who wrote it and learn what it personally means to him. This particular song is by Jason Gray. We went to see him at Lifest. Apparently he's been around the Christian Music scene for a while, but I had only recently heard of him because of a song called "I'm Gonna Let it Go." I went to see him because I wanted to hear him sing it and I'm very glad I did. While listening to him talk about his music and his passion for it, it became evident that Jason is the type of person that could not live without music. There is no other job possibility out there for him. He must produce music. It's in everything he does and he puts everything he experiences into his music. It's like each song is an extension of himself. He doesn't try to find fancy ways to say things, he just uses his feelings and what he's experiencing and sings. I paid a little more attention to the lyrics of his songs because of how he talked about them, and I ended up finding this song, "Order, Disorder, Reorder" fascinating and completely relatable.

The first verse of the song says, "I thought everything was as it should be, I believed that it was all up to me. As if I was in control." That's the "order" part of life. Nothing is really happening, but we are ok with it. We feel like we are in control even though we aren't growing or learning. (Of course we don't know we aren't growing or learning or even realize we need to at this stage.) Those of us who have been around a little while know that we usually don't have to wait too long for chaos to ensue. That's the "disorder." This could be extreme. Something that completely turns your life inside out: a medical diagnosis, a death, a severe hurt. The song says it better, "I thought the storm would never come to an end, I begged You again and again to send a miracle." But I also believe that the "disorder" doesn't always have to be in an extreme form. It could be a bad decision, failing a test, having an argument with your spouse or child, or feeling distant from a friend. It could come from a busy schedule that has you putting everything but God first. It's uncomfortable and usually involves tears. It's more often than not, confusing and frustrating. But this is when we need to learn to dig in to God's Word because it's what comes next that makes the "disorder" worth it.

The "reorder." This is when God shows you all you learned during the disorder. It's how He "reordered" your life. It's God working through you, molding you, changing you in some way to be the you He created you to be, but you won't see it if you don't get to know God. There are a few lines in the song that speak to the reorder, but my favorite is, "But the storm was the way You broke my heart open wide, to get to what was hidden inside and call it beautiful." If we stay in "order" we never experience the "disorder" which means we would miss the something beautiful in the "reorder."

It takes work to recognize the beautiful that can come from the disorder. It takes you learning who God is and learning to put your faith into action. But as you start to see it, you can walk into the "disorder" with a completely different attitude. You can surrender. The song also speaks to this, "So here I am, I'm all in. Though it feels like falling, if that's what it takes for You to break through, give me the faith when I'm afraid to say, Here I go, I'm ready, I know You won't forget me. You'll give me the grace to find a way through, order, disorder, reorder, over and over and over." If we are honest, none of us like change. But God won't stop until we are the person He wants us to be, so get ready for "order, disorder, reorder, over and over and over."

...until next time, Rebecca Anderson, Youth Director





OBC Family Fun Nights in August

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m.

and

Sunday, August 11, 6:30 p.m.

Kickball for all ages, visiting, and family fun at the Ogema Park. Please come join the fun!!

Sunday School Teacher Fall Kick-Off Meeting Thursday, August 22, 7:00 p.m.

All Sunday School Teachers & Substitute Teachers, there will be an informational meeting for the upcoming year on Thursday, August 22, at 7:00.

We will preview the year's curriculum, share teaching strategies and ideas, and review guidelines. Please plan to attend!



Spot 68 Summer Fun

August 16, 6:00—8:00 p.m.
at the Ogema Park - Kickball



Titus 2

Women of all ages, please join us this summer for evenings of fellowship, encouragement, and testimony.

We meet at **6:30 p.m.** at Janet Blomberg's home on the following Mondays in **August**,

to hear these testimonies:

5th— Krista Blomberg

19th—To Be Announced



Please join us and invite a friend or neighbor to come with you!

Mark Your Calendar for our Fall Programs Starting Next Month

September 4, 6:30 p.m.—Ground Zero (high school) kick-off
September 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m.—Spot 68 (grades 6 - 8) & Kingdom Quest (grades 4K - 5) kick-off with **Bouncy Houses and Family Picnic**
ALL AGES WELCOME
Invite friends and families from the community to join us!

Missionary Update from Emilie Blomberg

Emilie is now in Kaptagat, Kenya, working with Grace of God Children's Center/Orphanage and Grace Family Educational Center. This ministry has a vision to raise a generation of orphaned and needy children who will grow up to know God and reach their God-given potential, and also empower nationals to partner with them in service.

Please continue to keep Emilie, her team, and God's Kingdom work around the world in your prayers.

You can follow her missionary journey through her blog, emilieblomberg.theworldrace.org.



OBC Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.

August Birthdays

- 2 Terrie Grapa, Darin Polzin
- 3 Karolyn Erickson, Ashley Berg
- 4 Carrie Ulrich
- 7 Chris Blomberg, Landon Blomberg, Teague Shoup, Violet Jesunas
- 8 Harold Buzan, Michelle Nelson, Alisha Olson, Vytas Jesunas, Luca Blomberg
- 9 Mindi Wolsky
- 10 Julia Blomberg
- 12 Kari Swan, Thorson Gustafson
- 13 Scott Hueckman, Mike Ulrich
- 15 Tina Cattanach
- 16 Manny Espinoza
- 17 Hagan Isaacson
- 18 Levi Gedde, Angelica Ezpinoza
- 19 Duane Heldstab
- 20 Andrea Blomberg, Deb Bosserman, Katie Carlson, Emma Blomberg
- 21 Debbie Gustafson, Christopher Gedde, Fallon Blomberg
- 22 Heidi Loomis
- 23 Molly Andreae, Justin Ulrich
- 24 Lloyd Johnson, Nikki Heikkinen
- 25 Nathan Lind, Carolyn Bauer
- 26 Noah Ulrich, Lance Gustafson, Lance Meier
- 27 Chuck Selander, Keith Erickson, Richard Ziegler
- 28 Joan Gasser
- 31 Calvin Blomberg



Happy Birthday!

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- You or someone in your family has an address change
 - You no longer want to be on our Beacon mailing list
 - You would rather receive your Beacon by email
- Email: info@ogemabaptistchurch.org

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Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm



Whatever your age or stage in life,
YOU are WELCOME here!

“Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from
the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows.”
James 1:17

Missionary Spotlight

*Pastor Ravi and Anu Kumar, Denny, and Vinny
Church Planters in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, INDIA*

“... look to the rock from which you hewn,
& quarry from which you dug.” Isa 51:1

Dear Ogema Church,

Greetings to you in the mighty name of Jesus.

We never cease praying for all the Ogema Church families and thanking God for your prayer support and sacrificial giving to us here in this foreign land.

It is our great joy & honor in serving our heavenly father along with you in this part of the world as a missionary and planting a Church. God has been calling out, adding to His local Church, and reconciling His chosen people to Himself through us.

We appreciate your prayers as I spend many hours in counseling and prayer with different families. They ask for prayer because they have heard of answered prayers from friends or other family members. We pray and watch how God works to bring a new understanding to them through answers to prayer. Sometimes it is through healings or restored relationships. Some want prayer for jobs or difficult situations. Always it is an opportunity to open God's word and plant seeds. Thank you for your faithful support. We are partners with you for sharing the Gospel of Jesus in this dark place that needs the light and love of the one true God.

Anu and the boys have started a new school year and they are busy with classwork and exams. Anu has been given new responsibilities since finishing her degree. She is glad to be done with her studies and is still waiting for the official paperwork for certification from the university and government. In August we will apply for our Home Loan. We are experiencing our heavenly father's faithfulness in supplying our needs through your sacrificial giving.

We are so blessed and thankful. In His Service, Pastor Ravi, Anu, Denny, & Vinny”

Let's keep the Kumar's ministry and family in our prayers, for blessings, protection, and provision.

