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 Omega Baptist Church

A circle of believers with Christ at the center.

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

Matthew 5:16

Some Details on Purpose

Our purpose is to make disciples, followers, of Jesus. Our process is to challenge and enable people to Trust Christ, then Grow in Christ, and also Serve Christ. Details of those steps are important because you will make progress in your walk of faith by knowing and learning to do these details.

Let's assume that you have put your faith in Jesus. You have taken the first step in the discipleship process, Trust Christ. How can you learn to Grow in Christ and Serve Christ? Jesus tells us.

When Jesus told us our mission is to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), he also told us that part of how we are to accomplish that is “...teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you...” Jesus gave us many commands. Where should we begin learning to obey? I recommend beginning with what Jesus says is the greatest commandment. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” Matthew 22:37-38.

At this point, if we follow our culture's primary definition of love as a warm fuzzy feeling, we are in danger of missing Jesus' point. He is not primarily concerned with whether or not we feel like we love him. He wants us to actually love him. On another occasion he makes it crystal clear to the 12 disciples what his “love language” is. “If you love me, keep my

commands...Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me...Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching.” (John 14:15,21,23).

Very simply put, we love Jesus by learning his commands (having them) and doing them. Both aspects are a process. We love him by learning to obey all that he has commanded us, to paraphrase the great commission. The process happens one step at a time. We learn one of Jesus' commands. We learn how it applies to us. We do the command. That's how we love him. Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind. It's one of the ways we Grow in Christ.

In His Joy,
Rodney Price

FEBRUARY SERMON SCHEDULE

- 4 **Luke 4:14-30**
“There's No Place Like Home”
- 11 **Luke 4:31-44**
“Who's Got the Power?”
- 18 **Luke 5:1-11**
“Elevating Your Work to Eternal Importance”
- 25 **Luke 5:12-32**
“True Cleansing, True Healing”





YOUTH MINISTRY



So I was thinking...

What does it mean to be an heir? In January, Ground Zero went out to Forest Springs for a “Worship Together” night. The youth groups from Medford and Westboro joined us and it was a fun night of worship with a great message. Jake, the speaker, talked about kings and how as Americans (and because of the time period we find ourselves in) we don’t fully understand what it would be like to live under the rule of a king. A couple of his main points were that a king had the right to do anything, no matter how frivolous, malicious or rash it might be. A king also had complete control of all property and possessions. And you were required to submit everything, even your life, to the king. You also could not approach a king without an invitation and even then if you gained permission and said or did something he didn’t like...well, you lost your head!

Jake used these examples of what an earthly king’s power looked like to show us the difference between a king and THE King. He connected them because the rules still apply. As Christians, we are to fully submit our lives to God. Thankfully, we have a King we can trust. Everything we possess, earn, buy or are given is not truly ours; it is a gift from God. We are to be good stewards of all He gives us for however long He allows us to use it. We also have the freedom to approach our King at any time and in any place. However, for that to be true you must have made the choice to make Him the King of your heart. The fear of death for those who refuse is still real. It’s just not immediate. I, for one, am thankful that I can approach the King of Heaven at any time and in any place without fear of death. I’m thankful that He doesn’t abuse His power and gives us grace, mercy and love in abundance. I’m thankful that as I work on learning to fully submit all that I have and all that I am to Him, He meets me with patience. (Lots of patience!)

So back to my question about being an heir. I don’t think I will ever see an earthly inheritance. At least none to speak of. In fact, my parents have jokingly told me my inheritance is debt! They might not be able to leave me money or material things, but they did leave me with an inheritance that is worth far more. They showed me the way to the King of kings and Lord of lords. They helped me become a member of the family of God. I give them full credit for influencing my life and helping me become the person I am today. While my parents will never make me an heir to an earthly kingdom, because of what they taught me at a young age (and all the prayers for me as a teenager) they are the reason I learned how to become an heir to a Heavenly kingdom...and that makes me a princess! We are all royalty through adoption into THE KING’S heavenly family.

...until next time.

Rebecca Anderson



Titus 3:7 “so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”



FREE Sportsmen's Wild Game Feed/Expo

Saturday, Feb. 24
at Ogema Baptist
Convention Hall

2:00-5:00 p.m. Vendor Hall Open
3:30 p.m. Speaker Justin Gaiche
5:00 p.m. Free Meal
6:00 p.m. Speaker Justin Gaiche
7:00 p.m. Prize Giveaways

Our guest speaker is Justin Gaiche, founder of Chase Outdoors.

Free prize drawings include Canadian Fishing Trip, Wildlife Print, Remington .270, Muzzleloader, Youth .177 Air Rifle, Game Camera, and much more!

Bring your own specialty wild game entrée to share for the meal, or just come enjoy the evening!
Side dishes, drinks, and homemade pies are provided.

"Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts" Saturday, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.—Noon

Women of all ages, please join us for a time of discovery, teaching, and encouragement on how to use your Spiritual Gifts. Class includes personal assessment and explanations of many different Spiritual Gifts.



FREE Moms' Night Out coming in March...

Sunday, March 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Project: Cake Decorating

Discussion: "Happily Ever After?"

Mark your calendars & invite a friend!!

Upper Room Worship - a new small group at OBC

Join us for songs of worship, testimony and prayer in a small group setting.

We meet the first and third Saturdays of each month,

7:00 - 8:30 p.m., at Sam and Aimee's house.

~ February 3rd & 17th ~



February Birthdays

- 1 Ethan Blomberg, Dean Blomberg
- 2 Brent Winter
- 3 Alicia Donahoe
- 4 Bill Gustafson, Julie Pemper, Allyson Ulrich, Allora Monroe
- 5 Kurt Hallstrand, Abi Gustafson
- 6 Eric Stolhammer
- 7 Collin Monroe, Jared Nelson, Kassie Adams
- 9 Paul Pearson
- 10 Anja Lind, Ryan Gustafson
- 11 Braydn Swanson, Danica Page
- 12 Jim Bruner, Ana Gustafson
- 13 Angel Weinzatl
- 14 Kip Nussberger
- 15 Joseph Jast, Helen Palmquist
- 17 Myrtle M. Blomberg, Marie Erickson
- 18 Nick Nussberger, Ethan Cook
- 20 Rashawn Pearson, Josie Scheithauer
- 21 John Robert DeCleene, Lindsay Coppens, Matthew Rhody, Bria Pearson
- 22 Evan Lord
- 23 Bill Saari, Mark Mann, Mark Schubring, Annika Hites, Alexia Ulrich
- 24 Devon Byrd, LaVonne Mattson
- 25 Keyton Ulrich
- 26 Elizabeth Gustafson, Rick Anderson
- 27 Cindy Ulrich, John Jast
- 28 Bea Brieske, Charlie Wherritt



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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



Forest Springs Community Fun Night Wednesday, Feb. 21, 5:30—9:00 p.m.

There will be no regularly scheduled programs that evening at OBC.



Sunday evening OBC Choir Rehearsals begin again on February 11 at 6:00.



Everyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join them!



"God loves us too much to indulge our every whim."

-Max Lucado

"Grace teaches us that God loves because of who God is, not because of who we are."

-Philip Yancey

"No matter what storm you face, you need to know that God loves you. He has not abandoned you."

-Franklin Graham

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

-C.S. Lewis

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah 3:17

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

*"How GREAT is the LOVE the Father
has lavished on us,
that WE should be called
CHILDREN of GOD!"*

1 John 3:1

Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am
Wednesday Student & Ladies' Ministries - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm



Missionary Spotlight Dale & Desi Haskins Crescent Lake Bible Camp, Rhinelander, WI



Dale and Desi Haskins consider it an honor to be able to serve our Lord by serving others at Crescent Lake Bible Camp in Rhinelander, WI. They first went to CLBC in 2003 as volunteers teaching water-skiing for three summers. Then in February of 2006 they became full time missionary staff, teaching water-skiing during the summers and Dale doing Program Maintenance and New Construction the rest of the year, with Desi helping when needed. Here is a ministry update they sent recently ...

"We continue to joyfully serve at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. There is something about getting away from home and being in God's creation that opens one's heart to hearing God speak. God changes lives at camp! We are blessed to be a part of what God is doing at CLBC. ... The summer days of camp flew by quickly, as we served 952 campers and we gave 1,196 ski and tube rides. We have said it before and we will say it again, we never get tired of seeing the joy people experience when they learn how to ski. That joy softens their hearts. It is amazing how God chooses to soften hearts and to change lives."

Let's continue to keep Dale and Desi in our prayers. Here are some requests:

- full healing for Dale's back, as he suffered a vertebra compression fracture and rib fracture in September
- their personal boat which they use for camp will sell, and that God would provide funds for a new personal boat for ministry
- God's continued provision, protection, and blessing
- the many campers and community members that encounter the message of the Gospel through CLBC

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph. 2:10