

November 2020



 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

Prophecies of Jesus in Genesis!

With all of the present turmoil in our country and new peace treaties being made between Israel and some nearby countries, a new interest in biblical prophecy has been growing. I think now is a good time to do a short series on the focus of biblical prophecy; Jesus.

For anyone to have a decent understanding of biblical prophecy, they need to know several facts. They need to know at least some of what God’s purposes are in the world and they need to know how God plans to accomplish his purposes. These are “big picture” kinds of issues that are necessary to have as the essential context in order to understand some of the specific passages of prophecy in the Bible.

My plan for this series is to begin to provide some of that for you. I expect that in the not too distant future, we will embark on an extended study of biblical prophecy. We will be paying particular attention to ones that are directly relevant to us.

One of the encouraging aspects of biblical prophecy when viewed from the “big picture” perspective is that Jesus is central to God’s purposes and plans. Even in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, there is enough material for a short series of talks. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to be encouraged by these prophecies of Jesus in Genesis, either in person or by video through our church website.

In His Joy,
Pastor Rodney

“I love You, O LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer;

my God is my rock,
in whom I take refuge.

He is my shield
and the horn of my salvation,
my stronghold.

I call to the LORD,
who is worthy of praise.

He reached down from on high
and took hold of me;

He drew me out of deep waters.”

Psalms 18:1-3a, 16



NOVEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

1 “God and Government in this Present Age”

PROPHECIES OF JESUS IN GENESIS

8 “The One Who Crushes the Serpent’s Head” Genesis 3:14-15

15 “The One Who Is a Blessing to All the Peoples” Genesis 12:2-3, 26:1-6, 28:10-14

22 “The LORD Will Provide” Genesis 22:1-18

29 “The Lion of Judah” Genesis 49:8-12



YOUTH MINISTRY



So I was thinking...

about thankfulness. When writing these articles, I never pay attention to the month the articles will be printed. I just sit down and write whatever is in my heart or mind at the time. For some reason I thought about it differently this month. I actually went over the past four years to look at my November articles. I laughed a little as none of them match what the month of November means to me: thankfulness. It seems to me that in our culture Thanksgiving is one of the most skipped and rushed through holidays of all of them on the calendar. In stores right now are Halloween decorations and Christmas decorations, with maybe a little turkey thrown in there somewhere. It makes me upset because I think Thanksgiving is important.

This is a completely random thought, but do you think we skip Thanksgiving because it's truly one that can change our attitudes? Think about it a minute. Halloween is scary and dark and really annoying. They try to dress it up like it's fun with cute costumes and candy, but it's not really an uplifting holiday nor is it about making anyone's life better.

Christmas is different than Halloween and one of my favorite holidays with family. I love the music and the lights and the true meaning of Christmas, but the secular culture of Christmas, the non-Christian part, is basically centered around greed. The message is me, me, me and I want, I want, I want. The amount of money families spend on Christmas presents is averaged to be \$942 per person according to Google. If you ignore the true meaning of Christmas and look at the commercialization of it, well it doesn't change you either, at least not in a good way.

So, what about Thanksgiving? It almost seems like it's about food, football, hunting and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. And don't forget about Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, which is supposed to launch us into the spirit of Christmas. I know the word "Christmas" means more than what we use it for, and it has the word Christ in it, but the holiday of Thanksgiving is an actual action. The meaning and action of the word thanksgiving is "the expression of gratitude, especially to God." That's what thanksgiving means! I went back to my friend, Google, and it said, "Thanksgiving is important because it's a positive and secular holiday where we celebrate gratitude." Hmmmm, doesn't secular mean "no religious or spiritual basis"? What a conundrum: An action towards God in a holiday that's non-religious! I see a problem. Maybe that is why it seems to be skipped. It's hard to be thankful, to have gratitude in a world without Christ. Our world seems so polarized right now and perhaps it's because we have lost the ability to have gratitude towards each other. I think we need more Thanksgiving this year than Halloween or secular Christmas. Can you imagine everyone living and breathing thankfulness for a whole month or even for one day? We are told over and over in the bible to rejoice, to give thanks. Not just in good times but in bad. Through ALL situations. There must be a reason for that, and I believe it's because having a thankful heart and speaking in thankful words and living out a thankful life changes things. At least I know it changes me and I believe it can change you. Satan doesn't want things to change. If he can keep us from being thankful, he wins. It might be a small battle, because he definitely doesn't win the war, but it's still a win I don't want him to get. We shouldn't need the fourth Thursday of every November to remind us to live lives of thankfulness, but since we get a whole holiday to celebrate an action that can change our attitudes, our thinking, and our hearts, let's take advantage of it! I hope you make this Thanksgiving the most thankful one yet! Spread the word and make sure everyone knows you are thankful and why!

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17.

...until next time, Happy Thanksgiving!

Rebecca Anderson, OBC Youth Director



"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with THANKSGIVING, present your requests to God. And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:4-7 (all caps on thanksgiving was added.)

November OBC Meetings & Ministries

WORSHIP TEAM

1 Harmoni
 8 Lisa, Emily, Jennifer, Tamra
 15 Steve & Krista, Jim & Pattie
 22 Sam & Aimee
 25 Thanksgiving Service
 29 Isaacsons

ORGANIST

Anja
 Jody
 Dolly
 Ellen
 Karen
 Anja

AUDIO TECH - Nick Blomberg VISUAL TECH - Jane S/Sam B

MEETINGS

Christian Education Board	Tuesday, 3rd	7:00 p.m.
Mission Committee	Thursday, 5th	7:00 p.m.
Trustee Board	Monday, 9th	7:00 p.m.
Deacon Board	Monday, 23rd	7:00 p.m.
OBC Quarterly Business Meeting	Sunday, 15th	7:00 p.m.



Turn Clocks Back to Standard Time

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1



Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 p.m.

Songs and Testimonies - All ages welcome

No other Wednesday evening programs this night

"God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks FOR everything. You don't need to give thanks FOR that bad day. Or FOR that bad relationship. Or being passed over at work. Financial hardship. Whatever it is - you are not to give thanks FOR the difficulties, but rather IN the difficulties. That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks IN everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that He can use them, if you approach Him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and His glory." -Tony Evans

"It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!" -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer's trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord." -John MacArthur

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country." -C.S. Lewis

"Gratitude is an offering precious in the sight of God, and it is one that the poorest of us can make and be not poorer but richer for having made it." -A.W. Tozer

"Let us thank God heartily as often as we pray that we have His Spirit in us to teach us to pray. Thanksgiving will draw our hearts out to God and keep us engaged with Him; it will take our attention from ourselves and give the Spirit room in our hearts." -Andrew Murray

"Gratitude produces deep, abiding joy because we know that God is working in us, even through difficulties." -Charles Stanley

**"I will give thanks to You, LORD, with all my heart;
 I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1**

**"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;
 give thanks to Him and praise His name." Psalm 100:4**

**"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts ... And be thankful."
 Colossians 3:15**

**"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
 for His steadfast love endures forever!" 1 Chronicles 16:34**

November Birthdays



- 1 Stef Jones, Michelle Ulrich
- 3 Craig Scheithauer
- 4 Heather Reissner
- 6 Bonnie Blomberg, Michaela Blomberg, James Rhody
- 8 Skip Ploof
- 9 Taylor Meier
- 10 Sharon Scott
- 11 Nathan Belan, Brian Johnson, Elsie Hawkins,
 Sam Cattanach, Magnus Donahoe
- 12 Harmoni Jesunas, Statia Isaacson
- 13 Stan Carlson
- 15 Michael Mattson
- 16 Tim Zook
- 17 Julie Gedde, George Gedde
- 18 Jerold Nelson
- 19 Mark Belan
- 22 Christine Wetzel
- 23 Jon Blomberg, Jon Carlson
- 24 Mallory Nelson
- 25 Riley Blomberg
- 26 Dawn Erickson, Zach Ulrich, Brett Blomberg,
 Finnley Blomberg
- 28 Cindy Erickson, Nataya Nussberger
- 29 Jordan Blomberg, Amy Deshotels, Kolson Wear,
 Brett Hueckman, Ed Ulrich, Tessa Ulrich
- 30 Connie Kraegenbrink, Mallory Hueckman, Justine Jast,
 Eddie Recob



Happy Birthday!

Please contact us if:

- You or someone in your family (on our mailing list) 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 Thank You!

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

“And God is able to
bless you abundantly,
so that in all things at all times,
having all that you need,
you will abound in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:8

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service - 10:15 a.m.

or online at www.ogemabaptistchurch.org

Wednesday Evening Programs:

6:30-7:30 p.m. Kingdom Quest and Spot 68

7:00-8:00 p.m. Ground Zero and Adult Prayer Mt.



Missionary Spotlight *Randy and Bev Van de Loo* *Evangelical Hospital Chaplain Inc.*

“... I was sick and you visited me ...” Matthew 25:36

Chaplain Randy Van De Loo is a missionary to the sick, hurting, and dying at the Marshfield Medical Center in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Here are excerpts from his most recent ministry letter to OBC.



“Greetings to you from the Chaplain’s desk. The Lord is Good and has continued to supply the needs of the ministry. We would like to thank the churches and individuals who give on a monthly basis to support this unique ministry to the sick, broken, and hurting. May the Lord continue to bless you ... as we eagerly await the Lord’s Return. Until HE comes we have much work to do in spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection for sinners like us.

I was recently asked to visit a 97 year old patient who was recovering from a medical issue that caused hospitalization. Because of the COVID crisis very few visitors are allowed into facilities at this time. The Lord allowed me several visits to lift the spirit of this older saint. I can honestly say that I don’t know who was encouraged more, the patient or me. What a delight to be a part of the Body of Christ and hear the stories of those who have genuinely yielded their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Please remember that when admitted to the hospital or having a procedure to request a visit from Chaplain Randy and I will make every effort to find you. Also make sure you list your denomination and church home during the admission process. You can also contact me.” Email: vandeloo1@juno.com Call or text ministry phone: 715-650-0990