

September 2017



 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

Major Connection Opportunity Coming in September

I am confident that if you take a few seconds to think about it, you can name people that you know in our area that need the good news of Jesus. We have a major opportunity to connect with the people that you are thinking of on September 6, the Wednesday after Labor Day.

The normal kick-off for our Wednesday night programs is being taken up a few notches. If you are a regular here, you will find in your mailbox a big card with the information about the event so I won't repeat all of it here. I will highlight some of what is new and how you can take advantage of the opportunity.

The first two words in the title of this event are “Community Cookout.” This event is open to anyone in our community, especially the folks you know who need the good news. Some of those people may have kids at home and some may not. Either way, this is a chance for you to invite someone to a free event that will be relaxed, fun and non-threatening. No offering will be taken and no sermon will be given.

The rest of the title of this event is “Family Fun Night.” We do want to have a great kick off for the Wednesday night programs. We also want to connect with parents whose kids are involved but who do not attend church. These people are at least open to Christian things since they allow their children to attend on Wednesday nights and we want them to know that we offer events for them as well as their kids.

Here are some ways you can be involved. Invite and/or bring someone from the community with you to the event. If they are local they will be getting an invitation card in the mail that will make your personal invitation more likely to be accepted. You can also serve in some way either before, during or after the event. Those many and varied opportunities will be listed in the lobby and you can sign up there.

Finally, please pray. Pray for the plans, the preparation, the people needed to serve, the people who will be invited, the weather for that night and for the follow-up. Thank you!

In His Joy,

Pastor Rodney

SEPTEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

3 The Main Message of the Bible in 25 Minutes

**New Series Begins:
The Truth about Following Jesus**

10 Letting Go

17 The Leap of Faith

24 Minimum Requirement



Nursery and Children's Church are provided during Sunday morning Worship.



YOUTH MINISTRY



So I was thinking...

Are you ready for school to start? While I cringe at the thought of my kids going back to school, (and only because #2 is a senior and I'm not ready for that) I am also excited to get back to a regular schedule, sweat-shirts and jeans, cool sunny days with trees decorated in reds, yellows and oranges and the return of regular Wednesday night programming at OBC!!

As I finalize the schedule for this next school year, I'm ecstatic about all the possibilities I never had time to think of last year. Things like Spot 68 retreats, conferences for Ground Zero, college kids taking over a night, and bringing back the Fall Rally, with hip-hop artist George Moss! (Go check him out and start spreading the news www.georgemossmusic.com coming to Rib Lake, Prentice & Ogema on October 25th.) I'm also excited to work with the amazing volunteers that have again committed to walk this journey with me.

Our theme this year will focus on our individual identity and will surround two little words that, I believe, have a huge impact on our reality...I AM! I have often wondered about why those two words were God's special name. In biblical times, the priests would do cleansing rituals just to be able to say this name out loud and when Moses asked God how His people would know who sent him, "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.'" (Exodus 3:14) Nothing needs to be put after those two words to explain who God is, yet when we use those words, it is often followed with an adjective. We say things like, "I am short. I am a mother. I am not good at math." Things that we think describe us. For that reason, "I am" becomes powerful.

The search to answer the question "Who am I?" and to put the correct adjectives after "I am" is something I think we all search for at some point. In fact, if we go back to Moses and his story in Exodus 3, he asks that very same question. "Who am I that I should go...?" Who am I to do this hard thing? I can't speak, I'm not good enough, I'm not skilled enough, I have no credibility! (I know he doesn't actually say it like that, but come on, he had to have thought it!! I would have!) But God's answer to that question, "Who am I?" was, "I will be with you." God didn't reassure Moses with all of his unique abilities or list all of the ways he was qualified for the job or even reassure him that he was ready. He simply said He would be there. To quote a recent visiting pastor, that translates as "Just trust Me." Ahhh!!! Simple to say, but so often hard to do.

Thanks to Michele Cushatt, author and speaker, who wrote a 60-day devotional with the title "I AM," I have found my inspiration to dive into what makes up our identity according to God's word. While the simple answer to that question is, God does, the more difficult question becomes, how do we learn to see it? And how do we live it? While I don't want to give away one of my main points of this year's focus, I can tell you that it starts with believing we were created. As we move through the school year, we will also look at how we are chosen, treasured, known, sinful, weak, seen, accepted, rescued and many more adjectives that God uses to describe us as we start to know who we are because of who God is. My prayer is that as we go through this school year, we will find the courage to live out the "Just trust Me" message of the Bible.

...until next time.

Rebecca Anderson





More Exciting FALL Opportunities!

Wednesday Evening Activities

beginning September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Youth programs for grades 4K - 12

Games, Lessons, Snacks, Community, Fun!

Kingdom Quest : Grades 4K - 5

Spot 6B: Grades 6 - 8

Ground Zero: Grades 9 - 12

Ladies' Learn & Grow: studying "When God Doesn't Fix it"

Adult Prayer Meeting: begins at 7:00 p.m.

(Nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.)

Something for everyone! All are welcome!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL for ALL AGES

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

-YOUTH Sunday School Classes
toddlers through high school students,
studying "Explore the Bible!"

-BRIDGE Sunday School unmarried young adults,
dig into God's Word & His plans for your life

-Young LADIES' Bible Study women in their
20s & 30s, currently studying Ephesians

-COUPLES' Class presenting Dr. Emerson
Eggerichs' Love & Respect series,
facilitated by 3 OBC couples

-ADULT class studying the book "Called to Serve"
-Nursery is provided

Encouraging one another as we pursue growth!

Ladies' Fall Bible Studies

"Free from Bondage God's Way" a study of Galatians & Ephesians

Mondays 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., Starting Sept. 18

Contact Karen Blomberg or Coralie Recob for more information

Ladies' Evening Bible Study

Contact Genevieve Stolhammer or Kay Marschke for more information



Titus 2 Fall Supper

Thursday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited
to enjoy a Soup & Salad Supper, fellowship,
and special guest Judy LeMaster as she shares

"Each Step I Take" - appreciating how the Lord God
gives purpose to our lives.

OBC weekly Choir Rehearsals begin Sunday, Sept. 17, 6:00 p.m.

Special Fall Events at Forest Springs Camp:

Ladies' Day, Thursday, September 14, \$25

Golden Agers' Day, Friday, September 15, \$20

for details & to register go to www.forestsprings.us
or call 715-427-5241

Fall Church Work Day

Saturday, Sept. 9, 8:00 a.m.-noon

Jobs for all ages and abilities!



Ogema Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday, September 30

 OBC Bake Sale - proceeds for Youth Missions
Please consider supporting our Youth with your
home baked donations and/or purchases!

September Birthdays



- 2 Connor Anderson
- 4 Jesse Rhody, Greg Scott, Matti Heikkinen
- 5 Jordan Gilge, Pat Hamlet
- 6 Erica Adams, Kaye Erickson, Nikki Sarkkinen
- 7 Jess Wear, Jason Ulrich
- 9 Nick Blomberg, Nathaniel Swan
- 10 Danny Darosci, Joyce Haskins, Betty Swan
- 11 Matt Blomberg, Steve Saari
- 12 Luke Swan, Nikole Wildberg
- 13 Kim Trouten, Amanda Page
- 15 Kaelyn Blomberg
- 17 Terry Foster, Russell Sarkkinen,
Pride Stanford
- 19 Treyvon Byrd, Brian Karlik, Jackie Parlin
- 20 Kajsa Lind, Christine Blomberg
- 21 Keven Blomberg, Pam Barton, Sawyer Page
- 22 Don Stelzer, Hallie Hueckman
- 23 Bette Saari, Josh Daniels, Joshua Jast
- 25 Tristan Shoup
- 26 Pete Ulrich, Daniel Berg
- 27 Tom Monroe, Janette Jast, Nancy Gladwin
- 28 Marianne Parask, Alivia Nelson
- 29 Linnea Blomberg



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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



Free Community Cookout & Family Fun Night! Wednesday, September 6

4:00 p.m. Inflatables & Fun - Grades 4K-5
5:30 p.m. Cookout Meal for Everyone!
6:00 p.m. Inflatables & Fun - Grades 6-12

Please come & invite your friends & neighbors!
*Whatever your age or stage in life,
YOU are WELCOME here!*

Missionary Spotlight

Tim & Renee Zook *SonSet
Solutions*



Tim and Renee Zook work with SonSet Solutions (formally HCJB) based in Indiana, where Tim is the Broadcast Services Department Technician. SonSet works with technology to spread the Gospel worldwide. This example of the Kingdom Work they are involved in is from a recent update from the Zooks earlier this summer.

“There is a new transmitter in Ecuador. It is one of the suitcase shortwave transmitters made at SonSet Solutions. I was asked by Vozandes Media, a partner ministry, if I could bring it down and install it. ... Since 2009 Vozandes Media has been transmitting with an old transmitter they received from HCJB. The new transmitter reduced the cost of electricity from about \$450 per month to \$51.60 per month. There are no longer expensive tubes and parts to buy, either. Vozandes Media is using this transmitter to send the Good News of Jesus Christ in Spanish and in several other local languages. They are reaching Ecuador and into Colombia and Peru. I wish to thank you for your part in God’s provision for us. We are privileged to be a part of what God is doing.” - Tim Zook

“Technology for abundant life!”

Jesus said, “I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10 ESV
SonSet Solutions is an independent ministry to help spread the gospel through technology, whose workers are mostly engineers and technicians. To learn more, visit sonsetsolutions.org.