

September 2019



 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

## The Essential Foundation

I worked one summer for a soil testing and engineering company. No I wasn't one of the brainy people; I helped merge into one system, the six file systems that they had been using since the founding of the company forty years before. Three of us worked full time all summer and still didn't finish it all. Maybe that's one reason I hate paper work to this day. But I digress.

One day the head of field operations asked us if we wanted to see a rock that was worth several million dollars. We said, “Sure!” He then showed us a core sample that was concrete on top and rock on the bottom. The two substances had literally fused. I took the bait and asked how this could possibly be worth several million dollars. He explained that although this piece wasn't actually worth that much money, it had saved that much.

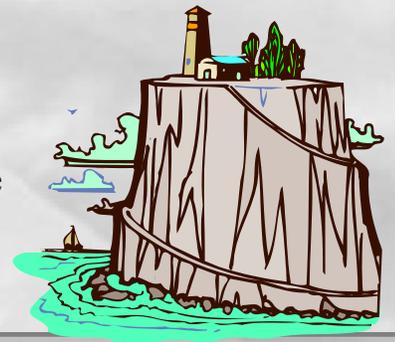
This piece of concrete and rock was taken from the bottom of a massive underground concrete pillar that was part of the support system for a high rise building in downtown Chicago. The original building had been torn down and the core sample was to determine if the existing foundation was sound or if a different foundation would be needed. The core showed that not only was the foundation sound but that it had fused to the bedrock over time. Because of that, a new foundation would have been inferior to the existing one. Using the better

existing foundation saved the company millions of dollars.

The Bible tells us that in building the church (people), “...no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 3:11. During the Sunday School hour in September and October I will be teaching a series called “Foundations of Our Faith.” It will cover aspects of our core beliefs as they pertain to the one foundation, Jesus. These core beliefs are encapsulated in our statement of faith and this will be an opportunity to explain why we believe these core statements and why they are important. I hope you will join us.

In His Joy,

Pastor Rodney Price



## SEPTEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

- 1    **Philippians 2:12-30 “Shine”**
- 8    **Philippians 3:1-14 “Something Worth More than Anything”**
- 15    **Philippians 3:15-4:1 “A Mature View of Things”**
- 22    **Philippians 4:2-3 “A Danger Every Church Faces”**
- 29    **Philippians 4:4-9 “Getting the Peace that Comes from God”**



# YOUTH MINISTRY



*So I was thinking...*

is anyone else ready for the snow to fly again? Is it just me, or does it seem like it was only a short time ago that it all melted and yet here we are getting ready to jump into Fall. I'm praying we have a long Fall with lots of color and cool weather and sun!

Well no matter if I'm ready or not, it is September and there is nothing we can do to stop the eventual snow, except move, so we might as well start talking about the other dreaded "S" word...school. If your kids are anything like mine, they get mad when the first back-to-school commercial starts playing. It's funny though, because they are ready to go back, they just don't want to do the work part.

Back-to-school also means back-to-Wednesday nights! And I for one am definitely ready for that! This is going to be a great year. I am so excited to share with students some of the opportunities they will have this year. The fall months are going to be busy. In September we will have our annual Ground Zero kick off on the 4th and our annual picnic and bouncy houses with Kingdom Quest and Spot 68 on September 11th. In October we have two great events! The first one is a church/community event. OBC is hosting Jay Seeger. If you get a chance, go online and look him and his videos up either on YouTube or at <https://www.thestartingpointproject.com/>. Jay is from Wisconsin and travels the globe talking and teaching about science, specifically creation and the origin of life. He breaks down the so called scientific evidence against creation and shows us just how much science proves God's existence. He was a speaker at Lifest in Oshkosh this year and some of the high school students have been able to hear him present different topics at Districts in Green Bay last year. I find all of this fascinating and Jay is able to get all the science that I don't understand into terms that I do. This event will be on October 12th and I highly recommend it!!

Our Fall Rally is also in October. This year we have a group coming called, Attaboy. They do not rap or do hip hop like our last few artists, but they were highly recommended by George Moss, Beacon, DJ Integrity and Jared (George's intern). Their message is about making choices and they will be in the Rib Lake and Prentice schools on October 23rd with a full concert at the church that night at 7:00. They will also be in the Phillips school on the 24th.

Another exciting event for Ground Zero is our Fall Retreat, which will be in Eagan, Minnesota at a reThink Apologetics conference. I am so excited to attend this event. I was able to hear Greg Koukl speak at Forest Springs this past Spring. He teaches a way of engaging people in conversation and using questions to plant the seeds of salvation. I am hoping we all learn a great deal at this conference.

Our overall theme for youth ministries this year is, IMPACT. It will revolve around learning what leadership is, how to be a leader and how to pass it on. We will focus on building confidence, developing humility, vision, influence and grit, and becoming a risk taker. We will also talk about mentoring, both being one and finding one. I am excited to learn what God has in store for myself and for the students as we start looking at the impact we can have in our small corner of the universe.

*...until next time,*

Rebecca Anderson,  
Youth Director

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."  
2 Timothy 2:15

GROUND ZERO

# IMPACT

Leadership. Confidence. Humility. Vision. Risk-Taking. Influence. Grit. Mentoring.

## Wednesday Evening Fall Programs Begin!

Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.—**Ground Zero** (high school) kick-off

Sept. 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!  
Food served 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Starting the following week, Sept. 18, youth and ladies' programs meet weekly 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please join us!

## Ladies' Fall Bible Study/Small Group Opportunities

Ladies, you are welcome to join any/all of these fall Bible studies!!  
Let's support and encourage one another as we grow!

**Monday mornings, 9:00-11:30, starting Sept. 16.** Study through "The Gospels" focusing on Jesus: who He is, what He said and did, and how that affects what we say and do and how we live!  
Terrie Grapa (715-339-2819) or Karen Blomberg (715-767-5247)

**Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30, starting Sept. 9.** Study our Christian worldview with Biblical experts Ravi Zacharias, RC Sproul, and others as we strengthen our faith through "The Truth Project."  
Christina Hallstrand (715-657-0019) or Kay Marschke (715-427-5813)

**Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, starting Sept. 18.** Study Lysa TerKerust's "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way" as we recognize strategies of the enemy to discourage us and ways God gives us victory.  
Melinda Price (715-767-5141)



## Sunday School Classes for all ages, 9:00 a.m.

**Children's classes** will be studying these books of the Bible this fall:  
John, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Kings, 2 Chronicles  
Our **Adult class** will be taught by Pastor Rodney and cover "The Foundations of Our Faith," what we believe and why it matters.

## Titus 2 Fall Soup/Salad Supper

All ladies are welcome to a special evening together on **Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:00 p.m.**  
Special guest speaker is Sue Bocock of Phillips.

Please join us for a great meal, sweet fellowship, and inspirational message. Invite/bring a friend or neighbor.



## CHOIR OPPORTUNITIES

Our OBC Choir will begin weekly rehearsals again on **Sundays, 6:00-7:00 p.m., starting September 15.**  
The Community Ecumenical Choir will rehearse here on **Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:00, September 10-November 5,** with concerts planned for November 3 and 10.  
If you like to sing, you are welcome to join either/both choirs. Contact Dolly Hadden with questions, 715-657-0864.

## GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES at Forest Springs

**Ladies' Day, Thursday, Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., cost \$26**  
**Golden Agers' Day, Friday, Sept. 13, 9:00 a.m.—2:30 p.m., cost \$25**  
Register online at [www.forestsprings.us](http://www.forestsprings.us) or call 715-427-5241.

## SAVE THESE DATES:

**Oct. 12-13, Christian apologist Jay Seegert will be at OBC** presenting "Defending the Faith—Creation & Evolution: Compatible or In Conflict?"  
**Nov. 9, "Go Big!" Child Discipleship Conference** for Teachers & Parents, at Appleton Alliance Church, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

## Missionary Update from Emilie Blomberg

In September Emilie will be serving with HOPEthiopia, which has a vision to provide an environment of love and security to children that have been rejected and abandoned by parents and relatives as a result of the AIDS epidemic and/or other social conditions in Ethiopia. HOPEthiopia provides children with a loving, nurturing environment where they can grow and develop into young Christian adults. After the trauma of abandonment, these children need a permanent home where they know they will not have to move again. Nurturing, by dedicated house-parents and staff, fosters the trust and security they so desperately need. The second component of the vision is to provide residences for the homeless retired pastors whereby an environment of family, respect, and dignity is restored. By combining an environment of young children growing up in a family environment with mature adults, these retired seniors naturally become "grandparents" for the children of the community. This provides a wonderful connectedness between young and old: the young are admired and nurtured by the old, and, in turn, the old are respected and befriended by the young.

You can follow Emilie's missionary journey through her blog, [emilieblomberg.theworldrace.org](http://emilieblomberg.theworldrace.org) to hear stories of what God is doing.



## 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 Foster
- 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 Hallie Hueckman
- 23 Bette Saari, Josh Daniels, Joshua Jast
- 25 Tristan Shoup
- 26 Pete Ulrich, Daniel Berg
- 27 Tom Monroe, Janette Thinakaran, Nancy Gladwin
- 28 Marianne Parask, Alivia Nelson
- 29 Linnea Kruit



## Happy Birthday!

Please contact us if:

- 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](mailto:info@ogemabaptistchurch.org)

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Sunday Worship - 10:15 am  
Wednesday Youth & Ladies' Ministries - 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm



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

"Whatever is true, whatever is noble,  
whatever is right, whatever is pure,  
whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable  
—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—  
think about such things."

Philippians 4:8

## Missionary Spotlight

*Dale & Desi Haskins  
Crescent Lake Bible Camp*

Dale and Desi Haskins serve the Lord at Crescent Lake Bible Camp in Rhinelander, Wisconsin doing summer waterskiing ministry and year-round program maintenance. Here is an excerpt from their recent newsletter to OBC:

"This was our 23rd summer of ministering to campers with our boat, 17 of which have been at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. It is a joy and honor to be able to serve people for Christ in the camping ministry. Much of what we do is fun and very enjoyable, like teaching a camper to water ski. We will never tire of seeing the exuberant expression on the camper's face as they accomplish a new skill.

However, there is more to ministry than fun and games. At camp people seem to be able to relax, walls come down, and sometimes, by the grace of God, we get to enter into someone's hurt, pain, and struggle. These are the precious moments that we see and experience God at work; God choosing to use us as His listening ears and His encouraging mouthpiece.

We ask that you would be in prayer on our behalf, that God will continue to equip us and use us as an instrument to draw campers to Himself. We also ask that you would help us in praying for each camper's heart, that they would soften and desire to know our Lord more fully.

Thank you, thank you, for your prayers and financial support! You make it possible for us to do ministry here at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. We pray often that the Lord would bless you for blessing us. We are thankful for ministry partners like YOU!!!"

**Let's continue to keep Dale & Desi and the ministry of Crescent Lake Bible Camp in our prayers.**

