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# Oakville News

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## John's Jots

A note from Pastor John

*This world is not my own, I'm just a-passing through.* This line (and the lyrics to the song) state a Biblical truth, but, it is not the whole truth. Yes, this world is not our home. We have a different home not made by human hands, eternal in the heavens (2 Corinthians 5:1). This future glory that awaits us after this life is mentioned several times throughout scripture. It is an assured hope that sustains us and encourages us when we are facing peril. However, our heavenly promise is not just a destination – it is an identity. Those who put their faith in Christ are a “royal priesthood” set apart, and called to be different. We are called to “declare the wonderful deeds of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9) When we pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” we are the heavenly family on earth to do His will. We are to live out our identity in Christ by living as Christ lived; serving as Christ served; loving as Christ loved. We do this individually as well as a community. As you read on in this newsletter, you will see several opportunities to live out our calling. As we are “just a-passing through” this life, may we bring our identity in Christ to bear on it, that we and others, may experience a piece of heaven on earth.

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## Church Events

**Sunday Schedule**  
 Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service  
 11:00 a.m.  
 Young Adult Study  
 1st & 3rd Sundays  
 2:00 p.m.  
 Youth Group  
 4:00 p.m.

- Sept 4** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast Potluck
- Sept 11** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Classes begin
- Sept 11** 2-4 p.m. Ice Cream Social
- Sept 25** Operation Christmas Child Kick-off
- Oct 9** 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Africa Missionary Potluck
- Nov 14-21** Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week

 If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please contact the church office.

**Ice Cream Social to Launch Youth & Young Adult Groups**  
**September 11 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Let's get this school year off to a great start with a Youth & Young Adult Group gathering. Join us for games and fun, ice cream and information. Bring your favorite ice cream topping to share! All ages are welcome to attend this event since part of the agenda includes a brainstorming session to come up with more ideas to make our Youth and Young Adults Groups more engaging. Be sure to invite friends, family, and neighbors who could benefit from these ministries.

On the agenda:

- \*Games
- \*Ice Cream and Socializing
- \*Upcoming plans and hopes for Youth Group from Bridgette Tedrow
- \*Exciting news about Young Adult Group from Heather Orr
- \*Brainstorming Session about any young adult or youth group ideas people may have



## Fall Clean-up Party

Lots of projects need completing around the church to keep the building and grounds in excellent condition. Some projects on the agenda include pressure washing sidewalks and the buildings, washing windows, wiping down pews, organizing and cleaning downstairs, winterizing the sprinkler system, and some yard work. A work party will be scheduled soon. However, if you would like to take on some of these tasks when convenient for you, just contact the church and we will gladly accept your “labor of love.”

## Sunday School Begins Again

The fun begins with Sunday School Kick-off Breakfast Potluck on September 4, followed by Sunday School classes starting up again on September 11 at 9:45 a.m.

Here at Oakville Presbyterian Church, Sunday School isn't just for the kids! This fall we will be offering several classes during the Sunday School hour for grown-ups and children alike. Come find out more at the Kick-off Breakfast Potluck. Bring a breakfast item to share, and come hear about all the great opportunities for growing in Christ. Then, classes begin just a week later, so set your alarm a little earlier, and come out to enjoy time with other believers learning more about the Bible and our Christian Faith.

Adults - Martha Kennedy will be leading us through the book "Respectable Sins" by Jerry Bridges

Middle School/High School - Paul Harmon will be discussing Christian Fundamentals, including, but not limited to the Nicene Creed

Kids, K-5th - Bring your kids, we have eager teachers!

Nursery/Preschool - Child care will be available in the nursery during the Sunday School hour

Starting in January, Walker Orr will be leading a Chronological Bible Survey. (See article on Young Adult Bible Study below.)

## Our Identity in Christ

**Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., beginning September 7th and concluding September 28th**

What is my identity in Christ? Who does the Bible say I am? Come join us for 4 weeks as we discover together this life changing message in the Bible. What does God see in me, that I don't see? How might I experience God in a deeper way? We will meet in the Fellowship Hall all four Wednesdays in September. RSVP to the church office (541) 758-0647 or Jon & Flip Anderson at (541) 754-7938 or email ogilvia@gmail.com

## Young Adult Bible Study

Meeting every 1st & 3rd Sunday from 2-4 p.m. starting September 18th

Starting September 18th, Walker Orr will be leading a **Chronological Bible Survey** Sunday afternoons from 2-4 on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. It will be geared towards recent high school graduates/college age. This class will also be offered during the Adult Sunday School Class starting in January.

## Africa Missionary Potluck

Join us Sunday, October 9, 6-7:30 pm.



Come hear the stories of sub-Saharan Africa from the perspective of two medical doctors and their three children. The Cornwell family have safely returned from their recent medical mission trip to

Niger and we get to see their photos and hear their stories. Bring a dish to share, and invite your friends!

## Gideons International

October 9 during Worship Service

The Gideons are a body of believers dedicated to making the Word of God available to everyone and, together with the local church, reaching souls for Christ. They have taken more than 2 billion Scriptures in more than 95 languages to 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe. When the representative from Gideons International visits on October 9, he will share testimonies of some of their outreach. There will be an opportunity to give to this ministry at the end of service.

## Love INC

To mobilize the church to transform lives and communities **In the Name of Christ**

As Christians, we are called to show the love of Christ to those with needs. It is only through the love of Christ, living in and reflected by His people, that lives burdened and broken by the world can be transformed into wholeness.

Oakville Church has a number of folks who volunteer with Love INC. Our church also has monthly collections of items most needed by Love INC. We support both Benton and Linn County Love INC ministries.

In June, we collected dental hygiene items.

In July all things "soap" were delivered to Love INC.

In August school supplies were the hot items to bring.

September items will be shampoo, conditioner, hair brushes, combs, and deodorant. (No hotel sizes please!)

Look for the table in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

## Williamsons Reach Out at OSU

Jon Williamson will be a guest speaker here at Oakville on September 18. He and his wife, Kaylee, are ministering to students on the OSU campus. They have been excited to share the gospel with many students, including international students who may prove to be future leaders. Jon

recently completed his Master's Degree in Engineering at OSU but felt God's call to campus ministry. Jon and Kaylee are part of Every Nation Campus Ministry. We are in for a treat to hear about what the Lord is doing in the lives of university students.

Jon and Kaylee are pictured here with their 9-month-old son, Jace



## Operation Christmas Child



**Kick-off Sunday, September 25. Join us as we learn more about this ministry and ways you can get involved. Shoeboxes will be available. National Collection Week is November 14-21.**

Last year alone, Samaritan's Purse delivered more than 11 million Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children around the world. God used these simple gifts to change the lives of many boys and girls and their families. After the outreach events where children received their shoeboxes, 2.7 million went on to enroll in **The Greatest Journey** discipleship program. These children were disciplined by trained local teachers, and they are now enthusiastically sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. Simple shoebox gifts, packed with love and prayer, are tools for evangelism and discipleship in over 100 countries. Local pastors across the globe are thankful for the opportunity these shoeboxes provide to multiply the impact of the Gospel in their communities. God wants to use Oakville Church to send Operation Christmas Child boxes to children all over the world. We need you to join in as we pray, pack, and ship these gifts.

This is a great chance for us to grow in our faith and in our relationships as we work together, pray together, and pack together to reach our goal of 100 boxes. God wants us, and His church, to be a small part of sharing His love with the neediest of children around the world. So go pack a shoebox! [Boxes and instructions will be available in the Fellowship Hall.]