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OAKSTONE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

January 5, 2025

Message: "For we... are one bread and one body"

Passage: 1 Corinthians 10:14-24 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

Family Fellowship & Feast - January 5

We will be having our fellowship and feast potluck immediately after the service. Please plan on joining us as we fellowship with one another. Bring a dish to share with everyone.

Women's Monday Morning Bible Study – 9-10 AM

Join us as we continue our study in Colossians. Bring your Bible and your thoughts and we will study together right out of the Bible to hear what God has for us. If you have any questions contact Janet at (951) 970-2208 or janetwolter51@gmail.com.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 PM

You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Room at OCC as we continue our study on The Gospel of John. Any questions, please contact Pastor Bill at (951) 970-2262 or pastorbillwolter@gmail.com.

Birth Choice Baby Supplies

Please remember to pick up some supplies for Birth Choice as you are out and about today. Thank you for being His hands and feet to those who have babies.

Please remember to pray for the ministries & missionaries that OCC supports on a monthly basis:

Birth Choice of Temecula | Colina de Luz: Jim Drake | Global Recordings Network

Mercy Projects: Pastor Jeff & Paula Thompson | MAF Missionaries: John & JoAnn Munsell

Calvary Chapel Bacolod: Pastor Joe & Billie Rosmarino | MAF Missionaries: Will & Julie White

Lori & Pastor Mike: Ministering in Southeast Asia

Important Information

PLEASE there is no food or drink, except water with a lid, allowed in the sanctuary. We thank you for your cooperation.

Our **FOOD PANTRY** is available for those who need it.

An **AUDIO LISTENING DEVICE** is available for those who need assistance in hearing the message. Inquire at the sound booth.

INTERNET ACCESS is available: go to "**occ**", the password is "**oakstone**".

Guest Devotion

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." – 1 Samuel 7:12

The word "hitherto" seems like a hand pointing in the direction of the past. Twenty years or seventy, and yet, "hitherto the Lord hath helped!" Through poverty, through wealth, through sickness, through health, at home, abroad, on the land, on the sea, in honour, in dishonour, in perplexity, in joy, in trial, in triumph, in prayer, in temptation, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" We delight to look down a long avenue of trees. It is delightful to gaze from end to end of the long vista, a sort of verdant temple, with its branching pillars and its arches of leaves; even so look down the long aisles of your years, at the green boughs of mercy overhead, and the strong pillars of lovingkindness and faithfulness which bear up your joys. Are there no birds in yonder branches singing? Surely there must be many, and they all sing of mercy received "hitherto."

But the word also points forward. For when a man gets up to a certain mark and writes "hitherto," he is not yet at the end, there is still a distance to be traversed. More trials, more joys; more temptations, more triumphs; more prayers, more answers; more toils, more strength; more fights, more victories; and then come sickness, old age, disease, death. Is it over now? No! there is more yet-awakening in Jesus' likeness, thrones, harps, songs, psalms, white raiment, the face of Jesus, the society of saints, the glory of God, the fulness of eternity, the infinity of bliss. O be of good courage, believer, and with grateful confidence raise thy "Ebenezer," for—

He who hath helped thee hitherto
Will help thee all thy journey through.

When read in heaven's light how glorious and marvellous a prospect will thy "hitherto" unfold to thy grateful eye!¹

C. H. Spurgeon

(June 19, 1834 – January 3, 1892)

¹ Spurgeon, C. H. (1896). *Morning and evening: Daily readings*. Passmore & Alabaster.

Tithes & Offerings

As you are led, place these in the designated box in the back.