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OAKSTONE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

April 20, 2025

Message: "He is not here; for He is risen.."

Passage: Mark 15:42–16:16 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

Family Fellowship & Feast - May 4th

Immediately following our service, we will be having our monthly Family Feast and Fellowship. If you are able, please bring a dish to share and either way please stay and enjoy the fellowship.

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

We will be meeting at Janet's home. If you would like to attend or need more information please 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.

Ministry to Pray for This Week – Colina de Luz

Colina de Luz, or "Hill of Light" in English, is a Christian orphanage and home for 50 orphans and non-orphaned children. Founded on July 4th, 1986, the three founders' hearts were touched by God, and their mission was to take care of as many orphans and needy children as God would send their way.

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".

The Heart of a Shepherd

"BEHOLD! THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD" John 1:29

Because all of us are sinners, a sacrifice had to be made on our behalf that we might see the Kingdom of God. **Hebrews 9:22** tells us that *"without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins"* and **Hebrews 9:26** says that *"He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."*

Jesus is the Lamb that was slain for our redemption. He was that perfect spotless lamb that was sacrificed for us. Because He was slain to put away sin, those who believe and trust in Him can have life, both abundant life now and eternal life with Him later. **John 1:12–13** *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

Ephesians 2 makes it clear that there is nothing we can do to save ourselves, so let's stop trying to do that and just trust Christ, the Lamb of God, who was slain for us.

Ephesians 2:1–10 *"And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."*

It is my prayer that no one leaves this morning without coming to know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior.

Pastor Gary

November 30, 1949 — January 1, 2015

In the eternal presence of his beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Tithes & Offerings

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