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# OAKSTONE

## COMMUNITY CHURCH

# Welcome to OakStone Community Church

April 27, 2025

**Message:** "Strengthen, encourage and comfort"

**Passage:** 1 Corinthians 14:1-12 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

## Upcoming Events & News

### Next Sunday

Next Sunday we will be partaking in Communion. 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 start a new study on Nehemiah. 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.

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**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

### "Sin ... exceeding sinful." Romans 7:13

Beware of light thoughts of sin. At the time of conversion, the conscience is so tender, that we are afraid of the slightest sin. Young converts have a holy timidity, a godly fear lest they should offend against God. But alas! very soon the fine bloom upon these first ripe fruits is removed by the rough handling of the surrounding world: the sensitive plant of young piety turns into a willow in after life, too pliant, too easily yielding. It is sadly true, that even a Christian may grow by degrees so callous, that the sin which once startled him does not alarm him in the least. By degrees men get familiar with sin. The ear in which the cannon has been booming will not notice slight sounds. At first a little sin startles us; but soon we say, "Is it not a little one?" Then there comes another, larger, and then another, until by degrees we begin to regard sin as but a little ill; and then follows an unholy presumption: "We have not fallen into open sin. True, we tripped a little, but we stood upright in the main. We may have uttered one unholy word, but as for the most of our conversation, it has been consistent." So we palliate sin; we throw a cloak over it; we call it by dainty names. Christian, beware how thou thinkest lightly of sin. Take heed lest thou fall by little and little. Sin, a little thing? Is it not a poison? Who knows its deadliness? Sin, a little thing? Do not the little foxes spoil the grapes? Doth not the tiny coral insect build a rock which wrecks a navy? Do not little strokes fell lofty oaks? Will not continual droppings wear away stones? Sin, a little thing? It girded the Redeemer's head with thorns, and pierced his heart! It made him suffer anguish, bitterness, and woe. Could you weigh the least sin in the scales of eternity, you would fly from it as from a serpent, and abhor the least appearance of evil. Look upon all sin as that which crucified the Saviour, and you will see it to be "**exceeding sinful**."<sup>1</sup>

### C. H. Spurgeon

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

## Tithes & Offerings

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