

## NOTES

**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

**Service Time:** 9:00 am

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# OAKSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH

# Welcome to OakStone Community Church

November 23, 2025

**Message:** "Give thanks to our Lord."

**Passage:** Psalm 100:1-5 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

## Upcoming Events & News

### Women's Christmas Brunch

We will meet today after service in the fellowship hall to discuss the progress in our Christmas Brunch. Join us if you can.

### Women's Christmas Brunch - December 13

There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer table. We would like a head count so please add your name and a friend if you are planning to attend. We look forward to fellowshipping with you all.

### Baptisms

If you are interested in being Baptized please speak to Pastor Bill as we are in the process of scheduling a baptism. Also, if any of you have a pool, preferably heated that we can use for the baptism that would be a blessing.

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

We will be meeting at the church in the Fellowship Room. We are going through The Book of Ruth. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Janet Wolter at (951) 970-2208 or janetwolter51@gmail.com.

### Tuesday Evening Bible Study - 6:30-7:30 PM

We are starting a new study in the Galatians. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill at (951) 970-2262.

### 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 Month - Mercy Projects

Jeff Thompson is the founder and CEO of Mercy Projects (formerly Eastern European Outreach), a faith-based organization serving at-risk children in Ukraine, Armenia, Kosovo, and former Eastern Europe. Jeff and his wife Paula are from southern California where they lead the ministry from their Murrieta office.

### 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 an Shepherd

### Give Thanks

On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed that the last Thursday of November would be "a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens." In **Psalm 107** the word give thanks is mentioned five times. Give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

We use the phrase, "God is good, all the time God is good." That is a very true statement which should cause us to give thanks at all times.

There were ten lepers who cried out to Jesus to have mercy on them with the intent of being healed from their leprosy. Jesus extended His mercy on them and told them to show themselves to the priest and as they went, they were healed. You remember that only one of the ten returned. He took the time and the Bible declares in **Luke 17** that he returned and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks.

Back in **Psalm 107** there is a phrase that precedes give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men. The phrase is "**Oh, that men would give thanks.**" The people were in distress and afflicted at various times and they cried out to the Lord and He saved and delivered them. It appears that they were not giving thanks for His goodness and for His wonderful works. When God responded to their cries it seems they didn't express any gratitude to God.

One thing I have noticed over the years of being at OCC, whether praying before we set up or after we tear down and all the times in between, the prayers always start off with thank You Lord for..... OCC is a thankful church that is aware of God's goodness.

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."**

On this thanksgiving week and this Thanksgiving Day and every day for the remainder of our time here on earth, we thank You Lord for Your goodness and for Your wonderful works to the children of men.

### Pastor Marty

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### Tithes & Offerings

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