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OAKSTONE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Welcome to OakStone Community Church

November 30, 2025

Message: "...our sufficiency is from God..."

Passage: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 | Speaker: Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

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 fellowshiping with you all.

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 have started a new study in 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 a Shepherd

"You can't always get what you want"

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" James 1:2-4.

I doubt that the Rolling Stones ever intended to teach a biblical principle in their song, *"You can't always get what you want"*. But those are words of encouragement to me. Because my wants are not always what I need. As a Christian, a Christ follower, I will get what I need. Isn't that what James tells us? **James 1:2-4**. Here's what James says: ***"Count it all joy . . . when you fall into various trials . . . And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."***

One of the great pains of life is that things are not always the way we want them to be. But get this, God makes sure that everything we need we have. Everything we want we do not have. When we read in **Romans 8:28** that God is working everything out for our ultimate good, that does not mean that we're going to have everything we want. As **James 1:4** says, it's our steadfastness (our endurance) leads to us being ***"perfect"***, ***"complete"***, and ***"lacking in nothing"***. How awesome is that?

Perfect — we will have all the character we need to honor God.

Complete - we will have all the relationships we need to nourish and sustain us.

Lacking in nothing — we will miss out on nothing that would give us 100% satisfaction in God.

If I am perfect and complete, lacking in nothing - then I have everything I need to do everything God wants me to do. I can show the world the superiority of the life lived in Faith. I can stand firm. because every trial I face is allowed by the God who loves me, for my ultimate good. In part, that good includes my ability to discern the difference between needs and wants, right and wrong.

Just for fun, I think I'll find you in heaven one day, and ask, aren't you glad God didn't give us all we wanted? But looking back, He gave me and you all we ever needed.

So, with that in mind, will you give your all to Him today?

Blessings,

Pastor Michael

Tithes & Offerings

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