



# Welcome to OakStone Community Church

January 11, 2026

**Message:** "...through God's mercy...we do not lose heart."

**Passage:** 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

## Upcoming Events & News

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

We will be meeting at the church in the Fellowship Room. You are invited to join us this week as we continue our study in The Book of Ruth. For more information contact Janet at [janetwolter51@gmail.com](mailto:janetwolter51@gmail.com).

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

You are invited to join us as we continue our study in Galatians. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bill at (951) 970-2262.

### Birth Choice

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month, a month set apart to remember the value of human life. This year Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) will be observed on Sunday, January 18, 2026 and they pray you will join them in bringing awareness to the harm abortion brings to women, families, and entire communities while providing hope to those who might struggle with an abortion decision in the future or have already experienced an abortion. .

### Ministry to Pray for This Month – Calvary Chapel Bacolod

Greetings from the Philippines from Joe and Billie Rosmarino! They serve with Calvary Chapel Bacolod, a simple, Christ-centered mission devoted to the Lord, His people, and His children. By God's grace, the ministry is growing and includes American and Filipino missionaries serving alongside many children who love Jesus.

Led by the Holy Spirit for God's glory, Calvary Chapel Bacolod is a threefold ministry: a church fellowship (CCB), a children's home (CCCH), and a Christian school (CCCS). Learn more at <https://www.ccbacolod.com/>.

---

### 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 Deacon's Corner

---

### Created in God's Image

Since I have lived in Murrieta, I have observed some wonderful reminders of God's creation. Large flock of young birds flying in formation; set of three rainbows hanging in the sky; white snow blanketing our city (twice in 30 years); brilliance of the countless stars at nighttime (before all the building); sounds of myriad of frogs during a heavy rain season. One particular Sunday in June 2022, Ida and I were invited by our son and daughter-in-law to accompany them to her scheduled sonogram to see how the "baby Vega" is doing at 7 months due August 16, 2022. I never had the opportunity to see a baby formed in the womb in real time. I saw God's beautiful creation of a baby soon to be born. The precious small frame is being created in God's image, unmistakably remarkable. There is really no word to describe God's handiwork and love for this expected child. All I could say is thank you Jesus, I am so grateful for your gift of life.

**Genesis 1:27** states, *"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

**Job 33:4** states, *"The Spirit of God has made me, And the breath of the Almighty gives me life."*

**Psalms 139:13-14** states, *"For you have formed my inward parts; you have covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well."*

**Psalms 127:3** states, *"Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him."*

**Revelation 4:11** states, *"You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."*

Please pray for our family and all others you know who are expecting: health of child and mother, changes that will take place, and any needs they may have. God is good all the time!

Thank you!

**Deacon John**

(Reprint from 7-17-2022)

---

### Tithes & Offerings

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