

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

February 22, 2026

Message: "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation..."

Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:9-21 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Meeting

This morning after service in the Fellowship Room. Janet would like to get together with those men or women who are willing to teach our children about our Lord and Saviour. We also need helpers to assist with the crafts and for accountability. Our curriculum is very easy.

Quiet Books for Children Meeting

This morning after service in the Fellowship Room - Cheri and Janet would like to get together with anyone who can help make quiet books for our little ones who may stay in service.

Communion & Family Feast & Fellowship

We will be partaking in Communion next Sunday. We also are having our Family Feast & Fellowship. Please bring and dish to share and stay and enjoy the fellowship.

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.

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 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 – Lorie & Pastor Mike Ramsey

Lorie and I are based now in Okinawa Japan where we have been serving and teaching at Calvary Bible Institute. We seek to make the Lord known, not only here in Asia but in Japan, a country that is still less than 2% Christian. In addition, we desire to pass on our knowledge and love of His word, encourage and mentor the next generation of believers to take the gospel farther than we ever could.

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

Who or what are you thirsting for?

John 7:37–39 *"On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'* ³⁹ *But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified."*

These are the words that Jesus spoke to those who would hear, those who would receive, those who were HIS. Jesus told them that they would receive the Holy Spirit. To those who Jesus spoke to, He was referring to a future event as He had yet to die on the cross, resurrect and ascend to Heaven. What Jesus shared with those whom He loved is now a biblical truth, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit who dwells in those of us who are Christians.

Keeping the above in mind, one of the greatest questions that has ever been posed to man is, **Are you HIS?** The sweetest answer to the question above is, **YES, I am His and He is mine!**

Can we really know for sure that we are His? The word of God assures us that we can know without a shadow of doubt that we are HIS in **2 Corinthians 1:21–22** *"Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."*

Reading further in **2 Corinthians 5:1–8** we are not only assured of our resurrection, we are once again assured of our salvation because the Holy Spirit has been given to us as a guarantee that we are His. *"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, ³ if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴ For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord."*

So, if we are His, are we living our lives in a manner that testifies that we are His? Going back to our opening question; Who or what are you thirsting for? **2 Corinthians 5:9** *"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him."*

If we are His, the following scripture will describe and define our life, John 7:38 *"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

Pastor Bill

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Tithes & Offerings

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