



# Welcome to OakStone Community Church

March 8, 2026

**Message:** "...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation..." (continued)

**Passage:** 2 Corinthians 5:12-21 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

## Upcoming Events & News

### OakStone Anniversary

On March 3rd we celebrated our 17th Anniversary as a fellowship, thank you Lord! As we enter our 18th year of ministry we look forward to what our Lord has for us.

### Saturday Morning

Men's Ministry Breakfast in the Fellowship Room at 8AM, next Saturday, March 14th. For more info contact Jerry at (951) 805-6797 or Paul at (951) 956-8737.

### 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 start a new study focusing on the Attributes of God. 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 – Global Recordings Network

GRN is a leading provider of Christian evangelistic and discipleship audio visual materials to the least reached language groups of the world. Their passion is to work where there are no translated Scriptures and no viable local church, or where a written Scripture or portion is available but where there are few if any who can read it or make sense of it.

Audio visual materials are a particularly powerful evangelism medium as they communicate the gospel in story format suitable for oral learners. GRN recordings can be downloaded free of charge from their website, and distributed via CD's, email, Bluetooth and other media. Since they began in 1939, they have produced recordings in around 6,500 languages. That's over 1 language per week! Many of these are the least reached language groups in the world.

## 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

*"Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me."*

—Job 10:2

Perhaps, O tried soul, the Lord is doing this to develop thy graces. There are some of thy graces which would never be *discovered* if it were not for thy trials. Dost thou not know that thy faith never looks so grand in summer weather as it does in winter? Love is too often like a glow-worm, showing but little light except it be in the midst of surrounding darkness. Hope itself is like a star—not to be seen in the sunshine of prosperity, and only to be discovered in the night of adversity. Afflictions are often the black foils in which God doth set the jewels of his children's graces, to make them shine the better. It was but a little while ago that on thy knees thou wast saying, "Lord, I fear I have no faith: let me know that I have faith." Was not this really, though perhaps unconsciously, praying for trials?—for how canst thou know that thou hast faith until thy faith is exercised? Depend upon it, God often sends us trials that our graces may be discovered, and that we may be certified of their existence. Besides, it is not merely discovery, real growth in grace is the result of sanctified trials. God often takes away our comforts and our privileges in order to make us better Christians. He trains his soldiers, not in tents of ease and luxury, but by turning them out and using them to forced marches and hard service. He makes them ford through streams, and swim through rivers, and climb mountains, and walk many a long mile with heavy knapsacks of sorrow on their backs. Well, Christian, may not this account for the troubles through which thou art passing? Is not the Lord bringing out your graces, and making them grow? Is not this the reason why he is contending with you?

*"Trials make the promise sweet;  
Trials give new life to prayer;  
Trials bring me to his feet,  
Lay me low, and keep me there."*

**C. H. Spurgeon**

## Tithes & Offerings

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