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OAKSTONE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Welcome to OakStone Community Church

July 26, 2026

Message: "My hope is in You."

Passage: 2 Corinthians 11:16-21 | **Speaker:** Pastor Bill Wolter

Upcoming Events & News

Sunday Morning Communion

We will be partaking in Communion next Sunday.

Family Feast and Fellowship

Next Sunday Immediately following our service, we will be having our monthly Family Feast and Fellowship. If you are able, please bring a dish to share and either way please 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 that focuses 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 Ephesians. 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.

Missionaries to Pray for This Month – Mercy Projects

Jeff Thompson is the founder and CEO of Mercy Projects, 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".

Tithes & Offerings

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

The Heart of a Shepherd

Happiness and joy

When I was young, my thoughts ran more towards happiness than joy. I hadn't discerned the difference. Now all these many years later, I have learned that happiness can be a temporal glimpse of joy, but a very fleeting thing. It can be disrupted by the smallest of things. A harsh word, a broken friendship, even a dark rainy day can break the spirit of happiness.

Happiness was getting my first drivers license, but it faded with the cost of insurance, speeding tickets, auto repairs etc. Things can look so enticing from afar and you think, if I only had that, I would be so happy. Like a girlfriend I thought was amazing, only to find out she wasn't so much up close. A new car that lost half it's value when you drove off the lot.

Yes, happiness can be a very fleeting thing.

Joy, on the other hand, is a much deeper emotion that has it's roots well established in the rich soil of a lasting relationship, the satisfaction gained from overcoming the trials of life together with someone who has stood by you in those difficult times. I find joy in family and friends, but the joy of the Lord is my strength. A deep, abiding inner gladness and strength that comes from knowing God, abiding in Christ, and being filled with the Holy Spirit. Unlike fleeting circumstantial happiness, this joy is permanent and serves as a vital spiritual anchor.

I wish you Joy,

Pastor Michael