

THE MESSENGER

SHARING GOD'S LOVE, LIVING GOD'S WORD

WHAT ARE YOU SERVING UP?

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the **ministry** of reconciliation."
2 Corinthians 5:17-18

All who are new creations in Jesus Christ have also been given a ministry, a ministry that seeks to introduce others into a right relationship (reconciliation) with our God. The Greek word for ministry is DIAKONIA. It means "to serve" or "to care for". It was used to describe one who "waits on tables" much like a server in an eating establishment.

Using that illustration, we do well when we evaluate what we're serving up. This applies to our collective ministry at Oakwood Community Church as well as personal care and serving for the spiritual needs of others. Do others find some spiritual satisfaction from their time with us? Are people excited about their next visit with us? Do we deliver on what we tell people to expect?

During the month of November, we will take a look at how to biblically serve others in a sermon series entitled **Focused On Ministry**. Most of our teaching for this series will come from Scripture passages in 2 Corinthians. To get the most out of these upcoming messages, perhaps you would like to personally read 2 Corinthians.



The topics and dates for the **Focused on Ministry** series are:

November 2nd - Our Motivation

Why do we do what we do, especially when times get tough?

November 9th - Our Management

How do I lead others in a godly manner?

November 16th - Our Money

What responsibilities do I have for investing my earthly wealth in God's heavenly treasure?

November 23rd - Our Maturity

Are there areas in my life that need to be strengthened to better serve others?

November 30th - Our Message

What do others hear from our words and see in our lives that would draw them into a relationship with Jesus Christ? (TESTIMONY SUNDAY)

We hope to see you during the month of November as we reaffirm our commitment to be **Focused On Ministry** for the glory of God.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Annual Celebration Meeting**
Sunday, November 9th
- **Family Wild Game Dinner**
Saturday, December 6th
- **Ladies Christmas Luncheon**
Saturday, December 13th
- **Children's Christmas Program**
Sunday, December 21st

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ADOPT-A-SHELF AT FISH

Oxford Orion FISH gives out more than just boxed and canned foods to our neighborhood. They strive to offer their clients all the necessities found in most households. They offer items such as personal hygiene, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream and razors, as well as basic staples such as eggs, milk, meat, bread, beverages, garbage bags, and much more.

Oakwood Community Church supports Oxford-Orion FISH by volunteering in the local pantry as well as sending monthly contributions. We recently expanded our partnership with FISH by committing to keep the PAPER GOODS SHELF FULLY STOCKED with paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues.



Look for the **Adopt-a-Shelf Donation Crate** in the church lobby and bring your donations any time. If each Oakwood family brought 2 rolls of paper towels, 8 rolls of toilet paper, and 2 boxes of tissues each month, we would have more than enough to keep the shelf fully stocked!

READY TO SERVE AS ELDERS



Scott Brinks



Jeff Moore



Mark Rodela

READY TO SERVE AS DEACONS



Lowell Boyle



Scott Hasman



Keith Hensler



Jim Spezia



Stan Walls

MINISTRY FOCUS FRIENDSHIP TEAM



The Friendship Team at Oakwood Community Church seeks to ensure a positive experience for our guests. When guests walk through the doors of Oakwood on a Sunday morning, it's the Friendship Team that goes out of their way to make them feel welcomed, accepted and comfortable. Our goal is to show people how much we care about them, and ultimately how much God cares about them. We do this in many ways, whether that's offering a friendly hello and a handshake, assisting a family with checking in their kids, providing information, answering questions, or helping them find a comfortable seat. When guests feel valued and cared for, they will return!

Do you love helping others? Do you want to make new people feel welcome at Oakwood? If so, consider serving with the Friendship Team. There are many different roles on the team, so we have a place for everyone! Would you enjoy interacting with people, answering questions, or showing people around the church? Then you'd be perfect serving at the Connections Table or as a Welcome Center Host. Are you more the quiet type, but can smile, open a door, or handout bulletins? You can serve as Door Greeter or Worship Greeter. Or you could serve as a Coffee Attendant, helping to create a warm and social atmosphere on Sunday mornings. There are many ways to serve on the Friendship Team!

If you are interested in serving or have questions, please contact Pastor Shane at shane@oakwoodcc.org or 248-464-3248.