We are to be those who celebrate what God has done!

1. We are obligated to **celebrate** (Esther 9:21, 26-28).

2. We are obligated to **remember** (Esther 9:22-25).

3. We are obligated to celebrate **with others** (Esther 9:22).

4. We are obligated to **move forward** with integrity (Esther 10:1-3).

5. We are obligated to serve for the **benefit of others** (Esther 10:3).

**THE ONE THING:** *Celebrate what God has done!*

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**NEXT STEPS**

- Celebrate the victory before!
- Turn the conversations this fall to Jesus!
- Other ________________________________

**DISCOVERY QUESTIONS**

FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

**Check-In:** Since we last met, how did your “I will...” and sharing go?

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? How can we help? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time?

2. Read Esther 8:15-17 and 9:18-28 together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn’t here.

3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?

4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life? *(Aim for a specific: “I will...” next step.)*

5. Who will you share with before we meet again? *(Name a specific person you want to share with.)*

If you’d like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org

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**MESSAGE NOTES**

**RIGHT HERE RIGHT NOW**

**Celebrate!**
Roger Ellis, Lead Pastor
Esther 9:17-10:3
STAY CONNECTED DURING THE WEEK

SUNDAY SERVICE
9:00 AM ONLINE WELCOME
9:30 AM ONLINE & ON-SITE SERVICES BEGIN
- For those worshiping on-site, offering boxes are located at the lower outside entrance and the lower level lobby. If you’re worshiping at home, check out the MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO OAKWOOD including online and text giving.
- Subscribe to the Oakwood YOUTUBE CHANNEL
- Find our interactive worship service each Sunday morning.

OUTDOOR FAMILY SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 6 | 9:30 AM
Because of the Labor Day holiday, we’ll continue worshipping together as one united family-of-families. Click HERE for more details. Our Online Worship Experience will continue on YOUTUBE. If you’re joining us outdoors, bring chairs or a blanket.

HIGH SCHOOL
FALL RETREAT (EVERY) SEPTEMBER 11-13 | BETHEL HORIZONS CAMP
For 9th-12th graders. Click HERE for more information and to register.

WOMEN
JUST AMONG MOMS (JAM)
WEDNESDAYS | SEPTEMBER 16-NOVEMBER 18
7-8 PM | GATHERING PLACE
Moms, join us this semester for The Six Truths of Motherhood…go from surviving to thriving. Each evening we will meet in person for group discussion. CLICK HERE for more info and to register. Questions? Contact JOANNE JESSEE.

MEN
MIGHTY MEN OF GOD (IN TRAINING)
MONDAY-FRIDAY 5:30 & 6:30 AM
AND SATURDAY 7 AM
[MEETING ON-SITE WITH AN ONLINE OPTION]
Mighty Men of God are going chapter-by-chapter through the New Testament. Click HERE for details.

GUESTS
NEWCOMERS’ RECEPTION | AUGUST 30
DIRECTLY AFTER OUTDOOR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE
New to Oakwood? We’d love to meet you! Stop by our tent for a free gift. Questions: Email SARAH HAYDEN.

PROPOSED BY-LAW REVISION
Due to coronavirus, the proposed by-law revisions from the elders was tabled to ensure we offered in-person Q&A opportunities. To read the by-law changes, click HERE.

In-Person Q&A opportunities:
September 14 | 6:30 p.m. | Gathering Place
September 27 | 10:30 a.m. | Gathering Place

RECOMMENDATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
The elders recommend the following individuals for membership here at Oakwood Church. They have completed the Joining Oakwood class; have been interviewed regarding their faith in Christ and are actively involved in or exploring ministry here.

Please express any concerns you may have regarding this recommendation to the elders in writing. (After a two-week waiting period, they will be received into the membership of Oakwood Church.)

Joey Curtin, Matt & Kirsten Hart, Neal & Carolyn Meitler, Doug & Erin Zelenko

MISSIONS
JIM & KELLEY SAUTNER | CRU
Please pray for Jim and Kelley Sautner and their son JP as they make important decisions regarding the direction and expansion of their new ministry to the deaf. Should they stay local, expand to a national level with a grant possibility to help them do so, or pursue a hybrid of both possibilities, they want God’s timing and wisdom to prevail.

END-OF-SUMMER CELEBRATION
10:30 AM-12:30 PM
- On Sunday, pick up your food vouchers at the check-in counter near the main entrance. Vouchers are available for those who RSVP’d and those who join the day of the event, while supplies last.