

# OAKWOOD ONLINE BULLETIN

OCTOBER 18

## SUNDAY

### SUNDAY SERVICE

9:00 AM ONLINE WELCOME

9:30 AM ONLINE & ON-SITE SERVICES BEGIN

- ▶ We're worshipping indoors at Oakwood this week. Click [HERE](#) to read more about what you can expect.
- ▶ Offering boxes are located on-site. If you're worshipping at home, check out the [MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO OAKWOOD](#) including online and text giving.
- ▶ Find our online worship service each Sunday morning on the Oakwood [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).

### CONNECTION CARD

- ▶ **Guests, we're so glad you're participating with us!** We'd love to connect with you and answer your questions! Click on the button above to get started.
- ▶ We ask all participants to stay connected and submit prayer requests through the [CONNECTION CARD](#)!
- ▶ Scroll to page 3 to find the **Message Notes**.

### FAMILIES

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM | GATHERING PLACE

- ▶ Family-focused programming is available for families with children in preschool and elementary school. [CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

### CHILDREN

▶ [MESSAGE-BASED KIDS BULLETIN](#)

SUNDAYS | 9:30 AM

Print this at home or pick one up Sunday morning. Plan to bring your own crayons or markers!

### HIGH SCHOOL

▶ **YOUTH GROUP**

6-7:30 PM | FIRE PIT OR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

Lesson, small group discussion, games and more!

## STAY CONNECTED DURING THE WEEK

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

WEDNESDAYS | 6:30-8 PM

FIRE PIT OR MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM

Lesson, small group discussion, games and more!

**DIG IN: PIZZA PARTY AND BIBLE STUDY**

OCT. 23 | 7-8 PM

MARTY'S PIZZA, DELAFIELD

[REGISTER HERE](#).

### HIGH SCHOOL

WORSHIP & DEVOS

WEDNESDAYS | 8-9 PM

FIRE PIT OR HIGH SCHOOL ROOM

Worship and small groups in a conversational setting.

**SECONDS: DODGEBALL & OPEN GYM**

NOV. 8 | 6-7:30 PM

OAKWOOD CHURCH

### GROUPS

[FIND A GROUP](#) to connect with at Oakwood! With more than 20 options, there's something for everyone. It's not too late to join!

### MISSIONS

DON & KIM GILLASPIE

INTERACT | BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

God is in control of every detail. Don has injured himself while preparing for winter. Please pray for the couple and Don's recovery.

**LACE UP 5K RUN/WALK VIRTUAL EVENT**

ANYTIME BETWEEN NOV. 1-7

There's still time to register for the race! [CLICK HERE](#)

[TO REGISTER](#). You can also support the mission by [PURCHASING LACE UP APPAREL](#), becoming a business sponsor, or simply [MAKING A DONATION](#). [LEARN MORE HERE](#).

### ALL CHURCH

**ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2020**

Experience the true meaning of Christmas as we collect donations each month for one of our [COMMUNITY PARTNERS](#). Next Sunday is the last Sunday to bring donations for the Waukesha Food Pantry. In November, we'll collect items for Milwaukee House of Prayer. Read more about [ADVENT CONSPIRACY](#), pray about how to give, and drop off donations at Oakwood Sunday mornings or during the week.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NOW THROUGH NOV. 8**

Every fall, Oakwood participates in *Operation Christmas Child*—a tangible way to provide God's love to children in need around the world, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Grab a shoebox from one of our lobbies, fill the box, and return it to Oakwood by Nov. 8. Please pray that we can fill all of our boxes and that they bless the children who receive them. Questions? Contact [BECCI TERRILL](#).

**OCTOBER IS PASTORAL STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH**

You may not always see it, but your pastors and church staff work tirelessly to bless others. Now let's bless them! [CLICK HERE FOR IDEAS](#).

**NOMINATIONS**

We are currently seeking nominations for individuals who could serve here at Oakwood in the positions of Financial Secretary and Asst. Financial Secretary. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact elder [WAYNE STEFFEN](#).

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE [AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2020]**

BUDGET

GIVING

\$224,872.00

\$174,979.42

### FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor is to faithfully and regularly pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

### FONDNESS

- Let the pastor know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember your pastor's birthday and anniversary with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for your pastor's strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

### FREEDOM

- Give your pastor's spouse the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let your pastor's children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

### FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare a meal or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give your pastor a gift card for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give your pastor food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite your pastor and family to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite your pastor and family to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor's family sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let your pastor use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer your pastor the use of your dependable vehicle, SUV or minivan for a holiday family trip or vacation.

### FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

### FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor can be properly compensated. Beyond the pastor's church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor offering
- Marriage conference or retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

### PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor's family. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

*Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you to Bless Your Pastor.*



### Headed in the Wrong Direction

Amos 5, p.639

Roger Ellis  
Lead Pastor

The nation of Israel, during the time of Amos, was experiencing an extended period of national strength, security, and prosperity. Amos' messages consistently confronted the nation about the ongoing injustice and their complacency to do anything about it. So, the LORD (all caps refers to the actual name of God), who is holy, just and righteous, begins to roar like a lion (Amos 1:2 & 3:8) in order to get the attention of His people. There is a powerful message in this chapter for us today.

1. Our nation is headed in the wrong direction (Amos 5:1-3, 16-20, 27).

2. The evidence is all around us (Amos 5:7-13, 21-27).

3. The remedy is so clear (Amos 5:4-6, 14, 24).

THE ONE THING: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Amos 5:24 and Matthew 6:33.
- Pray daily for the USA and the upcoming election.
- Pursue the cure!
- Advent Conspiracy project-Waukesha Food Pantry.

## 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 2 Kings 23:1-10 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](mailto:marcus@oakwoodnow.org)*