

Welcome to Oak Bridge

March 1, 2009

Thank you for visiting with us today. Please stop by the Information Center for a visitor, prayer request, and/or comment card.

Parents we urge you to take your children to the ministries we offer for their age groups (see back of bulletin). If you must be with your children during service, please view E-Service from the Video Café.

To prevent or minimize distractions, the ushers have been instructed not to let entry/re-entry at certain times of the service. If you must leave, please view the remainder of the service in the Video Café'. Thank you for your cooperation.

E-Service

Welcome

Congregation Song

Live Like You Were Dying

Announcements

Prayer

Congregation Songs

Your Grace Is Enough

You'll Come

Drama

No Accident

Song

Cry Out To Jesus

Message

How to Forgive

Congregation Song

Worth Is The Lamb

Closing Prayer

Please turn off all communication devices

Joy Boxes available in the lobby for tithes and offering

Communion/Prayer

The Reflection Room is available from 8:30–12:00 noon for all who would like to pray and/or take communion.

Mission Statement

To make followers of Jesus Christ who in turn make followers of Jesus Christ.

Poem by Jan Rathgeber

TRUSTING GOD

*The trials we endure
Will make us strong, they say.
Yet I am weakening it seems
More and more every day.*

*God will not give you
More than you can stand.
I think I've had enough,
I'm not brave or that grand.*

*Give your problems to God
And your faith will grow
Why do I hang on
And have trouble letting go?*

*I come with my imperfections
And make such a fuss
I have within my nature
An inability to trust.*

*God beckons me
To let Him be in control
It is by trusting Him
I will be made whole.*

Message CDs

If you missed a Sunday but want to listen to the message, visit Grow Resources. We have messages available on CD for just \$1. These CDs are also a great way to reach out to friends and family that might not come to church but may listen to the CD. You may also listen or download sermon messages online at www.oakbridgecc.com.

BigStuf '09

If you haven't signed up yet, the cost of camp is now \$500. Be sure to sign up and pay your deposit by April 30th. Students should be signed up even if there is a concern about finances or schedules. When you sign up, just make a note of any special circumstances so the leaders are aware. Camp balances are due on or before May 15th! Sign up at the front table. Questions, contact Katie @ 314-846-1037, Tracy @ 314-846-5722 or Clarissa @ 314-303-3632.

Oak Bridge Center

If you can hold a broom, paint a wall or ceiling tile, your help is needed. Contact Dennis Dyes, the construction manager for the Oak Bridge Center, if you have questions as to how you may help with the Oak Bridge Center. Dennis may be reached at 636-861-7320. Please continue to pray for the process and progress of the Oak Bridge Center.

Serving

Looking for a way to serve? Baby Blvd. is in need of adults and student volunteers for both services. If you are interested in helping out (no more than once a month), please contact Nikki Harris at nikki_homemaker@msn.com or 314-570-2260.

GoodSearch.Com

Every time you search the internet using GoodSearch, Oak Bridge receives a donation. Googling is good, but Good Search is giving! This YAHOO search engine gives approximately one cent to Oak Bridge each time you use it to search the internet. It's easy. Go to www.goodsearch.com and select Oak Bridge Community Church as your charity.

Joke of the Week

A couple with three children waited in line at San Francisco's Pier 41 to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them to no avail. Finally, they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."

Schnucks' E-Script Cards

Oak Bridge receives cash rewards when you shop at Schnucks. All you have to do is have your E-Scrip card scanned by the cashier. There are E-Scrip cards at the Information Center or you may pick one up at Schnucks. Follow directions on the card to activate it and indicate Oak Bridge Community Church as the organization. The cash rewards help support Route 68 youth ministries.

Tubs of Love

The "Tubs of Love" ministry is an opportunity for you to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus to some of His less fortunate men, women, and children. For more information, visit the Tubs of Love table in the lobby.

Seeker Story

When I was growing up I had to experience what most children today experience, a broken home. I was raised in a Church going family and was sometimes "forced" to go to Church. I grew to despise going to church or having anything to do with it. When my parents split up, I started to develop the rebellious feelings toward God, family, friends, etc. It was not until I turned 19, that I started to come around. I was involved in gangs while growing up but I "grew" out of that part of my life at the age of 18. I had my beautiful son at the age of 20 out of wedlock. I was not a good father to my son, as I was taking on the traits left to me by my seemingly non-existent Father. I was not there for my son in the beginning part of his life, but I am there for him now. At the age of 23 I became a Christian, but I quickly fell back into my old ways because I was very weak and lacked inner discipline. In 1998 I was married to the most beautiful woman that I had laid eyes on. We were only married for 9 months before we separated. I feel that if God was a part of my life then, we might have been able to work things out. Money was very tight and arguments ensued. It was more than I could take on my soul. Despite the hard times of my marriage, I learned to focus on the right here and now, and not dwell in the future or past. She taught me how to be humble and listen, be patient and slow down the way I was living. I am in the ending stages of the Divorce now and I lean toward God to bring me through it. In March of 2002, I was sitting at home surfing the internet as I always do. I clicked on a link titled "Jesus Saves". After reading that page I felt God pulling on my heart. I asked God to come into my life and to cleanse me of all of my sins on March 07, 2002. It felt so good to have the weight that I bore lifted off of me. I was so happy that night that I could not sleep. I started learning the Word of God immediately, and found that although I had read portions of the Bible before, I didn't know what it said. I have since received an Honorary Associates Degree in Divinity, and submitted a Thesis for a Bachelor's Degree in Religious Theology. I have been called to learn the very foundations of the Bible and the Christian faith so that I may teach people about the Lord. The Lord has also called me to be a Biblical Counselor. I have been Ordained as a Minister since March. I am learning as much as I can in order to serve God in the capacity that he has given to me.

