

# Oaks-West Church of Christ

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## **Three Keys To Building Relationships**

*by Rickie Jenkins*

We often make life more complicated than it needs to be. Mastering the small things is powerful. There is nothing more simple and more powerful than loving, serving, and caring. In a world filled with complications, these three small things have a big impact.

### **LOVE**

It all starts with love. When we love what we do, we will accept all the challenges, adversity and rejection to keep doing what we love. If we don't love it, we won't persevere through all the obstacles to become great at it. The key is to do what we love and love what we do. I dearly love preaching the gospel. It is never a burden. It is always exciting.

The same is true of our relationships. If we love our relationships, we will accept all the fleas and ticks that come along with them. They will not seem burdensome. But if we do not love our relationships, there is not

enough superglue to bind them together. Love is the key to succeeding at what we do and the key to long lasting relationships. Regardless of title or profession, to be human is to love and want to be loved. I genuinely love people. I love to see people burden-free and close to one another.

Love is what separates good and great. Good teachers know their lesson plans. Great teachers also know and love their students. Good coaches know X's and O's. Great coaches also know and love their players. Good shepherds know their people. Great shepherds know and love their flock. Good parents know their children. Great parents know and love their children. Good leaders know their vision and purpose. Great leaders also know and love their people.

It's simple. Greatness is built with love.

### **SERVE**

Because we love, we serve. Serving is

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love in action. Service takes many forms. We can wash feet. We can cook a meal. We can listen and heal wounds. We can sacrifice our wants and wishes for the good of one another. We can serve in the small things often taken for granted. The ways are endless, but all acts of service put the needs of others before our own.

Great shepherds serve the people they lead. Great families serve the growth and development of one another. Great churches serve God and one another to promote spiritual growth. It is serving that make them great. They succeed because they bring out the greatness in others. Jesus set the example of service for us all. He gave Himself for our good. He came to serve, not be served. Serving asks one simple question, "How can I help you in your need?"

We don't have to be great to serve but we have to serve to be great. The ironic part of serving is that when we serve and help people improve and grow, we improve and grow. When we lose our ego in the service of others, we find true greatness.

### **CARE**

When we love and serve, we find ways to show that we care. We make people feel important and let them know that they matter. We focus on them because everyone and everything matters.

When we care, we will be noticed. Our world seems more selfish than selfless. So many don't seem to care. We need to do more, give more, become more, and create more.

People will sense our care and they are drawn to us. The world takes notice. It is inspiring to be people who care for others.

When we care, we build, not destroy. We encourage, not discourage. We help, not hurt. When we care we put our heart, soul, spirit, and passion into what we do and those we care about. Instead of creating something ordinary, we create and build something great.

Focus on loving, serving and caring and our relationships will grow exponentially. Make everyone feel like we are focusing on loving, serving and caring for them, just them. When we love, serve, and care we not only change our heart and mind, but we also change the hearts and minds of the people around us.

It's not complicated but that doesn't mean it's easy. It's easy to be scattered. It's easy to focus on the outcome instead of the process. It's easy to focus on the numbers instead of people. The path to greatness isn't easy but it is simple. Do what we love. Love others. Serve others. Show we care. Do this day in and day out, one person at a time and the impact we have and the legacy we leave will be truly great. We won't just have success. We will help others be successful and this is the true measure of success.

True success is leading people to God and helping them to grow into His image.

## Welcome!

When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

**We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.**



**Upcoming Ladies' Bible Classes** - Next class March 9.

**Services** - The elders have decided to continue with the current service times of 10:45 am Sundays and 7:00 pm Wednesdays through the month of March. We will reevaluate in March. Thank you for your support and encouragement as we make these difficult decisions! --DT for the elders

**Mark Your Calendars** - our spring meeting with Tim Stevens is scheduled for April 18-21,

*If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.*



Please remember the following individuals in your daily prayers:

Jack Wilson  
Jerry & Nancy Richardson  
Ron & Sue Stanberry  
Karen Hallmark  
Morgan O'Hair  
Dinah Williams  
Bobbie Gibbons  
Tyler Hairston  
Don & Alene Simmons

*And continue to pray for each other*

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

We have many that face challenges on a daily basis and need your prayers as well.

**“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”**  
**(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)**

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# ABOUT US

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization – we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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## Elders

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# SERVICE TIMES

## Sunday

Bible Classes . . . . . 9:45 A.M.  
Worship . . . . . 10:45 A.M.  
Worship . . . . . 6:00 P.M.

## Wednesday

Bible Classes . . . . . 7:00 P.M.