

Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Services are live-streamed to our website: oakswestchurchofchrist.com

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God's Grace

by Rickie Jenkins

“And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross” (Colossians 2:13-14).

If we're honest with ourselves, we must admit that we have some rotten thoughts, desires, and actions. Oh sure, we put on a mask of competence and respectability, but underneath, we hide some ugly faults. We sin against God and against people. We may even feel terrible about it.

But the good news is we don't have to live under the guilt that comes because of our sin. The central, and paramount truth of the gospel is that God, in His amazing

grace, has provided the provision for us to be forgiven. He doesn't excuse our sin by saying, “Well, it's not that bad,” or “It doesn't really matter.” No. He calls it sin, and He has paid a high price to forgive us.

In Colossians, Paul uses the metaphor of a Roman debtor's prison. When a person could not repay a debt, he was thrown in a cell, and a scroll of all his debts was nailed to the cell door until the debts were paid. Jesus saw us in the prison of our own guilt. He took the list and paid the price. All the debts are paid. He nailed them to the cross. His sacrifice paid them in full.

Freedom is never free. Christ's grace is free to us, but it cost Him His life. His sacrifice shows us how much He loves us, and we ought to be grateful and accept His wonderful forgiveness. When

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.

Important Dates

Ladies' Class - January 28

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

we do, we are set free to experience relief, and we are motivated to honor the One who freed us.

“Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I’m found. Was blind but now I see.”

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

Jay Parker’s father has cancer. His mother has had some recent health problems as well.

Jimmy Stinnett is struggling from his leukemia and is under treatment.

Dinah Williams is having some issues with her legs from diabetes.

Dorthy Steadman is seeing a neurologist for a spot on her brain.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dinah Williams, Marcia Neuhaus

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.

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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