

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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Building Faith in God

by Rickie Jenkins

Faith is essential to be pleasing to God. Not faith about God, but faith in God. Take Abraham for instance, he believed in God, and it was put to his account for righteousness. His faith was not about God. He didn't need more information, but he learned to put his complete trust in God. Conversely, because the ten spies and the children of Israel did not believe God, they were turned back to die in the wilderness. They failed because their faith failed.

We need faith that God is able. If He is not able to keep what He has promised, then why would we put our trust in Him? The story of the Bible is about His ability to deliver on His word. He was able to deliver the seed of woman. He was able to destroy the world by a flood. He was able to make the sun go backward ten degrees for Hezekiah. He is able to do

exceedingly, abundantly, above, all we ask or think.

We need faith in God that He is willing. He has never broken a promise. He promised Abraham He would bless those who blessed him, and curse those who cursed him. In Abraham's story, we see that over and over. He promised a Savior and in the fulness of time, He was born. He promised the children of Israel they would return from captivity, and He delivered them. He is faithful to His word.

We need faith that God is. He is righteous, just, and fair. Abraham said, "Will not the God of all the earth do what is right?" We don't ever have to be concerned if God will lie. We know He'll always do what is right. We're concerned about fairness. We say, "It's not fair...." Well, was it fair that God sent His only Son to die for the unjust? Grace is

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 14

Singing - Cedar Park, January 10

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

not fair. We need to know that God is love. That He cares. It doesn't matter if He is able or willing, if He doesn't care. If He sacrificed his own Son, will He not give us lesser needs in life?

We need faith that God has given. He has given His own Son. He has given us His word. He has given us the blessings that the Holy Spirit offers to us. He gives us our daily bread. He has given us our earthly families as well as a spiritual family. He gives us the grain and He gives us the harvest.

We need faith God knows. He knows our every need. He knows when we hurt. He knows when we rejoice. He knows and is aware of our infirmities. All things are laid bare before Him (Heb. 4:13). He knows our smallest needs and He knows the big picture. He knows what He is doing to fulfill His plan for His people (Rom. 11:3). That means we can live lives of peace (Phil. 4:4-6). God is the God who knows all, and He is the God who sees us. He is near!

Our faith in God is the key to our victory.

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.

Lisa Trammel is in hospice care.

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.

“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)

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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