

Oaks-West church of Christ

Sunday Worship Service: 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. • Bible Study: Following 1st Service
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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

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Using Our Strengths

by Rickie Jenkins

“All those who were skilled among the workers made the tabernacle with ten curtains of finely twisted linen, and blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, with cherubims woven into them by expert hands” (Exodus 36:8).

The artisans were able to use their God-given gifts to help build the Tabernacle. God has also given each of us gifts that we can use to fulfill our God-given purposes.

Knowing our weaknesses is vitally important but it's also critical to focus on our strength. When our work responsibilities align with our God-given abilities, we are in the jet stream of accomplishment. We are far more creative, more energetic, more relaxed, and more willing to help others who need a hand.

Some of us may have felt stuck at dead-end jobs for years and we have lost hope of ever finding something that fulfills us. Certainly, God can take us through valleys to teach us lessons, but life need not be a

perpetual valley. We cannot be passive. We must take the initiative to discover our talents and use them with all our hearts. It's not optional. Some day we will stand before God to give an account of how we spend the days of our lives. On that day, we will give an account of how we used the gifts He gave us.

Every gift is important. Even seemingly insignificant ones are urgently needed. As Paul reminds us, "The head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!'" On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable" (1 Cor. 12:21-22).

Every one of us has a place. Some people have the gift of showing mercy. Others lead and encourage to get the best out of others. Another is teaching. Not everybody is made to teach. We need to recognize God blesses us with these gifts that make us excel at what we do.

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 - March 25

Our Next Gospel Meeting with David Watson is scheduled for May 4-7

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

Just like the artisans, everyone has a function, and it may not be the same. My liver does not do what my feet do – all body parts have a function. If you are in the body, you have a function. There are no useless organs. Let us use our gifts to serve the body as a whole.

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson is still struggling with pain and limited mobility.

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

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

Dorothy Steadman finished her radiation treatment.

Mike McMurray will have another foot surgery soon

Audria Trammel will have surgery at the end of April for breathing issues.

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

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.

New Address for Wilma Shipley: 410 Fox Crossing

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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