

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

March 23, 2025

The Heart of the Messiah

by George Slover

"Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." (Psalms 40:7-8)

The above expression is also repeated in Hebrews 10:7, 9. The Hebrew writer applies these prophetic words to the sacrifice of Jesus. These words not only describe the Lord's willingness to be sacrificed for the redemption of man, but also describe every phase of his earthly existence!

The will of God was the chief thought of his heart. At the tender age of twelve Jesus' desire was to please God. When Joseph and Mary found him in the temple in the midst of the teachers, his answer to them was, ""Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49) The heart of the Messiah was revealed (Matthew 3:15) at

his baptism, at his temptation (Matthew 4:4), and on and on. His daily, hourly work was to do the will of the Father. (John 5:19)

The will of God was the supreme joy of his heart. It was because of his generous offering that man is given the opportunity of sanctification and salvation. Because of his sinless life he perfectly filled up the plan of God for human redemption. Without one charge of guilt against him, he suffered a criminal's death. This he did joyfully (Hebrews 12:2) knowing what it would accomplish.

As his disciples we are called to follow his steps. (I Peter 2:2) The will of God must be our consuming passion. No matter what we may suffer, we must do it joyfully knowing that our reward is in heaven. (Matthew 5:11, 12)

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

Gospel Meeting - Lost Pines church of Christ, Bastop, April 13-16 with Terry Sumerlin

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.

“So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 23 Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. 24 And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:22–26)

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.

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.

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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