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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The Role of John the Baptist

by Darrell Trammel

John the Baptist had an important role - preparing the way for the Christ. He preached a message of repentance to God's people, working to bring their thoughts back to spiritual matters. His manner of life and his preaching was different than what people were accustomed to and that made people wonder who he was. Some even wondered if he was the Christ. In John 3:28 he reiterated, "I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him." He knew his role. He was humble, not seeking glory for himself. He looked forward to the coming of the Christ, just as anyone else would or should.

If we back up to John 1:29, we see John joyfully declaring Christ when he states, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" He always knew that his work would climax when the Christ reveals Himself. He continued in John 3:29, "The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete. He must increase, but I must decrease." His joy was complete as Jesus begins his ministry. He didn't stop preaching. He didn't go retire to the countryside. We see him declaring truth all the way to his death. That was part of who he was, and he wasn't going to stop. But that role he filled was to point people to repentance and to Christ. Once Jesus started preaching, it was His time. People needed to listen to Jesus and John was content with that.

John also said that Jesus must increase while he decreases. Many people want to be known, to be seen. John wanted Jesus to be seen. While we are not in the same

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 - October 13

Our Next Gospel Meeting with Terry Slack is scheduled for November 1-4

Gospel Meeting in Kerrville - October 11-14

Gospel Meeting in Cedar Park - October 11-14

Gospel Meeting in San Marcos - October 30-November 1

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

role as John, I see a lesson in this for preachers and for all Christians. We are not here to be attention seekers or to gain popularity. We should desire to simply point people to Christ, in example and in teaching. As a preacher, my greatest joy comes from seeing people drawn to Christ.

Let us be content being followers of Jesus Christ, and pointing others toward Him!

Bible Reading for this week:

Monday: 1 Kings 8:22–66, John 5:19–29

Tuesday: 1 Kings 9:1–10:13, John 5:30–47

Wednesday: 1 Kings 10:14–11:43, John 6:1–15

Thursday: 1 Kings 12, John 6:16–34

Friday: 1 Kings 13:1–14:18, John 6:35–59

Prayer Requests

Jimmy Stinnett, Jim & Judy Trammel, Autumn Felps

Terry Berhns is in rehab.

Doug Adair is recovering, but weak.

Sylvia Stinnett injured her legs and had surgery.

Margaret Vanaman had surgery this week and is recovering.

Shut-ins: Don and Alene Simmons, Dorthy Steadman, Dinah Williams, Terry Berhns.

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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