

May Newsletter, 2016



May - The Love Chapter: 1 Corinthians 13

So often we hear this passage on 1 Corinthians 13 used in weddings for its poetic beauty and so often we tune out the Holy Spirit and treat this passage like another catchy phrase embroidered on a pillow in our grandmother's living room. But, I want to challenge you to take the next few days and focus your attention on this important message. Throughout your study of this passage you must keep in mind that Christ is the picture of perfect Love expressed here. In context this "Love Chapter" (as it has become known) is all about His love being expressed through believers in the life of the Local church. The church in Corinth was obsessed with themselves (their own abilities, gifts, knowledge, etc...) So Paul was reminding these Christ followers that in obedience to His commands they were to strive to love in the way he described love in chapter 13. To get you started just take one characteristic Paul describes at a time. For example: "Love does not... boast" = Boasting is an expression of pride and self-centeredness. All boasting is rooted in the selfish need to hold oneself up above and as better than others, which implies that others be brought lower than you. Boasting is done by those without a firm identity in Christ. They boast to elevated their identity in the eyes of other and thereby gain approval of others. When our Identity is in Christ we boast of our weaknesses and of His strength and we don't have to find the approval of others because our value is found in Christ. While this message is primarily a message to believers to help us see that we are to live with Christ fully expressed through our beings, and that we must apply this passage to our whole life, it can also be applied to Christian marriage and to the way we express love for our spouse. If you have internet you can read some of the "Art of Marriage" articles I have posted on our church website to help us think how to apply these truths to marriage. www.oakcrestbaptistocala.org

Tony Inmon

"For the fame and glory of Jesus' name"



Worship and Music Ministry

From: Pastor John

May brings many opportunities for involvement in the music Worship Ministry. Consider being a part of the adult worship Choir which meets on Wednesday nights @ 7. We would love to have many more voices to praise the Lord. Also, if you play and instrument and would like to be involved in leading corporate worship see Pastor John. Being involved is easy—just ask!

Vacation Bible School



Dates have been set for workers training:

May 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th & June 2nd.

Mark your calendars and try to attend.

Wednesday Night Ignite for Kids

Wednesday Evenings have been a blast! From singing, eating, crafts, games, Bible stories, and science experiments—the kids have had a great time learning the truths of Scripture in a fun way. Come join the fun on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30.

Forever Young

Our Senior Adult Ministry will meet on May 10th at 11:30. Bring a Side dish or dessert to share. Fried Chicken will be provided. Brother Tommy Gray will be singing and sharing. It will be a blessing—don't miss it!



- 01 Helen Woodham
- 04 Jonathan Almgren
- Charles Todd
- 08 Karla Long
- 09 T.J. Gray
- Murray Thompson
- 11 Kylee Thomas
- 14 April Butler
- Kay Zook
- 16 Margaret Alston
- Amanda Clere
- Jennifer Mendola



- 17 Sue Jackson
- 19 Thomas Miller
- 20 Charles Todd
- 22 Bill Lowe
- Raymond Still
- 25 Aleta Wessner
- 26 Virginia Wise
- 27 Zachery Benjamin
- 28 Ginny Harville
- Jim Johnson



From: Pastor Vernon

April was a great month for me and the youth ministry. I had the opportunity to attend a youth pastor's summit in Orlando that

was packed with quality speakers and information pertaining to today's youth. The youth group was able to go and see the new movie God's Not Dead 2, which if you have not seen it I recommend that you do. The month of May will bring graduation and the opportunity to honor a number of our graduating youth this year. We have approximately 8-10 youth graduating this year and because of the large number we have set the evening of May 22nd to honor them with a service here at the church. If you are able to attend and support the youth I encourage you to do so. I am excited for what God is doing here at Oakcrest and glad to be a part of it. Find us and like us on facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/OBCRooted/>.

May 2016 Monthly Planner

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