

Welcome New Member

Teresa Hastings



Thank You Note

Oakland Family,

The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them is a whole lot of appreciation and LOVE for each one.

Much thanks for all the prayers from each one. Also for the Christmas gifts. I love each one of you. Praying for each one of you. Missing one and all.

P.S. GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL!

Gary Clontz

New Potential Ministry Partnership on OBC Campus

We recently heard from a pastor, Ron Flowers, with a mission calling for our immediate area. He was NOT looking to merge with another church, but simply needed a little space to build, empower and release his fresh church plant (about 15-20 people) out into the darkness and hopelessness of our geographic area, most notably Monroe Middle and High Schools.

He and his wife, Sherrie, along with their 3 children, Ron Jr., Sheridan, and Carson, live in one of our newer subdivisions near the church. He has already begun to substitute teach in both schools and has launched a mentorship program at the high school.

At present, they are looking to hold services AFTER our Sunday morning worship hour and also hold a Tuesday evening service as well.

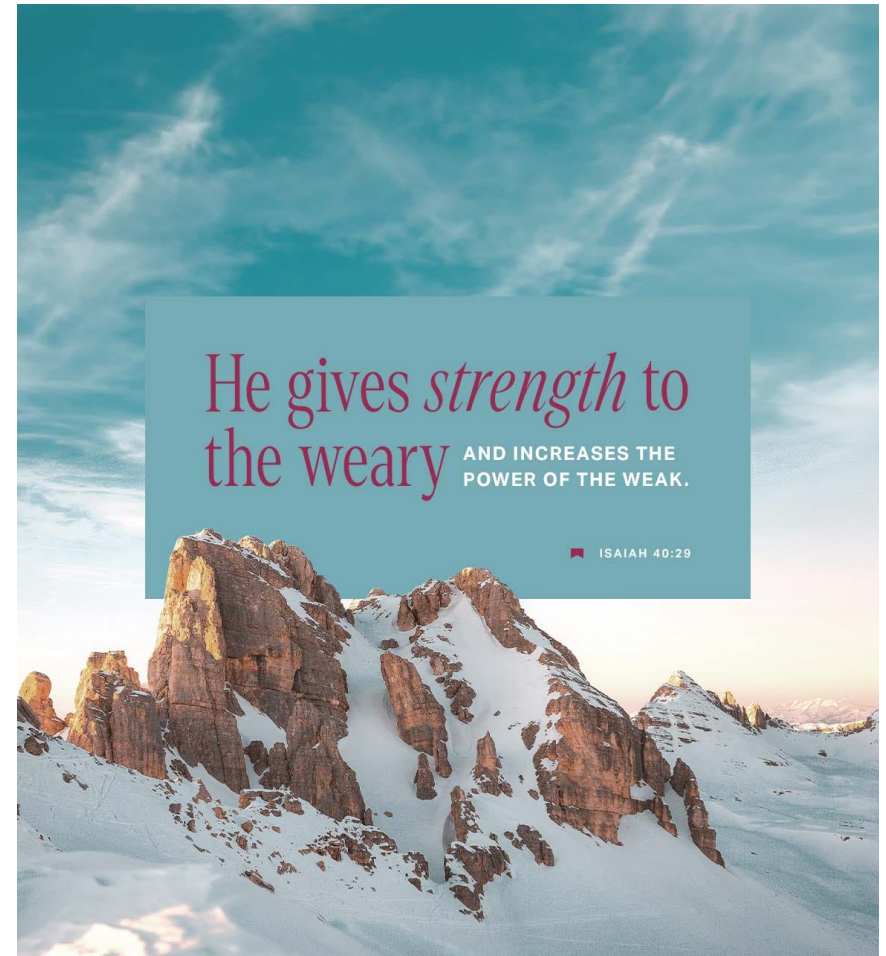
On Sunday, the 19th, Ron & Sherrie will join us for our morning worship hour to meet our folks and share a few minutes of the ministry and mission God has placed upon his heart in our little corner of Monroe and beyond. We welcome all comments and thoughts about this potential partnership. We will give our folks an opportunity to affirm the decision to allow this church plant to meet here a few hours a week in our facilities.

Youth Lock-In

Youth, mark your calendars for Friday, January 17th. All active members of the youth group are invited to a lock in from 5-10 PM.



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Sunday, January 12 2025
 The Focus of Our Worship
 Isaiah 40:21-31

The Point: Only God deserves our worship.

The Bible Meets Life: When it comes to celebrities, Bob Dylan is certainly one who is well-known. In fact, Dylan is one of the most celebrated songwriters in American music history. In the late seventies after a multi-decade career marked by drugs, alcohol, and hopeless living, he announced he had converted to Christianity. In 1979, he wrote and recorded a song that expressed his testimony and captured a profound truth about worship. Every person alive in that era reading this probably has the tune running through your head right now. Come on everybody, sing it with me...

*Well, it may be the Devil or it may be the Lord
 But you're gonna have to serve somebody.*

Mr. Dylan had it right. The truth is, our Creator made us to find hope and purpose in life through worshiping Him alone. No one else is worthy or can give us hope.

In the book of Isaiah, we see Israel learning this lesson the hard way. Hopefully, we can make the right choice from the start and worship the Lord. Let's learn how we can worship the only One who can rescue us, the only One who deserves our praise.

Live It Out: The Starting Place. The worship journey begins with seeing God for who He is and responding to His offer of forgiveness in Christ. How has God revealed Himself to you? What attributes of God draw you into worship? Take note of those things as you worship this week. **The Growing Place.** Read Colossians 1:15-20. List all the attributes of Jesus found in these verses describing the essence of Christ. Select two or three of the descriptions of Jesus and locate other Scriptures or prophecies that corroborate each one. **The Sowing Place.** Do you know people who seem to be hopeless? How can your worship point the way to the God who gives grace to those who will seek Him? Begin praying for them by name and asking God to open the opportunity to point them to Christ where true hope and comfort are found.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Heart of Worship

Sunday, January 19 **Special Focus**
 Treasuring Who God Treasures
 (Exodus 1:16-17, 22; 2:1-10)

Sunday, January 26
 The Inspiration for Worship
 (Psalm 25:4-15)



**Opportunities for
 Ministry & Service**

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Indoor Worship
 10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship
 6:30 PM Youth
 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal 1/15

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, January 5

Indoor: 42

Online: 105



Wednesday, January 8

Online: 36

Youth: 15

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,623.26



January Offering

To Date:

\$2,290.00

Lottie Moon

Christmas Offering

2024 Goal: \$2,000.00



Received

to Date:

\$2,600.00

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Gary Clontz

Marlene Crider

Lela Crump

Peggy Dean

John Efird

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Ray Greene

Rodney Johnson

Zack Little (MMS Counselor)

Richard Lovingood

Pam Majewski

Lorraine McClellan

Debbie McKnight

Richie Raines

Carolyn Street

David Welch (Irene's Son)



Bible App

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