

Oak Grove Church of Christ

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Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 AM
Morning Worship: 10:30 AM
Evening Worship: 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:30 PM

Evangelist: Bruce J. Dehut

*Home Bible Studies Available
Upon Request*

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OAK GROVE ENCOURAGER

**“And let us consider one another in order to
stir up love and good works” Hebrews 10:24**

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NEW EVERY MORNING

The day began with a mad rush of adrenaline coursing through his veins. Last night's thunder storm had reset the clock so the alarm had failed to arouse our slumbering hero and the dawn of day didn't crack open his eyelids until almost an hour later than normal. As he maneuvered down the stairs he didn't see Fluffy, the family cat, slothfully curled up on the top step. Needless to say, it's not the fall that hurts but the sudden stop at the bottom that inflicts the damage. The experience of shaving had all the makings of a classic "slasher" movie and his hair would have been appreciated among most punk rock fans. The idea of a speedy breakfast was a reminder of high school science class, with the bulky lumps of substance plopping from the milk carton and the bagel sprouting blue hair. He finally made it out of the house

and it came as no great surprise since his stomach was empty that he should find the gas tank of his trusty metal steed in the driveway in the same condition.

After raiding the lawn mower fuel and managing to splash just enough onto himself to make up for the lack of deodorant, the trek to the office commenced. Other than the tire disintegrating on the freeway and finding the spare donut in the trunk flat as the pancake he wished he had had for breakfast and having to wait another hour and half for AAA the commute was without incident.

The days events at work included; his computer greeting him with the "blue screen of death," scorched coffee in the break room, every project's deadline had been pushed forward, and his boss hands him his pink slip at the end of the shift.

Upon arriving back at home he discovers his house emptied of every piece of furniture and a note from his wife that she and the kids are going to live with her parents until he can find a new job. Obviously she had already heard about his recent employment status.

As the sun begins to plummet in the smog ridden sky our champion struggles to fall asleep nuzzling under the warmth of the days newspaper. His wife had been kind enough to leave him one important appliance, his trusty alarm clock. He dreamed of a better day tomorrow.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Have you ever had one of those days when you feel like the walls of this world are crashing in like those at Jericho and you have failed at every facet of life? Sometimes life just throws us a few curve balls and we're left swinging wildly away in the empty air. Often

times we bring chaos upon ourselves by making poor choices and forgetting to include the Lord as the captain of our souls. At times when we have allowed sin to permeate our spirit we might find ourselves battling the rumblings of our mind "what's the use", "I'm a loser", "God could never forgive such a vile person like me." But the beauty of it all is that the only person that believes we are riveted in these awful circumstances is ourselves but God has a far superior notion for us to consider.

Lamentations 3:22-23 Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

We should all approach the throne of grace as we pillow our heads at night and pour open our hearts to our Maker expressing our appreciation, frustrations, and especially our transgressions. Could you imagine greeting every day knowing that God has heard our petitions and forgives us when we repent and today we can start anew?

Psalms 103:11-12 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; 12 As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

- Bruce J. Dehut

The Mayonnaise Jar and the 2 Cups of Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 cups of coffee.



A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “yes.”

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

“Now,” said the professor as the laughter

subsided, “I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things — God, your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions — and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else — the small stuff.”

“If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first--the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.” - submitted

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Men’s Weekend Bible Study



Join with other men of faith as we encourage and strengthen each other from the word of God. The speakers possess a wide variety of experience and the lessons are designed for men of all ages and each will have ample time for discussion.

Session #1 - Warrior

Lesson A - Which way is the war?
Lesson B - Suiting Up
Lesson C - Healing Battle Wounds

Session #2 - King

Lesson A - The servant/shepherd
Lesson B - Discovering God’s vision
Lesson C - Your kingdom’s legacy

Session #3 - Mentor

Lesson A - How to find a mentor
Lesson B - Methods of mentoring
Lesson C - Where do the mentors go?

Oct. 13-14, 2006

Reserve your spot as soon as possible!

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THE LORD’S DAY PRIVILEGE LIST

Sunday Morning Service

Announcements: **Brian Shepherd**

Song Leader: **Brandon Yates**

Opening Prayer: **Larry Runner**

Lord’s Table: **Wayne Runner**
Mark Sharp
Randall Alford
Robert Hood

Scripture Reading: **Chris Runner**

Sermon: **Bruce Dehut**

Closing Prayer: **Kenny Case**

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements: **Brian Shepherd**

Song Leader: **Brandon Yates**

Opening Prayer: **David Shepherd**

Song Service tonight

Lord’s Table: **Wayne Runner**

Closing Prayer: **Randall Hood**