<u>Deaths</u>

- Ellen Ackermann
- Jack Goode
- Sharon Sinclair
- CW Montague
- Robert Artz
- Ada Mae Pulliam Henley
- Jody Ferrell
- Donnie Byrd

Community Events Cancelled due to COVID-19

- Ladies Day
- Oakland in October
- SomerOak Worship Services

COVID-19 and Worship Service Schedules

- March 23 First Sunday of suspended services due to COVID-19
- May 10 Return to in person abbreviated worship services
- June 7 Return normal worship service schedules
- Social Distancing Guidelines in place for worship services, Bible classes, and church events

Congregational Singing Service

Congregational Singing Service last Sunday of each month at 5 PM worship service

<u>Members</u>

- Melana Street moved to Middle Tennessee with her family
- Jakob Hunsucker returned to Oakland Church of Christ
- Olivia Twitchell is cancer free no cancer diagnosis

Baptism

Neal Rowlett

Births

- Lennox Louise Canady Carol's granddaughter Clayton and Kate Canady
- Wedding
- Ed and Jeri Land married at Oakland Church of Christ

Service Project and Donations

- Tennessee Children's Home \$300 Brick purchased
- Tennessee Children's Home \$1,000 Donation
- David French Zambia Missions \$2,000
- SomerOak Senior Living 40 Gift Bags given to residents

Building, Grounds, Maintenance and Technology

- Baptistry refurbished and repaired
- Trees trimmed around the property
- Professional Lawn Care of the grounds
- New church lap top computer
- New Color Scanner and Printer

Giving and Church Budget

- Weekly giving remained steady and budget goals achieved
- 5th Sunday Building Fund reinstated
- Comer Foundation Trust \$15,000



A New Beginning
Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus – The Chief Tax Collector

• Luke 19:1-2 - He entered Jericho and was passing through. ² And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich.

John the Baptist and Tax Collectors

• Luke 3:12-13 - ¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³ And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do."

Jesus and the Lost Sheep

• Matthew 18:12-14 - ¹² What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³ And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴ So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

Small in Stature – The Problem of Appearances

• Luke 19:3 - ³ And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.

Change Requires Effort

• Luke 19:4 - ⁴ So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way.

Seek the Lord

• Psalm 34:4 - I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

• **Matthew 7:7-8** - ⁷ "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

The Lord Sees Not As We See

• Luke 19:5 - ⁵ And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today."

The Apostle Paul

• Acts 9:13-15 - ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.

Remember Your Past – See the Opportunity to Bring Others to Jesus in 2021

• 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Focus on Jesus and Not the Crowd

• Luke 19:6-7 - ⁶ So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷ And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner."

Holy and Separate

• John 15:18-19 - ¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

• James 4:4(b) - Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

A Change of Heart

• Luke 19:8 - 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold."

Who is Your Master for 2021?

- **Proverbs 27:19** As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects the man.
- Matthew 6:21 ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Matthew 6:24 ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Seek and Save the Lost

• Luke 19:9-10 - 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why

³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. - Matthew 22:37-39

