



OBBC – Who We Are – Excellence
Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Excellence

Excellence isn't *being* the best, since we are not competing with other churches to be better than they. Nor is it *having* the best since obedience, faithfulness, and fruitfulness are not measured by the resources a church has. Excellence is *doing* our best with what God has given us. Our commitment to excellence comes from our desire that Olive Branch never settles for the attitude "that's good enough for church." We will use our resources, start ministries, improve our methods, or whatever it takes to do things well so that more people will come to faith and grow in their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Importance of Excellence

Chick-Fil-A has pleasant employees, clean and up-to-date facilities, quick and friendly service, tasty food, and is family friendly. These characteristics show they care about the product they sell and their customers. Other fast-food restaurants often show they don't care about either. When people come to church, shouldn't they notice we care about Jesus and the gospel, and we care about them. Unfortunately, some churches unintended message is, "We don't care!" If they don't care, why should anyone care to join them.

Biblical Excellence

Joseph – God was with Joseph and Joseph was successful in Potiphar's' house (Gen 39:1-6), in prison (Gen 39:21-23), and as second in command to the Pharaoh (Gen 41:37-57). *Daniel and his friends* – God blessed them because they refused the king's food, and they became 10 times better than all the other wise men (Daniel 1:17-21). They did things better to show that God and His ways were the best. Paul gave the Corinthians advice about how to decide whether to eat meat offered to idols. Paul's conclusion was "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31). Paul states in Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Paul taught slaves they were working for God, not just their masters (Eph 6:1-5-9). *We are ambassadors for God, so what we do reflects on God, so we should do our best.*

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Good – Caring church that is welcoming to guest and families. Facilities are well taken care of and clean, but some areas need a refresh. The way we connect with community is good in our activities and in our technology (Facebook, website, app, email)

New – Sanctuary renovation, new van, grassy area beside the CLC leveled out, Wednesday Night Children's ministries revamped

Improve – Update other areas of the church, continually need to make our worship services excellent, how we help guests become active members, replace the annex at some point.