The Oaks Community Church Worship Guide



May 19, 2024

I. Worship, Praise, & Thanksgiving

For the LORD is good; His mercy endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalms 100:5 (MEV)

Family Confession & Greeting

The Oaks Purpose Statement

"The purpose of the Oaks Community Church is to Grow Spirit-Filled Disciples of Jesus."

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)



II.

"The Riches of God's Grace" Ephesians 1:1-8 Pastor Gary Barber

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To God's holy people in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:1, 2 (NIV)

- Background of Paul's letter to the Ephesians
 - Paul's Third Missionary Journey Acts 18-20
 - Paul's Imprisonment in Rome Acts 28

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. ⁵In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Ephesians 1:3-8 (NIV/HCSB)

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption, so that, just as it is written, "LET HIM WHO BOASTS, BOAST IN THE LORD." I Corinthians 1:30, 31 (NASB)

In Christ you have

- Every spiritual blessing
- Holiness and blamelessness
- Adoption
- Acceptance (Favor/Grace)
- Redemption (Liberty)
- Forgiveness of sins
- Wisdom & Understanding
- Learning to wear the Crown and access our riches in Christ
- Prayer and Ministry time

<u>G</u>od's <u>R</u>iches <u>At</u> <u>C</u>hrist's <u>E</u>xpense

IV. Worshipping God through Our Offerings

Stewardship Principle #2

We are managers <u>not</u> owners of the resources God entrusts to us.

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

Luke 16:11, 12 (NIV)

4Ways to Give:

- 1. Online at <u>www.theoaksweb.com</u> or download our app (The Oaks Bakersfield)
- 2. Mail Check/Drop Off Cash to: 10200 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93311
- 3. In person through the worship service offering or using the offering boxes
- 4. At the mobile giving station in the back of the Sanctuary

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Text us to let us know that you are here today or with any prayer request that you have: 661-241-3408