

The Oaks Community Church
Worship Guide



September 1, 2024

I. A Call to Worship

“But we thank God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!” I Corinthians 15:57 (ERV)

II. Worshipping God Through Our Offerings

Ministry Highlight: Celebrate Recovery

Prayer Points

1. Pray the Holy Spirit will empower the Ministry of Celebrate Recovery to continue to transform lives.
2. Pray the Holy Spirit will empower those facing personal challenges to connect and find solutions at Celebrate Recovery at The Oaks.
3. Pray that resources to support the Celebrate Recovery Ministry will continue to flow into The Oaks Church to allow Healing and Recovery for any who may need it.



III. **Walking in Unity & Being Equipped for Ministry**
Ephesians 4:1-16
Pastor Bethany Rivera

Introduction

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NKJV)

Walk in Unity

4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, **2** with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **3** endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one

hope of your calling; **5** one Lord, one faith, one baptism; **6** one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

Spiritual Gifts

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. **8** Therefore He says:

"When He ascended on high,
He led captivity captive,
And gave gifts to men."

9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? **10** He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

How do we walk out the call? VS.1-3

- **Lowliness & Gentleness** - being content to obey, it means power under control, content or happy not to be in charge and to submit to the will of another
- **Longsuffering** - To be long nosed or have long nostrils
- **Bearing with one another in love** - having the power to take revenge but you never do
- **Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit** - constantly work to keep unity (not create) - the job never ends

What Unites us? Vs. 4-6

- United around 7 things:
 1. Being one body
 2. Having one spirit
 3. Having one hope of our calling
 4. Having one Lord
 5. Having one faith
 6. Having one baptism
 7. Having one God and Father of us all

We are united in Christ who gives us gifts vs. 7-13

- We have unity in diversity - we each have unique gifts and jobs to do
- Individual gifts vs. four gifts for leadership for the Church
 - Leader/Pastor's job is equipping the body to minister
- **Equipping - 2 meanings**
 1. To set a broken bone
 2. To mend something broken - mending fishing nets

TOCC Mission Statement: "Growing Spirit-filled disciples of Jesus"

The Results vs. 14- 16

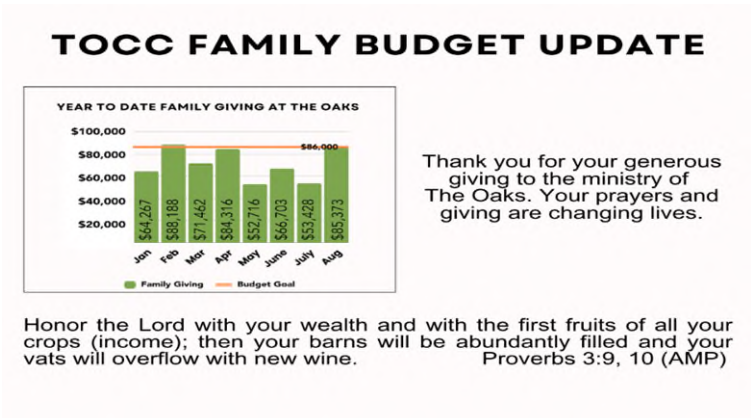
- Maturity, stability, health, unity, work, growth - which all leads to a natural overflow

Communion & Response

"When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body."

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 (NLT)

Attendance for Sunday, August 25: 327



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