

#GodsWordSharpens, #LivingInEternity, #SocialMedia&Missions

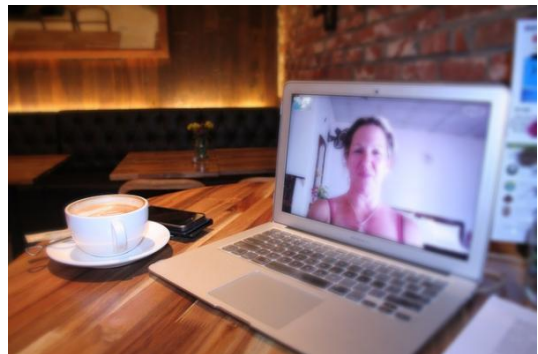
What is the Lord God doing at Oakridge Community Church? He is working among His people, causing us to trust Him more fully, love Him more deeply, obey Him more completely and proclaim Him more boldly. By His Spirit using His Word and His providential work, He is moving us closer to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. Read more about what's going on at Oakridge Community Church.

Because His Word is essential for this process of growth into Christ likeness, we seek to saturate ourselves in it. Our Sunday morning preaching series is taking us through the book of Ecclesiastes. This series serves to confront and challenge the typical mindset by forcing us to look at life from the perspective of imminent death and to consider the fear of God as the only proper conclusion!

Believing that the leadership of godly men is crucial to the health of our families and our church, we have three groups of men meeting at different times to study, discuss and apply what it means to fulfill our Biblical mandate as men. We are using Richard Phillips' book, 'The Masculine Mandate', as a guide for the discussion and are praying that God will use His Word to sharpen, challenge, encourage and move men to fulfill His calling.

Meanwhile the women of Oakridge are considering what it means to view life from the perspective of eternity, using Paul David Tripp's book and video series Forever as a springboard. Living for the glory of God now with the reality of eternity in view is the goal of this venture, a goal toward which we are excited to make more progress.

A recent highlight for our congregation was taking a break from our regular Sunday school classes for ten weeks to gather as a congregation and converse by means of Skype with our missionary families in their various fields of service. Not only was this a highlight for our missionaries because of the interest shown in them and their ministry, but it was also of great value to us as a church body. It increased the frequency and fervency of our prayers for our missionaries. An additional result is that at the end of ten weeks we heard the testimonies of three of our members who are seriously considering or planning on long-term missions ministry!



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