Oliday H Baptist Church

OCTOBER 2021 MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

SAR Training

Saturday, October 9 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Fellowship Hall SIGN-UP IN THE LOBBY!

What is SAR (Search & Rescue)?

In Luke 19: 10, Jesus provided his followers with a clear and succinct definition of His mission - "I have come to seek and save the lost." Near the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus told His followers that His mission would now be theirs: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you"



(John 20: 21). It is now our time to search and rescue people far from God by sharing the gospel with them and discipling those who choose to follow Him. Search & Rescue is designed to equip and release people into the harvest field to continue the mission of Jesus.

The concept of a Search and Rescue team as first responders when someone is missing (lost) is the metaphor used to convey the importance of the church searching for lost people and providing the spiritual "aid" in order to bring them to salvation and discipleship. Just as a wilderness SAR team engages people who are lost, provides immediate aid, and then transports (moves) them to safety, a church SAR team is engaging the lost where they are, sharing the gospel, and then helping new believers move into discipleship as mature followers of Christ.

Structured around the Four Fields (Five Actions), this process equips everyday believers to do the following:

- GO into the mission field by daily living on mission
- **GOSPEL** presentations using two tools (1) My Story (15-second transitional testimony) and (2) God's Story (The gospel using the 3-Circles)
- **GROW** new believers into disciples using a simple process (OPD One Page Discipleship)

GATHER new believers into missional groups such as DBS (Discovery Bible Studies) and DMLC (Disciple Making Learning Communities)

GROW and RELEASE LEADERS who provide the leadership structure for sustainable movement

Sunday Services

Worship Rehearsal Morning Worship 9:45 am 11:00 am

Wednesday Services

All Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm

Adult Prayer & Bible Study Youth Bible Study 6th - 12th Grade

Children's Ministry Kindergarten - 5th Grade **Preschool Ministry** Birth through Pre-K

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Mark Your Calendars!

Work Day Saturday, October 2, 8:30 am

Neighborhood Prayer Walk Saturday, October 9

Neighborhood Association Meetings Thursday, October 14, 7pm

Stewardship Meeting Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 pm

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

As followers of Christ there are two 'Greats' that must drive us and be our priorities. The first is the Great Commission: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I commanded you." (Matthew 28:19, 20a) We recently focused on being people of influence and engagement, which in essence is living out the Great Commission. We have opportunities around us daily to be part of this. From worship to D-Groups, to ministry, we can go and make disciples. Part of engaging people is having gospel conversations with them, which is difficult for some of us. On Saturday, October 9th, @ 9:00 a.m. we will host a workshop called "Search and Rescue" Training, which provides tools and helps us understand how to begin and have gospel conversations. I hope you will join us and you may sign up in the Lobby or contact the office via e-mail.

The second 'Great' is the Great Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and

with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) A lawyer asked Jesus what the most important commandment was and He responded by combining two. To love God is to love others, and to love others is to act toward them with compassion. Starting Sunday, October 10th, we will explore what it means to be people of compassion. How do we articulate and live compassion, mercy, and grace versus hate, harshness, judgment, or even indifference? The world in which we live is typically hard on people, creating opportunities where compassionate people can step in and help and serve. When we step in with the compassion of Christ it can bring change and healing for those in need of both. I hope you will join us weekly for this focus and allow God to grow both you and our church family into people of compassion. See you then. In Christ, Pastor Albert





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<u>By Baptism</u>

Debbie Ingram

Owen Ingram

By Letter

Mary Byrd

JOSH'S WORLD

When people dress up in costumes for October, I always appreciate the creative, budget-based costumes. For example, wear a Union Jack shirt with an exit sign around your neck – Brexit! Attach a string and leaf to the bill of a baseball cap and blow – Leaf blower! Dress as a salt shaker and your partner dress as a Duracell or Energizer – Assault and Battery! You're welcome.

College Trip. The College and Career crew are having a weekend trip October 22-24. If you're interested in joining our young adults. See me for more details.

Summer 2022. Stay tuned as we should have information on next summer's big event soon.

As always it is a pleasure serving you. Have a wonderful October!

In Him, Josh | Micah 6:8