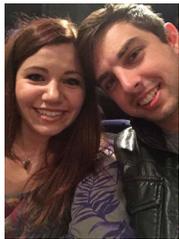


**Bell Ringing** - Thanks to all who participated and/or contributed to the Salvation Army during the Christmas season. The eighty-four hours of volunteer time produced slightly over \$5,000 in Cherokee County, thus approximately \$60 for each hour of bell ringing. Ninety percent of the proceeds will meet food, utility, clothing, and medicine needs in the county. Thank you



Ryan Brown says "thank you" to everyone who sent him a Christmas card. He received 30 Christmas cards and appreciated each of them. Your support is great. Ryan likes to receive mail all year long. His address is: Ryan Brown, 320 5th Ave. SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250



Dear Church Family at Oakdale - Anya and I are sincerely thankful for your prayers and support as we have coped with the loss of Anya's brother, Alosha. We greatly appreciate the cards and gifts we have received from you and are deeply touched. We have experienced God's comfort through your prayers, so please, continue in prayer for us.  
Love in Christ, Eston and Anya Adamson

**If you are in need of spiritual guidance, please contact one of our pastors:**

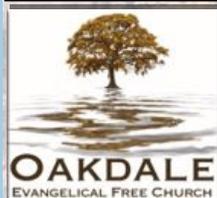
Senior Pastor Jonathan Caldwell  
651.788.1146  
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Pastor Emeritus Merle Wester  
712.225.0125  
[eledanwester@outlook.com](mailto:eledanwester@outlook.com)

**Youth Ministry Events**

Matt Dengler, Interim Youth Ministries Director, 712-221-5227  
[hatwiththematt@gmail.com](mailto:hatwiththematt@gmail.com)

Wednesday  
The Rock at Valley View



1207 450TH ST.  
MERIDEN, IA 51037  
712.443.8385  
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[OAKDALE@OAKDALECHURCH.COM](mailto:OAKDALE@OAKDALECHURCH.COM)  
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# WELCOME TO OAKDALE!

**JANUARY 14, 2018**

**10:30 am**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 147:1-7

**WE SING**

*Jesus Shall Reign  
Glorious Christ  
You Are My All in All*

Congregation

**WE LISTEN**

*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Oakdale Choir

**WE BOW BEFORE HIM**

Dan Wilson

**WE GIVE**

Brenda Bird

**WE SING**

*The Solid Rock  
Hope of the Nations*

Congregation

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

1 Peter 1:3-5

Tim Axiotis

**WE REFLECT  
ON GOD'S WORD**

"A Living Hope"

Pastor Jonathan

**WE RESPOND**

*The Solid Rock*

Congregation

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jonathan

Kent and Laura Lundquist invite you for individual prayer in Room #105 after the worship service.

If you are wondering how you can have a more personal relationship with God, please contact one of our pastors or elders.



LOVING GOD. LOVING PEOPLE.  
MAKING DISCIPLES IN ALL GENERATIONS

# WE ARE GLAD YOU CHOSE TO WORSHIP WITH US TODAY!

## IF YOU ARE VISITING US TODAY, WELCOME!

### HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT WANT TO KNOW:

- If you have Children:
  - Our nursery is available just outside the sanctuary for children birth to 35 months.
  - Children's church begins after the music portion of the service for kids 3-5 years old. Watch for the visual announcement.
  - At the same time, we also offer activity boxes for kids ages 6-10 to help those with busy minds and hands. They can be picked up in the foyer after the music portion of the service. Watch for the visual announcement.
- Hearing Assistance is available. Ask an usher for a hearing device or turn on your T-coil setting, if equipped.

### THIS WEEK AT OAKDALE

Today	Offering: General Fund
Monday	Ladies Night Out at the Church at 6:00 pm
Tuesday	Prayer/Staff Meeting - 3 pm
Wednesday	Meal at 6 pm followed by Bible Instruction for all ages Foster Care and Adopt Support Group - 6:45 pm
Thursday	Ladies' Reading Group - 9 am Home School Group - 10 am
Friday	Men's Reading Group at Family Table Restaurant - 6:30 am
Next Sunday	Annual Business Meeting at 9 am Mission Trip Fundraiser Meal following the worship service

### Next Sunday

Pastor Jonathan's message, "Inexpressible and Glorious Joy," is from 1 Peter 1:6-9.

### SERVING TODAY AT OAKDALE

#### NURSERY

#### Sunday School

Bethany Hancock, Kristin Patterson

#### Worship Service

Lyle and Sue Peterson

Dave & Sally Carlson, Sarah Gnade

#### Children's Church

Sue F., Charity Anderson

Mark and Sara Wilcox

#### Head Greeter

Joanne Petersen

**Birthdays: Debbie Kelley (15); Cole Erdmann (16); Gene Petersen, Gabe Aguirre, Melissa Mugge, Abby Still, Allie Caldwell (17); Ellie Anderson (18); Dave Carlson (19); Jaedon Fisher (20)**



**A time of concentrated prayer** for the lost souls of friends and families occurs weekly at 6:00 pm on Thursday nights at the church. Please consider joining us.

**Ladies' Night Out** - All women are invited to come to a "Ladies' Night Out" in the church fellowship hall on Monday, January 15 at 6 pm. It is a soup and sandwich potluck with a prayer and worship time. Please bring either a pot of soup, sandwiches, or dessert to share with other women.

**Oakdale Evangelical Free Church Annual Business Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 21 at 9 am in the church sanctuary. Nursery will not be provided during the meeting. There will be activities for Sunday School-age children.

**Annual Report Books** and sample election ballots are available in the foyer. Each family may take one home to review before the meeting next Sunday. Please bring the annual report with you to the meeting.

**Mission Trip Fundraising Meal** - A meal to raise funds to support the short-term mission team going to the Central African Republic to give support to Dr. Tim and Ann Wester will be held Sunday, January 21 following the worship service. The members of the team are Pastor Jonathan, David and Julie Wester, Andrea Orthmann, and Whitney Axiotis. The trip is scheduled for February 26 - March 13. Donations may be placed in the contribution box at the meal.

**Men's Bible Study** - A new Bible study for men will start on Wednesday, January 17 from 6:45-7:45pm. The study is "Philippians: To Live is Christ" by Matt Chandler. Please sign up in the foyer so we may order a workbook for you.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** - A meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Vacation Bible School planning team will be held Tuesday, January 30 at 7 pm at the church. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 23-27, 2018.

**"Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord" Hosea 6:3**

### *Thank you from Leah*



Dear women at Oakdale,  
Thank you so much for your outpouring of love to me not only at Christmas but all year long. Your Christmas gift was such a kind and tangible way of you once again showing your great generosity and care for me! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the ways you care for us all year long. Leah

### *Thank you from Carrie serving with Reach Global in Austria*



To the Oakdale women and the entire Oakdale family,  
Thank you for blessing us again with your generous Christmas gift, and for your faithful financial and prayer support year after year. It is incredibly encouraging to know that our church family back home continues to stand behind us and lift us up in prayer as we labor here in Austria

for the Kingdom. Thank you for loving us, sending camp workers, praying for us, and supporting us. We look forward to seeing you all again, hopefully sometime in 2018! Blessings and thanks from the Hinterholzers!

### *Thank you from Katie serving with SIM in Guinea*



Dear women of Oakdale,  
Thank you so much for the Christmas gift my mom just told me is being deposited in our bank account! We'll be three years in to a four-year term this summer, and are needing some time away from the intensity of living as conspicuous white foreigners. I'll be using your gift toward our vacation this summer, maybe for an extra break from cooking.

What a blessing that will be! Thank you so much for taking care of us women through your loving gifts. I am blessed, and grateful.  
Katie Hayward

## **“Pray without ceasing.” I Thessalonians 5:17**

### **Pray for Oakdale’s Ministry:**

- Pray for the upcoming annual business meeting. Pray for the members to be guided by the Holy Spirit as they make decisions.
- Pray for the youth group members who are preparing to attend Winter Blast in two weeks. Pray that their relationship with Christ and with each other would be strengthened.

### **Pray for Oakdale’s Family:**

- Pray for members of our family not able to attend services: Jim Halstrom, Sue Sedore, Gertie VanderPloeg, Paul Van Dyke, Elsie Wester, Carl and Betty Menning, Dee Enderlin, Erin Oldenkamp, and Jo Linn.
- Pray for Mavis Weaver with on going health concerns.
- Pray for Merle and Eleda's daughter, Sara Wester, as she receives treatment for her cancer.
- Pray for healing for Gabriel Labovitch's broken arm.
- Pray for Sue Baker's recovery from surgery for a perforated ulcer.
- Pray for healing for Bobbi Massmann's foot following an auto accident and her ability to return to work.

### **Pray for Oakdale’s Ministry Partners:**

For strong marriages, strong spiritual disciplines, strong families, and effective proclamation of the Word of God.

- Paul & Colleen Erdmann with Mission Next
- David & Katie Hayward in Guinea
- Al & Edie Lewis with EFCA ReachGlobal
- Tim & Ann Wester in Central African Republic

### **Pray for our Neighbors and Nation:**

- Pray for the people of our nation to put their trust in Jesus as they live with the evil among us.
- Pray for peace among the nations.