

OCKER BRETHREN CHURCH

Serving Christ, Serving Our Community

JUNE 2026



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First Sunday

Fellowship

June 7 @ 8:30 am

I know we are past Eastertide...but I can't stop thinking about this essay I read recently from the Anglican Priest, Richard Rohr about Resurrection. It seems to perfectly sum up the Christian idea of resurrection. I have been focusing a lot on Resurrection in my own grief journey with Grant. I find myself longing for the day when I can see my resurrected son again...his body whole and complete...not mangled.

What in your life needs resurrection?

Here is his article...happy reading!

I often wonder why so much of human life seems so futile, so tragic, so short, and so sad. If Christ is risen, why do people die before they begin to truly live? Why has there been nonstop war? Why are so many people imprisoned unjustly? Why are the poor oppressed? Why do we destroy so many of our relationships? If Christ is risen, why is there so much suffering? What is God up to? It really doesn't make any logical sense. Is the resurrection something that just happened once, in his body, but not in ours?

I believe the resurrection of Christ is saying that the final judgment has already happened. It's nothing we need to fear. It's nothing we need to avoid or deny. God's final judgment is that God will have the last word! Easter reveals that there are no dead ends; ultimately, nothing is going to end in tragedy and crucifixion. Of course, we look around us, at history and at life in its daily moments and it seems, "No, that isn't true." And yet, ever and again, here and there, more than we suspect, new life breaks through for those who are willing to see and to cooperate with this universal mystery of resurrection.

We're so lucky in my part of the world that Easter coincides with springtime. If this applies to you, I hope you're going out and seeing the leaves and the flowers being reborn after months of winter. I went out early this morning to see the Easter sunrise. Sure enough, the sun rose as it always does and peeked over the horizon, just between two mountains. It appeared not so much like a sunrise but as a groundswell. The light was coming from the earth. It was coming from the world we live in. It was coming not from the top, but from the bottom. It seemed to say that even all of this, which looks muddy and material, even all of this, which looks so ordinary and dying, will be reborn.

Easter is the feast of hope. This is the feast that says God will have the last word and that God's final judgment is resurrection. God will turn all that we maim and destroy and hurt and punish into life and beauty.

What the resurrection reveals more than anything else is that love is stronger than death. Jesus walks the way of death with love, and what it becomes is not death but life. Surprise of surprises! It doesn't fit any logical explanation. Yet this is the mystery: that nothing dies forever, and that all that has died will be reborn in love.

So, to be a Christian is to be inevitably and forever a person of hope. God in Christ is saying this is what will last: My life and my love will always and forever have the final word.

I will see you on Sunday Ocker...where we get to practice resurrection. I think it is going to be a sacred Sunday, I will save a seat for you.

Brad

"FATHER'S DAY"
FUNDRAISER RIB SALE
SATURDAY - JUNE 20, 2026
11 AM - 2 PM
USE THE QR CODE TO
PRE-ORDER FOR PICK-UP

\$40 PER RACK/SLAB



Using the QR Code will take you to the link to purchase your tickets. Follow the instructions online. You will receive an email that contains your tickets. You can either print the ticket out or keep it on your phone for day of pick-up. This QR code is the preferred method for pre-purchase. If you prefer, there are two other options.

1. Stacie Sebek and Amanda Parker will stay after services on June 7th and June 14th to assist you with purchase by CASH or CHECK.
2. Don't want to Pre-Purchase? That's ok too! Cash or Check will be accepted the day of the event. No Credit Card purchases the day of the event.

We will need volunteers on Saturday, June 20! Volunteers will work the drive-thru, wrap and pack slabs and help cooking. Contact the "chairperson" if you'd like to help. Or show up day of and we will put you to work! Thank you church for your support!

Ribs: John Dillard

Drive-Thru: Keith Caldwell

Kitchen: Lynne Cassens

SUNDAY SCHOOL

& C.E.C. NEWS:

The CEC met on Sunday, May 17 immediately following the Graduates Luncheon. Several items were discussed including current treasurer's report and the implementation of a Sunday School budget.

Sunday School classes and teachers were discussed for the summer and the upcoming fall new Sunday School year. If you have a desire to teach a Sunday School class, please reach out to our SS Superintendent, Tracie Malovets. Also, if you are a current SS teacher and need a break, please reach out to Tracie.

This fall will add a Confirmation Class to our SS classes which will include 8th & 9th graders. We look forward to this term.

Beginning with the first Sunday in June, right after breakfast, the adults and BYF age classes will remain in the Fellowship Hall to discuss Today's Topics. If you have a Today's Topic and how it relates in the Christian world, please let Tracie or Bro. Brad know. The children's SS classes will be dismissed to their classes. They will have a break from music over the summer.

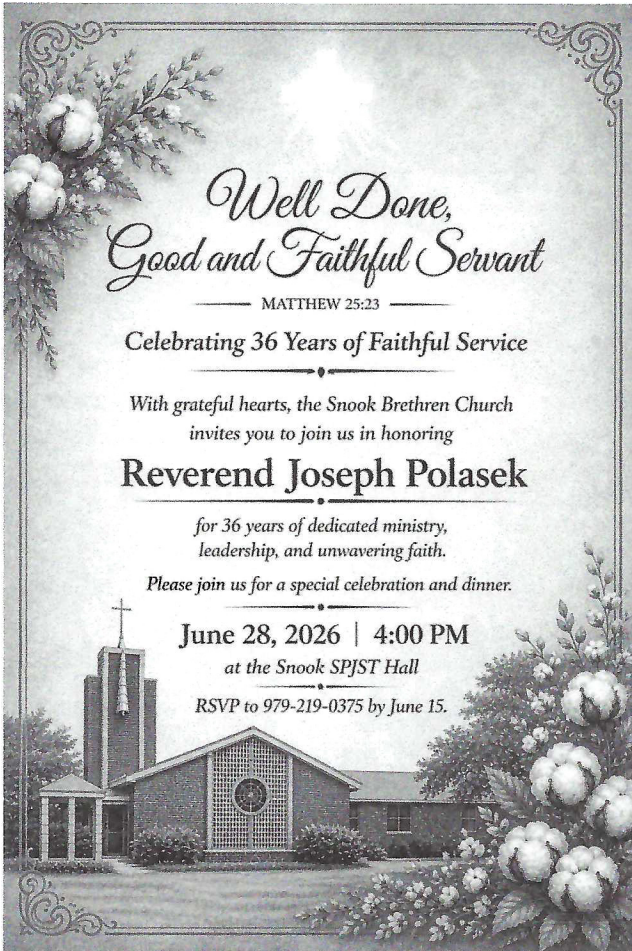
Mark your calendars for VBS scheduled for August 2, 3, and 4th from 5:30 to 8. A meal will be served each evening for our children and their family to get classes started each evening. We hope to see you at VBS then. If you would like to volunteer for VBS help, please reach out to Jennifer or Tracie.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 26 after church.

Ocker Christian Sisters News:

We will not meet in this Summer.

Christian Sisters will be sponsoring the Quarterly Craft Retreat in July.



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Hull Mission Project News

May 2026

Dear Everybody there at Ocker,

Good news! Dear Manami and daughter Ayumi are back on this side of the world, over jetlag of 14 hours difference, and back on our time schedule again. **It is great to have them back!**



We are seeing the Lord's wisdom in us **temporarily not being in Mexico recently** by having Manami in Japan for 6 months, taking care of her dear mom, Katsuko, until her passing-on into her dear Jesus' presence, and Will being in Oklahoma also instead of Mexico considering the recent dangers there. **Things are calming down**, and we expect hopefully soon to be returning to Monterrey and minister again in person to our friends there.

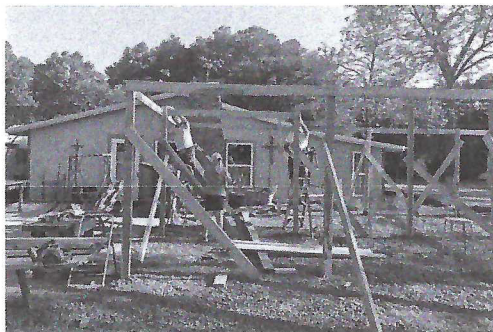


Will has personally been helping our brother in the Lord, Tom, with **lots of projects around their farm**, and now lastly to finish up 2 projects to build a roof for a donated RV to protect it from the weather and also another separate roof to cover the sawmill.



Tom & Donna
Our missionary friends in Oklahoma

Manami and I both have **been learning a lot**. Both of us have been **ministering in different ways than the usual**. Her with her mom, family and friends in Japan and me with helping ministry participation in these projects, and thereby setting others: Michelle, their daughter, free to do the **woman's jail ministry** and Donna's **volunteer schooling** of the local children for both their educational and spiritual growth.



Will is learning a lot about farm life and new skills like how to set up a septic tank, milling lumber, building a car/RV port, and taking care of chickens, dogs, and cats. .



Also, Will and a brother Wolfgang, were able to fill-in and **keep things going here** while a few family emergencies were being taken care of. As well, we were able to **help a dear neighbor widow** care for her daily chores while she was off visiting her sick daughter.

We also communicated via video chat to **Cambia Tu Mundo** in Monterrey as well as sending some financial aid to assist the Christmas/New Year programs. Also our video chat **Bible classes** with our Monterrey Bible student Clementina has also been going well.

Since Manami has come back from Japan we have already had 2 events. A **Celebration of Life** for our friends Gary and Ginger's brother who passed away. They have 11 children and many brothers and sisters so not everybody could come but we all celebrated together God's tender love & care and all the miracles He is doing in all of our lives as well.



Celebration of life



Japanese night with our friends

Donna organized a special **Japanese food night** with our friends. Manami prepared sushi rolls, fried chicken Japanese style, and Japanese steamed egg pudding. The most fun part was teaching everyone how to roll their own sushi. Nobody's was perfect but we sure had a laugh and a good time.

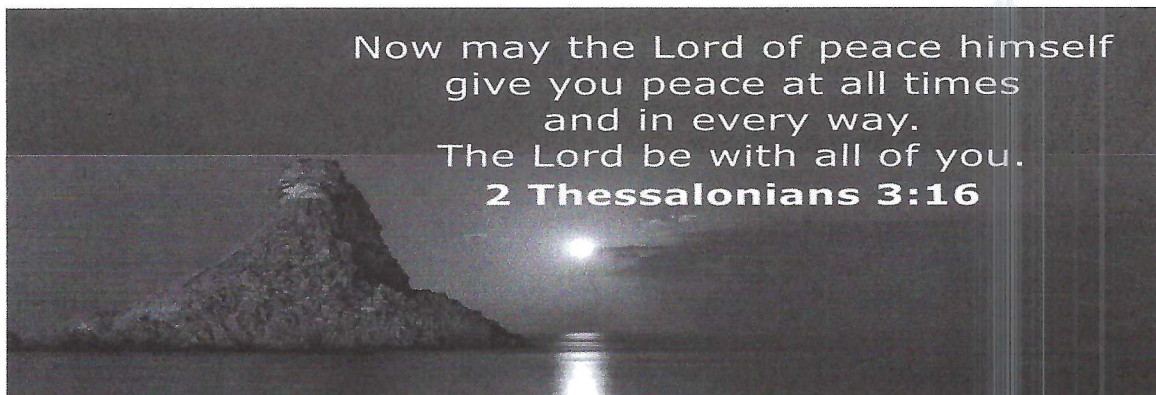
Thank you for the increase in your monthly mission gift to us! Stacy, any way that you all prefer to distribute it, monthly or every 3 months, whatever is ok with us.

We are so thankful that Jesus will never let go of our hand especially in our roller coaster ups and downs moments. It can even be a little trying sometimes but in the long term, **life is a wonderful adventure that He continually gives us victory and He is always a very present help in our times of trouble.**

Thank you all for your dear prayers for us and Manami's mom. God is truly so loving and kind.

We are **praying for world peace**, against hindrances, and to be able to minister as freely as possible. Jesus Himself said: "In the world, you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." **Maranatha. Come quickly Lord Jesus (Rev 22:20)**

Will & Manami Hull



SUMMER YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday night youth Bible studies will continue in June, but will not meet in July.

Our new year will be in August. We will have a youth meeting for all youth 6th grade and up on Sunday, August 2, following worship. During this meeting we will go over BYF requirements, important fall dates, and discuss activities for the year. Please mark your calendars now.

CAMP INFORMATION

Be checking your email for camp details from the directors of your child's camp. They will send packing information, rules pages, emergency protocols, etc. that will need to be reviewed and signed. Also, remember any medications must be in original containers, not pill organizers.

The church bus will be available for transporting kids to/from camp. Gather at the church at 1:30pm on starting day and return to church around 4:30pm on dismissal day.

Please let Jenn know if you have any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, August 2-Tuesday, August 4. Each night will begin with family dinner from 5:30-6:00pm. Students will then rotate through VBS activities, and the evening will end at 8:00pm.

We will need food items such as cookies, brownies, fruit, veggies, etc. Please see Dianne Psencik if you are able to help with food. If you are interested in leading crafts, Bible stories, or games, please let Jenn know.

VBS setup and decorating will be done on Sunday, July 28 after worship and Wednesday, July 29 from 5pm til finished. Everyone is welcome to help!

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 4 – Shannon Caldwell
- 5 – Cooper Bedrich
Kirsten Martin
- 6 – Glenn Marek
- 8 – Anabelle Denise
Elaine Moore
- 9 – Shea Sebek
- 11 – Cathy Koenig
- 13 – Kindra Koslovsky
- 16 – Shannon Glaser
- 17 – Ethan Stanolis
- 18 – Ty Sebek
Chelsey Pierce
- 19 – Jodie Zavodny
- 21 – Terry Coots
- 24 – Logan Erskine
- 25 – Judy Herrick
Joseph Bedrich
- 30 – Brady Bedrich

June Anniversaries

- 4 – James & Deanna Naivar
- 5 – JP & Jennifer Chervenka
- 6 – Donald & Tracie Malovets
- 13 – Glenn & Brenda Marek
- 17 – Chris & Alicia Buck
- 18 – Craig & Rene Green
- 23 – Daniel & Lanelle Lesikar
- 26 – Keith & Shannon Caldwell
- 27 – Ronald & Cristi Jungmann
Randy & Janet Hoelscher
- 28 – Cory & Chelsey Pierce
Mark & Renee Wilfert
- 30 – Jason & Amanda Parker
Isaiah & Jacelyn Coleman

Girlfriends & God

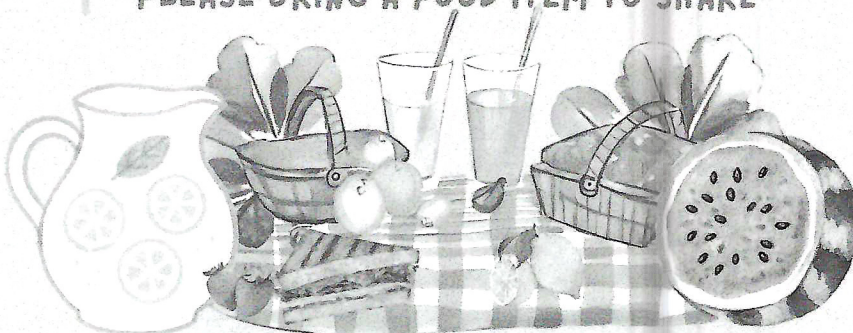
PICNIC THEMED LUNCHEON AND CARDS

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24TH @ 11:00 AM

WOODBIDGE CREEK CLUBHOUSE

(3620 WHISPERING OAKS TEMPLE TX)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Youth Bible Study 6 – 8 pm Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 – 8 pm	4 Senior Adult Fellowship 9 am – 1 pm	5	6
7 Donuts with Dad First Sunday Fellowship 8:30 am Worship 10:15 am	8	9	10 Youth Bible Study 6 – 8 pm Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 – 8 pm Board of Elders 6:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:15 am	15	16	17 Youth Bible Study 6 – 8 pm Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 – 8 pm	18 Senior Adult Fellowship 9 am – 1 pm	19	20 FUNDRAISER RIB SALE 11 AM – 2 PM
21  Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:15 am	22	23	24 Girlfriends & God 11 am FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6 PM Isaiah Bible Study 6:30 – 8 pm	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9 am Worship 10:15 am	29	30				