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October 2025: Verse of the Month



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
AT OAKLAND

- Sunday

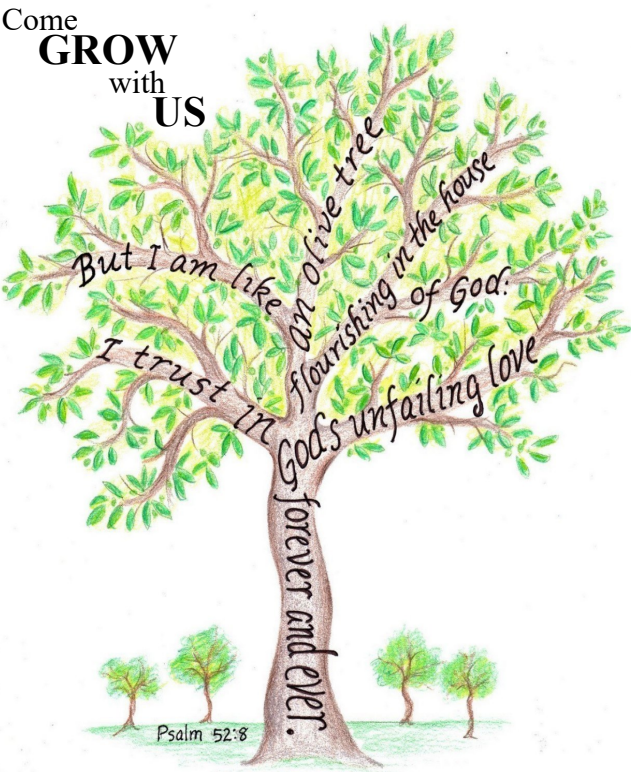
9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Service (Sanctuary)

10:00 AM Worship Service Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday

6:30 PM Wednesday Youth (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM Wednesday Worship Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

October 2025

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Pastor David's Corner

Celebrating Harvest

God commanded the Israelites to celebrate harvest as an acknowledgment of His love, mercy and goodness to them (*Deut. 16:16-17*). He directed this be done three times a year in the place which He Himself would choose. In our own time, He has chosen His church for us to assemble for worship and express thanksgiving and gratitude. Pentecost was actually celebrated as a feast of Harvest, and this was the day His church was established (*Acts 1:1ff*).

It should be noted that God enjoys and honors thankfulness and praises as an appreciation from the people He has invested in so much. In *Psalm 127:3a*, we are told that children are a heritage from the Lord. This means that they belong to God, they are ours only in a temporary trust sense. God gives children to parents, as a man entrusts his fortune to his heirs. He gives according to His desires and plans. We do not have children (a form of harvest) because we deserve them but, by His grace. Therefore, there are things expected of us in this stewardship.

First, we are to be grateful to God for producing this fruit in us, thus reaping this harvest through us. This not only encompasses our biological or adoptive children, but also those we evangelize and disciple. This physical and spiritual household is entrusted to both individual homes and the family of faith, His church.

Second, because God supplies them to us out of His own volition, we have a duty to train them for Him and to His glory. Also, because they are God's heritage, they are meant to grow in His knowledge and wisdom. They are expected to grow to love, follow and serve Him and if this must be so, all parents and guardians will take the Christian and godly upbringing of their/our children very seriously.

Another passage of relevance here is *Proverbs 22:6*, where we are implored to train our children in the way they should go. Training of children/disciples must start in the formative years, as is possible, so they will grow up to walk in God's way(s). Training has the idea of a parent/guardian/steward graciously investing in a child whatever wisdom, love, nurture and discipline that is needed for him or her to become fully committed to God.

All of this presupposes the emotional and spiritual maturity of the managing parent to do so. The way he or she should go is to do the training according to the unique personality, gifts and aspirations of the child. It also means to train the child/disciple to avoid whatever natural tendencies he or she might have that would prevent a total commitment to God. Hence, the promise is that proper development ensures the child will stay committed to God, promulgating the yield, growing His Kingdom. Happy harvest month!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy
Anderson

Dianne Avery

Gary Clontz

Sam & Wanda
Goodwin

Mike & Renee
Helms

Rodney Johnson
(Renee Helms' Son)

Prayer requests
continued on page 4.



Choir Rehearsal

The choir will meet at 7:30 PM on Wednesdays to rehearse for the Christmas Musical!

Christian Sympathy

Tammy Lovingood, 65, went to be with her Lord and Savior on September 18th, 2025. A life celebration service was held on Thursday, September 25th at 1:00 PM at Oakland Baptist.



Saving Grace Ministry Team

The desire of the Saving Grace ministry team is to help our congregation by meeting immediate needs. Food, meals, household goods, a listening ear and prayer. We are here. Please call or email the church office. All help will be confidential.

September Attendance

Wednesday, September 3 (40 Online)

Sunday, September 7 (53 Indoor + 265 Online)

Wednesday, September 10 (66 Online)

Sunday, September 14 (49 Indoor + 299 Online)

Wednesday, September 17 (65 Online)

Sunday, September 21 (43 Indoor + 612 Online)

Thursday, September 25 (60 Indoor + 326 Online)

Sunday, September 28 (51 Indoor + 226 Online)



Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

· This month Haley & another Unto staff person will be filming instructional videos to be used to train students and staff in how to assemble, clean, and distribute water filters. Please pray that the filming would go well and that these videos would be an effective training tool.

· Please continue to pray for Haley's good friend going through cancer treatment. Pray for protection against any infections while her immune system is compromised.

· Haley is taking an Apologetics class this fall through the Institute of Biblical Studies. Please pray that the Lord would use this class to grow Haley's love for Him and for sharing with others.

· Haley's sister, Shelby, is getting married on October 5th! Please pray for Shelby and Ryan as they begin their married lives together.



Wellspring Prep

Pray for Wellspring Prep as they have settled in to their 2025-2026 school year. Pray for Stephanie as she teaches & challenges the kids through a nurturing, faith-centered classroom environment!



Living Streams Worship Center

Thank you for your continued prayers for Pastor Ron & Living Streams Worship Center.

You can learn more about Pastor Ron & his church plant at thelivingstreams.com

Youth Community Service Hours

Does your youth need service hours for school or clubs? The youth group will have a few opportunities to do community service hours throughout the school year. Opportunities will be announced on Wednesday nights.



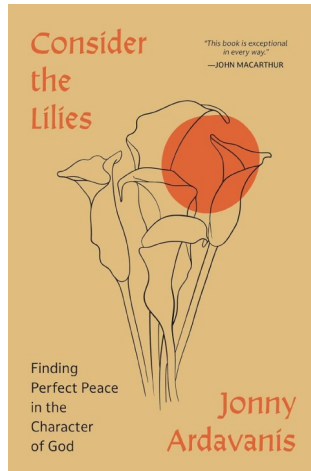
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Consider the Lilies: Finding Perfect Peace in the Character of God

By Jonny Ardavanis

Find freedom from anxiety as you lift your gaze
from the problems and pressures of this world to
the changeless and powerful character of your
heavenly Father.

Is my cancer back? Is my job secure? Will I ever get married? Are my children safe? Our lives are often a chronicle of trouble, pain, and uncertainty --and God's children yearn for peace. Many who wrestle with anxiety and despair know that the Bible calls them to "trust God," but what does that even mean?



In *Consider the Lilies*, pastor, podcaster, and speaker Jonny Ardavanis shows us God's consistent response to those who are worn down by worry and badgered by melancholy: He proclaims His own character.

Drawing on that perspective-shifting model, Jonny offers biblical insight on how to ground our thoughts and fix our gaze on who God is.

Compassionate, biblical, and timely, *Consider the Lilies* explores:

- How dwelling on the character of God is the surest pathway to peace
- The root causes of anxiety and worry in the Bible
- What the Bible says about the integration of our physical and spiritual lives
- Why worry grieves God's heart as our Father

Consider the Lilies is for those who long for liberation from their anxiety and fear--and desire to deeply know the God they are called and enabled to trust. If you are starved for hope and gasping for peace, consider the character of your heavenly Father, who welcomes all who are anxious, fearful, and melancholy to trust in Him.

Jail Ministry

Pray for the jail ministry team and the people they minister to; pray that they will respond to the gospel that is presented.



September 2025

Offerings

\$10,931.00

Budget Needs

for October

\$17,571.84



PRAYER REQUESTS

Lillian Lewis

Pam Majewski

Louise Parker

Kenny & Carolyn Street

Irene Welch

Susan Wood & Family

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

THE GREATEST TRUTHS OF ALL TIME

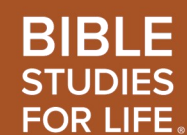
October 5: The Greatest Command

October 12: The Greatest Return

HOW TO HANDLE LIFE'S INTERRUPTIONS

October 19: When God Interrupts Your Life

October 26: When Life Goes Terribly Wrong



Bible Studies For Life Summary *How to Handle Life's Interruptions*

Interruptions can be so irritating:

- A phone call in the middle of dinner
- Your baby starts running a fever just as you're leaving for church
- Car trouble during a date night with your spouse

Interruptions ignore the clock. They don't care about your plans or who you're with. They barge in unannounced and arrest your attention, often claiming time and money as well.

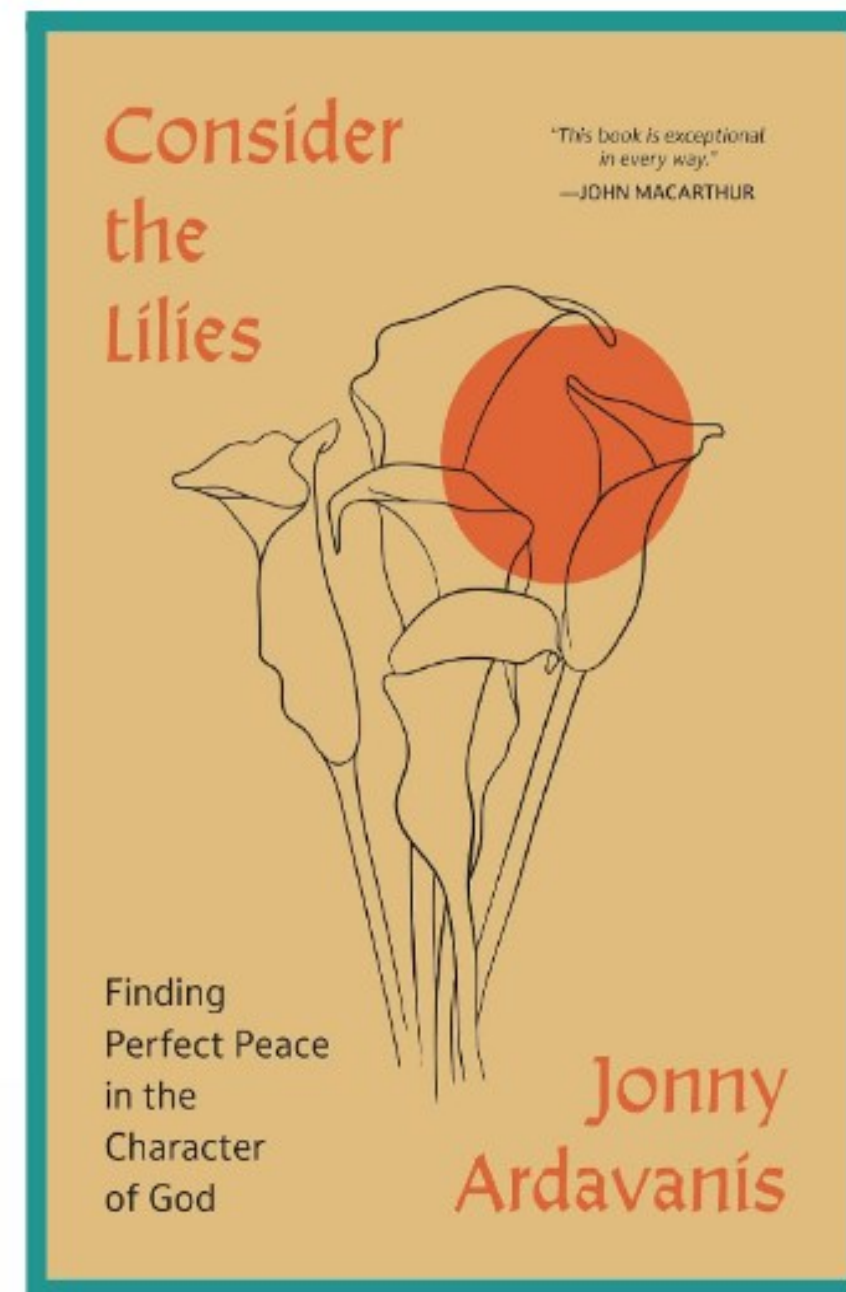
Have you ever felt like your life has been hijacked by this thief? I have.

I used to complain a lot that I couldn't get anything done for all the interruptions! I glanced over my schedule recently only to find a series of interruptions that sent serious turbulence through my to-do list.

Interruptions come in many forms. Some can alter your day. Others can rewrite the rest of your life. How should we view these intrusive experiences?

During the next six sessions, we're going to drop in on Abraham, Joseph, Moses, and others who show us how to handle these speed bumps on life's road. Turns out, interruptions aren't thieves that take from us. They can be messengers sent by God to show us something we would not otherwise see. They can be construction zones designed by God to develop character. It all depends on our response. By seeing God's invitation in the interruption, He can turn it into an on-ramp to new opportunities, deeper faith, and greater intimacy with Him!

You are invited to attend our
Fall Ladies Bible Study
Beginning Tuesday, September 2nd @ 6:30 pm



Sign-up sheets will be available in the sanctuary,
or you may call the church office

Books available for purchase on Amazon

