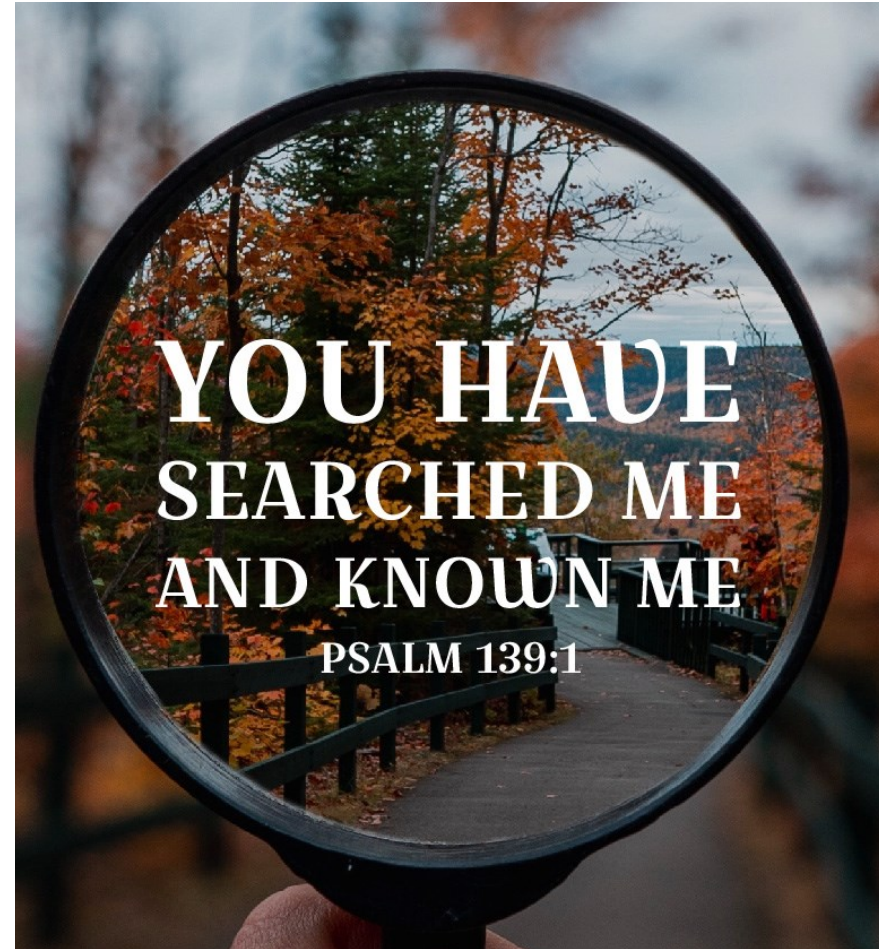




January 15, 2023



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Church Council Meeting

The Church Council meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, **January 19th** at 7 PM.



If you have information from your team on getting started back up as we open up post-Covid please come out and share! We will be looking at ways we can work together to help our church grow.

If you cannot attend but still want to share, please email oaklandchurchmonroe@gmail.com with your info by that Thursday.

Jail Ministry



Lift up the jail ministry team and the people they minister to in your prayers; pray that they will respond to the gospel that is presented.

If you are interested in joining the jail ministry team, please talk with Stacey!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Total Received: \$1,260.00

Thank you for giving to the

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!



Help Pregnancy Center

We raised \$278.83 for the 2022

Baby Bottle fundraiser for the Help Pregnancy Center in Monroe.

Backpacks of Hope Ministry

Pray for this ministry and for the 10 Monroe Middle School students who receive food each week.

If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry, please contact the church office. Nan is looking for someone to

take her place in this ministry as she will be recovering from back surgery for 3-6 months.



Sunday, January 15, 2023

Valued By God (Psalm 139:1-10, 13-16)

The Point: God values life and we should too.

The Bible Meets Life: On October 11, 2021, Chris Nikic crossed the famed Boston Marathon finish line, completing the 26.2-mile race with thousands of world class runners. A month later, he completed the New York City Marathon. He has competed in several Ironman triathlons, which means completing a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile marathon.

Sure, lots of men and women have done that, but Chris Nikic has Down Syndrome. In fact, he was the first person with Down Syndrome to ever participate in an Ironman triathlon.

Nikic explains he has Down syndrome “and all the associated disabilities, except one. I focus on my God-given abilities.” His “mission is to honor God by being the best me I can be so I can be an example to others. I want to change the perceptions and raise expectations for others like me so we can reach our God-given potential.”

Nikic knows his life has meaning and value because God created him. Psalm 139 says every life is valued by the Creator who has made each person remarkably and wondrously. He expects us to value each life, too.

Live It Out: Confess. Ask the Lord to search your heart and reveal any areas where you have thought less of others due to physical, intellectual, age, or social differences. Confess this attitude to the Lord who is ready to forgive. **Encourage.** Encourage those around you who face physical or mental challenges, feel insignificant because of their age, or are slighted by others because of race or social status. Tell them that God has fearfully and wonderfully made them. Whether through a note, email, or phone call, remind them that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. **Speak up.** Speak up for those who cannot speak up for themselves. This is especially needed in our culture that condones abortion, the killing of unborn children. Get involved by supporting a local pregnancy crisis center.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

How to Discern the Voice of God

Sunday, January 22 Does It Agree with the Bible?
(Genesis 3:1-6)

Sunday, January 29 Does It Bring Conviction?
(Acts 2:36-41)

BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE

Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

7:00 PM Church Council

Service Attendance

Sunday, January 1

Indoor: 52

Online: 99

Wednesday, January 4

Online: 76 Youth: 10

Sunday, January 8

Indoor: 41

Online: 77



Wednesday, January 11

Online: 34 Youth: 7

Monthly Budget & Offerings



Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

January Offering

To Date:

\$7,870.54

Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Terry Cox

Mike Helms

The Hillman Family

Christine Hinson

Gabe Horne

Rich Majewski

Norma Kilgore

The Stewart Family

Global Missions

Local & NAMB

Area Schools/Admin

1st Responders

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students



Service Details

Sunday's Scripture, bulletin, and worship playlist can be found on the Bible event, via the YouVersion Bible App or OBC's website!



Offering Envelopes

There has been a delay in the shipment of our 2023 offering envelopes.

Generic offering envelopes will be available in the Sunday School classrooms and vestibule until the shipment arrives.