

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

The foundational truths from Ephesians 6:10-20 that help the church become the body of Christ in this chapter of Christian warfare can be summarized as follows:

1. **Recognize the true enemy:** Understand that the battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces of darkness. Identifying Satan as the adversary is crucial, as it directs our focus to the root of spiritual warfare.
2. **Maintain unity and solidarity:** Just as soldiers in a physical war must stand together against a common enemy, believers must support and stand with one another in the spiritual battle. Betraying this unity weakens the collective effort against darkness.
3. **Stand firm in faith:** Equip yourself with the whole armor of God, which includes truth, righteousness, readiness to share the Gospel, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. Each piece of armor serves a specific purpose in defending against and combating spiritual attacks..
4. **Pray without ceasing:** Prayer is a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare, enabling believers to communicate with God, seek His guidance, and align their actions with His will. It fosters a posture of humility and dependence on God's wisdom and direction.
5. **Support one another through prayer and encouragement:** Recognize the interconnectedness of believers in the larger spiritual battle and actively support one another through prayer and encouragement. This collective effort strengthens the body of Christ and advances the Kingdom of God.

By embracing these foundational truths and actively applying them in their lives, believers can effectively navigate the challenges of spiritual warfare and fulfill their calling as members of the body of Christ.

Dr. Tim Searcy, 2024. *The Church: The Body of Christ.*



Okatee
BAPTIST CHURCH



Okatee Baptist Church exists as a family of baptized believers in Jesus Christ who are dedicated to prayer, evangelism, worship, ministry, missions and fellowship through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Tim Searcy / Interim Pastor
October 19, 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

October 19, 2025

Call to Worship

"Jesus Never Fails"

Choir

Welcome / Greeting / Prayer

Dr. Tim Searcy

Worship in Song

"Onward, Christian Soldier"

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Hymn #660

Hymn #504

Gideons Speaker

Ron Wilson

Special Music

"Same Power"

Praise Team

Message

"Christian Warfare"

Ephesians 6: 10-20

Dr. Tim Searcy

Invitation Hymn

"Be Strong in the Lord"

Hymn #504

Announcements

Jim Phillips

Offering Prayer and Benediction

Dr. Tim Searcy

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today. For your convenience, an offering plate is located on a table in the foyer as you came in. Thank you for your unwavering support of the ministries here at Okatee Baptist Church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Church is provided upstairs in this building for children K-4. Children will be dismissed after Scripture Reading and Prayer time.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, October 29th, 6pm

At the annual meeting, there will be two constitution bylaw amendments for your consideration. If you want a copy, it is on the table on your way out.

ATTENDANCE

Worship Service / 76 Sunday School / 44

Sunday Evening / 24 Wednesday Evening / 34

OUR PEOPLE GAVE

Weekly Budget: \$8,860.00

Budget Offering: \$3,046.00

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19TH - OCTOBER 26TH

Sun 10/19	6:00pm	Evening Study - Chronology of the Bible - "Jacob and Esau", 1836-1825 BC
Mon 10/20	5:30pm	Church Council Meeting
Tues 10/21	11:30am	Tuesday Prayer Gathering
	6:00pm	Pastor Search Committee Meeting
Wed 10/22	5:30pm	Prayer Meeting
	6:00pm	Bible Study "Respect of Persons", James 2:1
	7:00pm	Choir
Thurs 10/23	10:30am	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00pm	Praise Team
Sat 10/25	8:00am	Men's Breakfast
	9:30am	Deacons' Meeting
Sun 10/26	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service
	4-6pm	Family Fall Fest

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Saturday, October 25th / 8am

Food, Fellowship, and a challenge for men on Saturday, October 25th at 8:00am. All men and boys are invited. . Great food / no cost.

PRISONER PACKETS

WOM participates in a prisoner packet ministry. The cost per packet is \$12.00 per bag. WOM will purchase products and fill the bags by mid November so they get to the prisoners by Christmas. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please make your check out to the church and write in the Memo space "Prisoner Packets". Your offering can be placed in the offering plate. Money must be received by the end of October. See Janet Phillips with any questions (864-449-9609).