

THE LORD'S DAY

January 4, 2026

Call to Worship

"God's Family Medley"

Choir

Welcome / Greeting / Prayer

Dr. Tim Searcy

Worship in Song

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymn #509

"Have Faith in God"

Hymn #508

Mission Moment

Janet Phillips

Worship in Song

"What Faith Can Do"

Praise Team

Message

"Now That Faith Has Come"

Dr. Tim Searcy

Galatians 3: 23-39

Invitation Hymn

"Have Faith in God"

Verses 1 & 4

Hymn #508

Announcements

Jim Phillips

Offering Prayer and Benediction

Dr. Tim Searcy

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping 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.

OKATEE BAPTIST CHURCH, 5467 N. OKATIE HWY., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
843-987-0885

ATTENDANCE

Worship Service / 71 Sunday School / 50

OUR PEOPLE GAVE

Weekly Budget: \$8,860.00

Budget Offering: \$4,789.00

Budget Requirements to Date \$ 460,720.00

Received to Date \$447,388.15

Lottie Moon Offering to Date \$13,495.00

WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH – JANUARY 10TH

Sun 1/4

No Evening Activities

Mon 1/5

6:00pm Nomination Team Meeting

Tues 1/6

11:30am Tuesday Prayer Gathering

4:00pm GriefShare – Managing Grief and Sorrow in
The New Year

Wed 1/7

5:30pm Prayer Meeting

6:00pm Bible Study: James 2: 18-19

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thurs 1/8

10:30am Ladies Bible Study

Sun 1/11

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

5:00pm Praise Team Practice

6:00pm Chronological Study of the Bible: "Joseph's
Brothers", 1716 – 1690 BC

GRIEF SHARE – MOVING FORWARD MANAGING GRIEF AND LOSS IN THE NEW YEAR

January 6th at 4:00pm

Stepping into the New Year can be difficult as you prepare to move forward without leaving anything behind. Grief doesn't end, it changes shape. We will explore ways to integrate grief in our lives as the calendar turns and we remember our loved ones.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Study Unshakable Hope by Max Lucado begins this Thursday at 10:30. See Marilyn for your books. Read pages 1-22 in the book and fill out pages 21-24 in the Guide before our first session on the 8th if possible.

NOW THAT FAITH HAS COME
Galatians 3: 23-29

- Paul says “before **faith** came,” not “before Christ came”
- “Came” means **revealed or brought into being**
- Faith marks a clear change in our spiritual condition
- Before faith:
 - We were **kept in custody** under the Law
 - The Law guarded and confined, like a jailer
 - Dependence on the Law kept us from justifying faith
 - The Law served as a **tutor**, guiding us toward Christ
- The tutor was temporary, meant to lead us until faith arrived
- Now that faith has come:
 - We are **no longer under a tutor**
 - We are **sons of God through faith in Christ**
 - We are **baptized into Christ**, not into a system
 - We are **clothed with Christ** in every area of life
- In Christ:
 - No division by ethnicity, status, or gender
 - All believers are **one in Christ Jesus**
- Belonging to Christ makes us:
 - **Abraham’s descendants**
 - **Heirs according to promise**



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
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