

## THE LORD'S DAY

February 8, 2026

Call to Worship

“In The Name of The Lord”

Choir

Welcome / Greeting / Prayer

Dr. Tim Searcy

Worship in Song

“Living for Jesus”

Hymn #545

“I'd Rather Have Jesus”

Hymn #530

Mission Moment

Janet Phillips

Worship in Song

“He Will Be”

Praise Team

Message

“**Doing What You Please**”

Dr. Tim Searcy

Galatians 5: 13-17

Invitation Hymn

“Jesus, I Come”

Hymn #439

Announcements

Jim Phillips

Offering Prayer and Benediction

Dr. Tim Searcy

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### 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.

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## ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Worship Service / 79 Sunday School / 48  
Sunday Evening / 23 Wednesday Evening / 38

## OUR PEOPLE GAVE WEEK OF JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Weekly Budget: \$9,322.00 Budget Offering: \$7,161.00

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## WEEK OF FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

- Sun 2/8** 5:00pm Praise Team Practice  
6:00pm Chronological Study of the Bible: “Years of Bondage”, 1625 – 1494 BC
- Mon 2/9** 1:00pm WOM Valentine Party at Canterfield Retirement Center – **Meet at Canterfield**
- Tues 2/10** 11:30am Tuesday Prayer Gathering  
1:00pm Personnel Team Meeting
- Wed 2/11** 5:30pm Prayer Gathering  
6:00pm Bible Study, “The Teacher’s Peril”, James 3: 1  
7:00pm Choir Practice
- Thurs 2/12** 10:30am Ladies Bible Study
- Sat 2/14** 9:00am Building & Grounds Team Meeting
- Sun 2/15** 9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm Praise Team Practice  
6:00pm Chronological Study of the Bible: “Israel Cries Out”, 1492 BC
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## UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON

A church pictorial directory will be made available to you in late February or March. If you have any information that you would like updated for the directory, please call Pam at the church office at 843-987-0885 or email her at [okateeseecretary@gmamil.com](mailto:okateeseecretary@gmamil.com). Thank you.

## THE BRAND-MARKS OF JESUS

*Doing What You Please*

**Galatians 5:13–17**

- Christ has set us free—not to serve the flesh, but to serve God as His children
- Christian freedom is never permission to do as the flesh desires
- True freedom is the ability to live in a way that pleases the Father

### Standing Firm in Freedom

#### By Loving and Serving One Another (vv. 13–15)

- We are set free to love; failure to love is evidence of the flesh at work
- Love is active—“through love serve one another”
- Loving our neighbor fulfills the whole Law (Lev. 19:18; Mark 12; James 2)
- Fleshly living shows itself in biting and devouring one another
- When believers attack one another, everyone is harmed

#### By Walking by the Spirit (vv. 16–17)

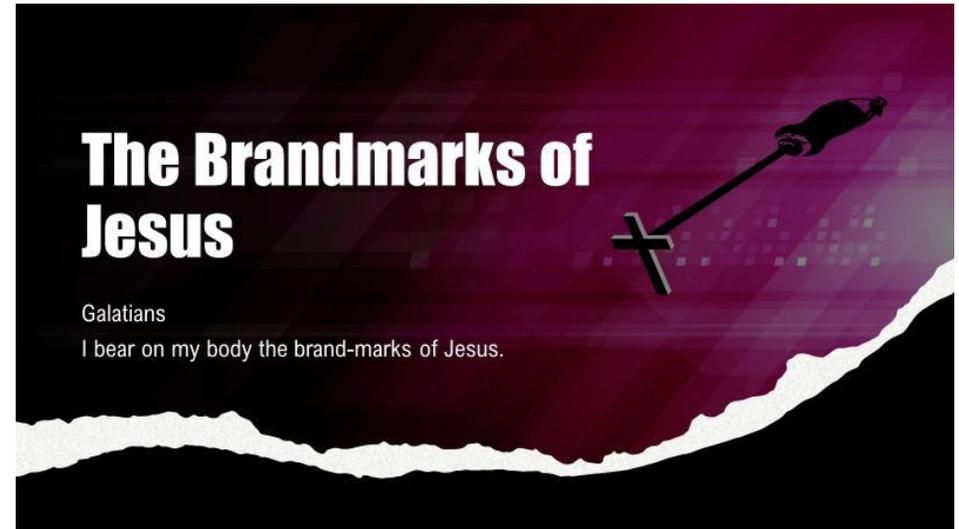
- Walking by the Spirit means daily, intentional dependence on Him
- Life in the Spirit is in direct opposition to life in the flesh
- Flesh and Spirit are in constant conflict—there is no middle ground
- Whoever is not guided by the Spirit will be ruled by the flesh
- We cannot serve two masters (Matthew 6:24)
- The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)
- Walking by the Spirit is grounded in God’s truth, not feelings
- True freedom is willingly doing God’s will as revealed in His Word

### True Freedom

- Slavery to sin leads to bondage
- Freedom in Christ leads to sonship
- If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed (John 8:34–36)



*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

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