

# Our Savior's Voice

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## *BUILDING Out...*

**It's begun!** On January 29, 2012 we officially broke ground (see page 5 for pictures) as we begin the process of BUILDING out our current facility.

Over the course of the next few months you will see a lot of changes happening to our campus. Walls will be going up, and some walls will be coming down. Things that are here one day may be gone the next. New things will begin appearing. However, through all this change one thing will remain constant. **Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.** The message that we proclaim about our Risen Savior NEVER changes.

As we expand our current facility we do so knowing that the expanded space will give us an even greater opportunity to tell others of the unchangeable message JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME yesterday, TODAY, and forever!

You can see change is happening already! Looking forward to REACHING OUT as our building out is complete later this year.



Pulling up the current sidewalk



Creating a "new" sidewalk

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 21**  
Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner

**February 22**  
Ash Wednesday

**February 25**  
Better Late Than Never  
Valentine Dinner

**February 26**  
Voter's Meeting



# Building Out to Reach Out

## Campaign Corner

by

Building Out to Reach Out  
Fulfillment Team

February – the month for Valentines. Valentines are cards given or sent to someone you feel is very extraordinary, someone you love. I have received a valentine – the words are so beautiful and it makes me feel very special. From reading it I know that I am loved. My valentine is from God and in this valentine are the words:

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son  
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.  
John 3:16

God **sacrificed** His Son!! Why?? Because He loves me and He loves you; that’s not all, He loves the whole world. Now, what better way to express God’s love for others than to invite them into His House?

On Sunday, January 29, the ground breaking was held at OSLC in preparation for the enlargement of our facilities. Once these are complete, more and more people will be able to hear about God’s valentine to them. I invite you to be a part of this – If you have not yet committed to the Capital Campaign, prayerfully consider doing so. If you have committed to the Campaign, thank you for your faithful and sacrificial support.

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REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
CONGREGATION MEETING  
SUNDAY—FEBRUARY 26, 12:45 p.m.



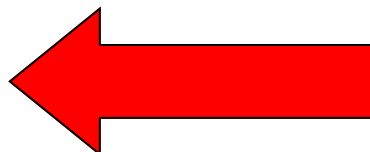
**The family of Rev. Jeff Geske** (brother of former member Mike Geske & Uncle to Kurtis, Ashley, and Bethany Geske) at the death of his wife Laura, son Joshua, and daughter Joy in an automobile accident.



*With  
Sympathy*



**NEW LOOK** Our website redesign is complete. Check out the OSLC website by [clicking here](http://www.oslcrockwall.org) or typing in our web address <http://www.oslcrockwall.org>



This is what the front page of our new website looks like. From here you can check out the church calendar, access the online directory, get past newsletters, listen to sermons, see pictures of the Building Out to Reach Out progress and much much more.

**NEW & IMPROVED Church Calendar.** This online church calendar is the most current and up to date calendar we have. Want to know when an event is taking place? Check it out on the online calendar.



			1 9:00 AM - Women's Small Group Bible Study 6:00 PM - Jr High Confirmation 8:30 PM - Adult Choir Practice	2 6:15 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Ladies Game Night 8:00 PM - High School Youth Event	3	4 10:00 AM - Sharon's Life Group
5 9:00 AM - Traditional Worship 9:30 AM - Rockwall Nursing Home Devotion 10:15 AM - Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30 AM - Summer Ridge Devotion 11:15 AM - Contemporary Worship w/ Communion 8:00 PM - High School Youth Event	6 10:00 AM - Ladies Bible Study 2:00 PM - Board of Rockwall Nursing Home 7:30 PM - Praise Band Practice	7 8:30 AM - Morning Bible Study 7:00 PM - Board of Elders Meeting 7:30 PM - Praise Band Practice	8 9:00 AM - Women's Small Group Bible Study 10:00 AM - Emergency Dept's Meeting 8:30 PM - Jr High Confirmation 9:30 PM - Adult Choir Practice	9 6:15 PM - Girl Scouts 6:30 PM - Working Group Member Life Group	10 8:30 PM - High School Youth Event	11 9:00 AM - Board of Elders Meeting
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You control what you see on the calendar by turning on/off certain events with these buttons. Tailor make the church calendar to fit your needs.



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, visits and well wishes during my last Hospital visit and my rehab. I am still doing rehab at home and progressing. Thanks again,

Lucy McClendon



# Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

(Hosted by the OSLC Youth)

**Tue. Feb. 21 6:30–8:00 pm**

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

**\$5 Individual**

**\$10 Family**

All You Can Eat Pancakes  
Pancake Races  
Best Mardi Gras Costume Contest  
**Food & Fun for All Ages**



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## **Better Late Than Never Valentine Dinner**



Una Sera Incantevole  
(One Enchanted Evening)

Saturday, February 25, 2012  
6:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15.00



# Building Out to Reach Out

## Groundbreaking Ceremony January 29, 2012



Pastor Matthias, Jerry Luecke, Phil Gingerich, Jake Oesch, Ursula Rakow, Don Rakow, Sr. Bill Siegrist, Pastor Paul



One child from each class turns dirt for the Building Out to Reach Out campaign



Everyone is a stake holder

Each family wrote a Bible passage or a prayer and lined the perimeter

## Lent Midweek Worship

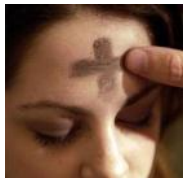
At Our Savior, our Lent 2012 sermon series is entitled *The Way of Grace*. Throughout this 6 week series we are discovering how God helps us grow in our spiritual life through: Confession and Forgiveness, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

This Lenten season, we are returning to our roots in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

### Ash Wednesday

**February 22**

*Seventy Times Seven*



Dinner—5:45 p.m.

Worship with communion  
7:00 p.m.

2/29/12 *You Are Forgiven*

3/7/12 *Adoption Papers*

3/14/12 *The Gift of Life and Death*

3/21/12 *Yahweh's Feast*

3/28/12 *Virtual Presence*

This number appears many times in Scripture, often indicating a time of trial or testing, or simply marking something significant.

It rained 40 days and nights during the Great Flood. Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Jesus fasted for 40 days and was with the disciples for 40 days between his resurrection and ascension. Taking this symbolic number to heart, the Christian church has long observed 40 days of Lent (not counting Sundays).



### *Refocus for Lent*

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.  
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.  
Give up worry — trust God to provide.  
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.  
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.  
Give up hatred — return good for evil.  
Give up anger — be more patient.  
Give up pettiness — become mature.  
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.  
Give up gossiping — control your tongue.  
Give up sin — turn to virtue.  
Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown—

## Bible Studies

### Sunday Mornings:

Gary Koch is leading *This We Believe* (a study of some current issues from a Lutheran perspective) - in the classroom across from the Fellowship Hall.

Ray Diepenbrock leads an adult class in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Paul leads an adult class studying the book of Matthew in the classroom in the sanctuary.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

6:30 a.m. OSLC Kitchen Join us as we study the Psalms.

Women's Bible Study led by Dorothy Hunger  
*"Coffee With the Savior"* 4th Mondays @  
7:00 p.m. Meet in Pastor Matthias' office.

Adult Bible Study led by Rich & Kaye Hartfield  
1 Corinthians (New Testament Church)  
2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.  
Meet at Bill & Geri Smith's home.

# What's Up with OSLC Youth

## K-5th Grades—Sunday, February 12th (4:00-6:00 PM)

We're having a **Valentine's Day Party!** In addition to snacks, cookies, and punch we will be making cards to deliver to the residents at the Summer Ridge Nursing Home.

## 6th-8th Grades

Don't miss out on this month's activities:

**Sunday, February 12th** (4:00-6:00 PM) - Service Event

**Sunday, January 22nd** (4:00-6:00 PM) - Paintball w/ the 9th-12th Grades (\$40 cost)

## High School

Check out what going on this month:

**Sunday, February 5th** (6:00-8:00 PM) - Movie Night

**Friday, February 10th** (4:30-11:30 PM) - Rock & Worship Roadshow (\$10 cost)

**Sunday, February 12th** (6:00-8:00 PM) - Potluck Favorites (*let's eat!*)

**Sunday, February 19th** (6:00-8:00 PM) - Pancake "Practice"

**Tuesday, February 21st** (5:00-8:00 PM) - Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner

*(help setup at 5:00 PM; dinner at 6:30 PM)*

**Sunday, February 26th** (6:00-8:00 PM) - Paintball w/ the 6th-8th Grades (\$40 cost)

*Get Ready For...*

Glorybound 2012

July 19-22

"A Community of Uncommon Unity"

Romans 15:5-6

High School Youth

First Deposit (\$100) due now to register (turn in to Lisa Renfroe).

See the Youth Bulletin Board for more info.



# Life Groups

## Women's Groups

### **Wednesday Evenings @ 7:00 PM**

Facilitator: Rhonda Rakow

Where: The church kitchen (location may change)

Current Study: "Secrets of the Vine" (John 15)

### **Wednesday Mornings @ 9:00 AM**

Facilitator: Michele Brandvold

Where: The church kitchen

Current Study: "Boundaries"

Starts back Jan. 11th

### **1st & 4th Saturdays @ 10:00 AM**

Facilitator: Sharon Heake

Where: The church kitchen

Current Study: "Obadiah, Jonah, Micah"

## Groups by Location

### **Greenville – 2nd Thursdays @ 6:45 PM**

Facilitator: Margaret Berger

Where: Home of George & Margaret Berger  
(1106 Whitehall Lane, Greenville)

Current Study: "Blessings in Disguise"

## Men's Group

### **2nd & 4th Sundays @ 7:00 PM**

Facilitator: Don Rakow, Jr.

Where: The church kitchen

Current Study: "Godly Man: Men in the Church"

## Groups by "Life-Stage"

### **Working Empty-nesters – Nancy Whitlock**

When: 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 6:30 PM

Where: Home of Herb & Nancy Whitlock  
(308 Westway Circle, Rockwall)

Current Study: "Connections: God-Esteem"

### **Parents of High School and/or College Students – Ken & Donna Busarow**

When: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays @ 7:00 PM

Where: The church kitchen

Current Study: "Live By Faith"

## **Don't see a Life Group that fits you?**

New groups will be forming soon, so let Pastor Matthias know you are interested!

*Get Connected!*



# Sunday Morning Worship Volunteers

	9:00	Sunday School	11:15
<b>Sunday, February 5</b>			
ELDER DUTY:	Ivan Brandt		Bill Smith
BIBLE READERS:	David Pearce		Barb Oldham
NURSERY:	Jennifer Ferguson		Sarah Dinger
GREETERS:	Smith/Klein		Gingerich
ACOLYTE:	Bridget Griesbach		David Bamsch
CRUCIFER:	Sarah Brown		Catherine Mackey
USHER TEAM:	Muenich/Wagner/Hilt/Mehne/Brown/Lemons/Pearce		
<b>Sunday, February 12</b>			
ELDER DUTY:	James Scott		Steve Blanke
BIBLE READERS:	Dorothy Hunger		Nancy Whitcok
NURSERY:	Shirley Lubben		Melinda Van
GREETERS:	Brown/Van/Muenich		Briere/Brandt
ACOLYTE:	Caedon Jervis		Kurtis Geske
CRUCIFER:	Jessica Hagan		Seth Omalza
<b>Sunday, February 19</b>			
ELDER DUTY:	Steve Blanke		Herb Whitlock
BIBLE READERS:	Charlene Martinson		Dan Nelson
NURSERY:	Carol Pearce		Jennifer Wheat
GREETERS:	Oesch/Lubben/Brown		Blanke
ACOLYTE:	Tyler Saathoff		Brett Hintz
CRUCIFER:	Madison Jennings		April Pihlstrom
<b>Sunday, February 26</b>			
ELDER DUTY:			
BIBLE READERS:	Paul Mehne		Cliff Johnson
NURSERY:	Rhonda Rakow		Elaine Dickson
GREETERS:	Musser/Mehne		Dickson/Jolley
ACOLYTE:	Andrew Sorenson		Catherine Mackey
CRUCIFER:	Bridget Griesbach		Noah Omalza

# February Birthdays and Anniversaries



(A) - Anniversary

(B) - Birthday

1-	
2-	Earlis Koch/Michael Oldham/Melinda Van
3-	Haleigh Bass/Sharon McCallum
4-	Marie Rhudy
5-Scott & Janis Mason	Jo Petit
6-	Linda Blanke
7-	Ernie Meyer
8-	Roger Houser
9-	
10-	Kevin Wheat
11-	Milt Martinson/Brian Nielsen
13-	
14-Max & Glenda Klein	Allen Gray
15-	Austin Gibbs/Pat Lemons/Phyllis Pinnow/Don Rakow Sr.
16-	Kevin Diepenbrock/Marty Munson
17-	Lorna Kern
18-	
19-	Sam Ferguson/Orlando Salinas
20-	Barb Oldham
21-	
22-	Chandler Cobb/Ann Titus
23-	
24-Don & Cheryl Millender	Paxton Smith
25-	Ray Diepenbrock/Linda Pillar/Barbara Ritchey/
26-	Jonah Allen/Glenda Klein
27-	Blake Arldt/Ron Nuckolls
28-Tim & Lisa Brown	Brett Hintz
29-	Austin Griesbach

\* If your anniversary/birthday is not included please let the church office know.

# The Holy Land

## November 2012



### DAY 1 ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Begin your exciting journey as you depart on board your flight to the Holy Land.

### DAY 2 ARRIVE THE HOLY LAND

Arrive in the Holy Land.

### Day 3 CAESAREA/HAIFA/TIBERIAS

Drive to Caesarea and Megiddo. Continue to Haifa and ascend Mt. Carmel for a spectacular view of the harbor. See the Carmelite Monastery and Elija's Cave. Proceed to Tiberias.

### DAY 4 TIBERIAS

Cross the Sea of Galilee to Capernaum. Visit Tabgha, scene of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. On to the Mount of Beatitudes, site of the Sermon on the Mount.

### DAY 5 TIBERIAS/CANA/NAZARETH/JERUSALEM

Drive to Cana, the site of Jesus's first miracle of turning water into wine. On to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. Continue to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley and Beit Shean.

Journey to the **Holy Land** for the spiritual experience of a lifetime...walk where Jesus walked...where every page of the Bible comes alive...cruise the **Sea of Galilee**...climb the Mount of Olives and view the Old City of **Jerusalem**...visit **Tabgha**, scene of the Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes...the **Mount of Beatitudes**, site of the Sermon on the Mount and where Jesus chose his Twelve Apostles...walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre...stroll in the Garden of Gethsemane...visit **Bethlehem** and the Church of the Nativity.

### DAY 6 JERUSALEM

Begin your inspiring visit of Jerusalem with a walking tour of the Old City. Visit St. Anne's Church and the Pool of Bethesda. See the ancient Wailing Wall and the Dome of the Rock. This afternoon walk the Via Dolorosa, following the steps of Jesus to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Leave the Old City via the Damascus Gate. End at the Garden Tomb.

### DAY 7 JERUSALEM

This morning visit the Mount of Olives, Chapel of the Ascension and the Church of Pater Noster. Visit the Garden of Gethsemane. Admire the panoramic view of the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of All Nations then ascend Mt. Zion to see the Upper Room, traditional site of the Last Supper. Continue to Bethlehem. See the Church of the Nativity, the Manger and Shepherd's Field.

### DAY 8 JERUSALEM

Drive to Bethany to visit Lazarus's Tomb. Continue to the Dead Sea, 1288 ft. below sea level. See the excavations of Jericho, Elisha's Spring and the Mount of Temptations. Stop at Qumran Caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered in 1947. Drive to Masada and ascend by cable car to Herod's fortress.

### DAY 9 JERUSALEM

Enjoy a free day in Jerusalem for shopping and exploration.

### DAY 10 JERUSALEM/U.S.A.

Your Holy Land adventure is over as you fly back to the U.S.A.

#### Tour Features:

- Roundtrip airfare from DFW
- Accommodations at First Class Hotels
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Comprehensive sightseeing

Join Pastor Paul and Jennifer as they lead a 10 day tour to the Holy Lands in November, 2012. Want more information?

Contact Pastor Paul: [pferguson@oslcrockwall.org](mailto:pferguson@oslcrockwall.org)

