

The Connection

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Love Boxes for College Students

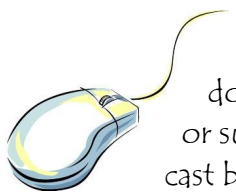
The OPCC women's group, W.I.N.G.S., invites everyone to join in gathering items to be sent in love boxes for our college students away from home. These will be assembled on the evening of February 12th and delivered hopefully soon after Valentine's Day.

A collection box is located in the Fellowship Hall for donations. Suggestions include: school supplies such as pens, pencils, tape, sticky notes, white-out, and envelopes; homemade or purchased snack foods including cookies, candies, popcorn, gum, and crackers; personal items such as lotions, toothpaste, or shampoo; and stamps, quarters or dollars for laundry, and gift cards are always a welcome sight. We are also accepting donations of money to help with the postage. Please avoid perfumed or bulky items.



We currently know of 11 OPCC students away at college. They include: Paul Menefee, Brooke Haas, Melissa Jensen, Derek Shafer, Travis Shafer, Cody Pearson, Lucas Wipf, Cara Brown, Jenna Schmidt, Ali Pearson, and Kaylee Eytchison. *Please contact the Church Office if you know of any students we may have overlooked.*

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Did you know... that you can listen to each week's sermon, download the sermon and outline, or subscribe to OPCC's Sermon Podcast by visiting our church website @ www.oakwoodparkcc.org

Prayer Blanket Ministry



A new blanket is currently on display in the Women's Bible Study classroom. **Be sure to drop by and pray.**

Servers for the Banquet Needed February 14th

Christian Campus Ministry (CCM) of SDSU has volunteered to work at The Banquet on Tuesday, February 14th. They would like to know if anyone from OPCC would be interested in serving with them that evening. They are in need of 2-3 people to help prepare the meal at 2:30 pm and 10-15 people to help serve the meal at 5:15 pm. If you would be willing to help, please sign up on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



Sunday Fellowship Meal February 26th at noon

Please join us for a great time of food and fellowship after the morning worship service. This meal will be "potluck" style with each person or family choosing the dishes they would like to bring. The purpose of the gathering is that everyone, both members and guests, be able to come and relax, eat, have fun, and get to know each other better.



Invite a friend!

Heart Failure

It's one of the most bizarre stories you've ever heard. It's also true. Several years ago, Lena Driskell, a pistol-packing, 78-year-old, great-grandmother, shot her 85-year-old boyfriend, Herman Winslow, to death as he read the paper in the Hightower Manor retirement complex in Atlanta. Her granddaughter told reporters outside the courthouse, "What drove her to something like this is beyond me. We have no control over what she did, but we are very sorry."

Apparently, the two had dated for a year, traveled often and recently returned from a trip to Daytona Beach just a few days before the shooting. They even shared a bank account. Lena's granddaughter said her grandmother had assumed the two would one day be married. When her boyfriend announced he was ending the relationship and had begun dating someone else, something snapped.

One of the investigating detectives said that after the breakup, Lena kept showing up uninvited at the victim's apartment in the complex for seniors where they lived. The night of the shooting she showed up at his apartment using a key. An unarmed, female security guard told Mr. Winslow to have a seat on the lobby couch. Detectives said Lena kept her hand behind her back, concealing the weapon, while the security guard was attempting to calm her down. Her efforts proved futile as Lena walked over to the victim and fired four shots as the guard ran for cover.

When police officers arrived, they saw Lena in a bathrobe and slippers, waving an antique handgun in the air, yelling, "I did it, and I'd do it again!" She had no prior criminal record and had owned the gun, a gift from her father, since 1957. She was released on \$25,000 bond and placed under house arrest wearing an ankle monitor while awaiting trial. A grandmother of five and great-grandmother of six, what Lena did was obviously neither grand nor great. In fact, it was downright tragic. Strangely enough, the whole outrageous episode was totally unnecessary and completely preventable. As Lena found out, jealousy and the ramifications of letting it get a grip on your heart are all self-inflicted wounds.



Genuine love, the Bible tells us, is "patient and kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" ([1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#)).

Jealousy, on the other hand, is just the opposite and is a clear indication of a broken heart. (Read that statement again.) Jealousy is listed by the Apostle Paul among the

"acts of the sinful nature" recorded in [Galatians 5:19-21](#) which can keep us from inheriting the Kingdom of God. He also warns in [Romans 13:13](#) that jealousy is conduct unbecoming of a child of God.

In [Proverbs 27:4](#), Solomon summed it up with these words, "Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?" Truth is, no one can. Jealousy will take you down every time - if you let it.

There's a reason why the Bible warns against jealousy.

It's a killer.

Yours, and His,
Pastor David

Wednesday Night Encounter

Wednesday Meal

Served from 5:30 – 6:10

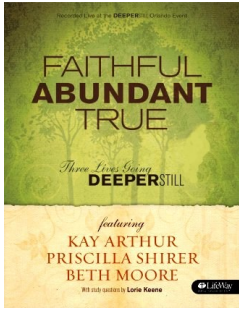
Cost = \$2.50 per person up to a maximum of
\$10 per family
(4 and under eat free)

Classes for All Ages

6:30 – 7:30

Join us each Wednesday evening!

Deeper Still Study for Women



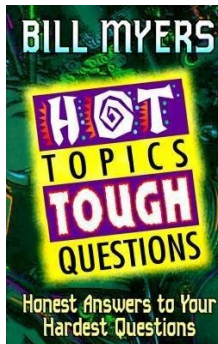
The Deeper Still Study will be meeting on **February 12th** and **March 11th**. Please note that this is a date change. If you have questions ask Joanne Ling or Jan Shafer.

Library Corner

Hot Topics Tough Questions

by Bill Myers

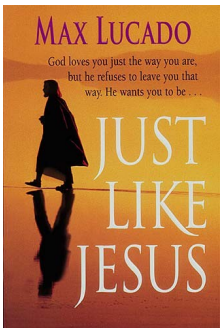
Honest answers to your hardest questions. Nobody told you life would be so complicated or so full of questions. Sometimes you wonder whether anyone really has the answers. God is big enough to handle even our hardest questions. This book tackles some of the most asked questions of teens in youth groups across the United States.



Just Like Jesus

by Max Lucado

Learning to have a heart like His. This classic has helped millions grow closer to Jesus. This book will change your life too!



**Save The
Date**

The Truth Project

**12 Session Adult Study Series
Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30 p.m.**

A biblical worldview. It can mean the difference between deeply knowing and living in God's truths or endlessly seeking significance through worldly values and pursuits. It means knowing that God has a plan for *everything* and by following those plans we can have life to its fullest.



Focus on the Family's *The Truth Project* small group study is designed to equip believers with a comprehensive biblical worldview. Practically and personally, participants will be reintroduced to the truth claims of God. Twelve one-hour lessons discuss in detail God's design for living out the Christian worldview in daily life. Most importantly, it addresses the need to marry our actions with our core beliefs. What this series of lessons does is nothing short of transformational. Don't miss them!

Easter Cantata Practice




You are invited to join us as we rehearse this year's Easter cantata. These practices will be held normally on Sunday evenings, though the time may vary slightly. Charlie will have a schedule for future practices.

Questions?
Please contact Charlie Shafer.

Women's Fall Retreat

Mark your calendars, OPCC Ladies! Our annual fall retreat is scheduled for September 28-29 at Inspiration Hills. Plan to attend this amazing time of worship, teaching, and fellowship.

February

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	2	3	4
5 <i>B—Ron Thomas</i> 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	6	7	8 <i>B—Daniel Hoffman</i> Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	9 <i>B—Lydia Donaldson</i>	10 <i>B—Haylie Lathen</i>	11
12 <i>B—Kyle Hoekstra</i> <i>B—Tyler Struss</i> 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship <i>Deeper Still Study</i>	13 <i>B—Melissa Jensen</i>	14 <i>B—Mario Kemp</i> Serve at the Banquet  <i>Book Club</i>	15 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	16	17	18
19 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship	20	21	22 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 	23	24	25 <i>B—Liz Wittrock</i>
26 9:30 Sun. School 10:30 Worship 12:00 4th Sunday Potluck	27	28	29 Meal 5:30 Encounter 6:30 			

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Sunday School Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Celebration 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Night Meal..... 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night Encounter.....6:30 p.m.

Our purpose is to make disciples for Jesus Christ, of our family, friends, neighbors and all peoples, throughout Sioux Falls, the surrounding areas and ultimately the world. By the empowering of the Holy Spirit, we will invest all facets of our lives in order that all may be presented complete in Christ to the glory of God."

**WINTER 2012
SERMON SERIES**

Sermons Include:

- 2/5 – His Crafty Manipulation (Genesis 3:1-7)
- 2/12 – His Devious Intent (Job 1 & 2)
- 2/26 – His Extensive Power (Ephesians 6:10-12)
- 3/4 – His Terrible Destiny (Revelation 20:10)



**INTELLIGENCE
BRIEFING:
KNOWING THE ENEMY**