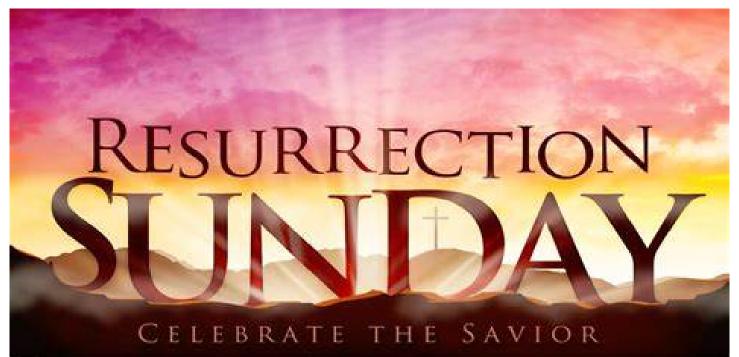
Oakey Grove Baptist Church

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Sunday Sunday School Youth and Adults 9am

Morning Worship Service 10:15am

Tuesday Senior Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study Youth and Adult 6:45pm

10am

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Business Office Hours Monday - Friday 9am - 2pm

Pictures from Tea Party

Vision 2023

"Reaching

for

Teaching" Matthews 28: 19, 20

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"Building People; Mind, Body and Spirit." (Matthews 28:16-20)



Volunteers Needed

this summer for Vacation Bible School June 12 - 16, 2023 Please see Min. Daniels for more information

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers needed for Oakey Groves Summer Garden For more information, please see Sis. Gloria Hamilton,





Monica Smith

We are happy to have you as part of the Oakey Grove Family.

Join us for our new Bible Study Series



Our current study "The Way" will begin the week of April 9th. Books are \$8.00



If you are interested in starting the first study, "The Beginning" please contact the church office.

Women of Promise Womens Retreat Event

If you're interested in attending please see Lady Yolanda Wright. Click the link for more information: https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/glory-with-jackie-hill-perry

Tickets MUST be purchased by end of day July 31st.



Aug 18-19, 2023 Fri - Sat

Greensboro, NC Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Speaker: Jackie Hill Perry Worship Leader: Jordan Welch



WITH JACKIE HILL PERRY

Hotel Arrangements

Hampton Inn & Suites, Downtown Greensboro

222 West McGee Street Greensboro, NC 27401 336.553.1280

\$169.00/night

3.1 miles from Mt. Zion Baptist Church Amenities Include: WiFi, Breakfast, Fitness Center, Outdoor Pool



2023 Men's Retreat

The Fishes of Men is pleased to announce that planning has begun for the 2023 Men's Retreat. More Details to come.

Women of Promise

will meet at Dave & Busters for fun and fellowship on April 22 at 10am. If interested see Lady Yolanda Wright Dave & Busters 807 Cabela Drive, Augusta, GA 30909



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Homebound

2nd Sunday

April 9, 2023



Blonde Williams Michael and Wendy Perry Chad and Lateefah Washington Herman and Carolyn Blackburn Lestie and Phyllis Lancaster

Candance Thomas

Emanuel and Cora Gullivan

Rudolph and Delores Lewis

Charles and Tasha, Jones





Jason Crayton Leslie Lancaster Linda Garnett Hattie Rogers **Tonya** Poitier **Titus** Johnson Faith Lashley Ceciel Coard **Mary Spikes Candice Hillman** Alvin Glenn Latisa Parks Joanne Dunn Gillians Marie Ringer Felicia Middleton Frankie Dunn Calethia Johnson Aaron Green **DaShay Williams** John Hamilton Jr. Michael Toatley **Roosevelt** Odom **Ruthie Faulks Diane Dunham** Shequitta Fielding Placidia Jackson

An excerpt from Day Spring



When Jesus Said "It is Finished,"

He Was Talking About You

When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished." Then bowing his head, he gave up his spirit. John 19:30 CSB

I had read this Scripture in John 19 so many times—the last words Jesus spoke on the day He was crucified. I knew that in those final moments as He was there on the cross, Jesus simply said, "It is finished," closed His eyes, and died.

There's such gravity in that moment. Imagining the Son of God, our Savior, with His battered and broken body nailed to a cross, stirs up a sense of both sadness and shame. He endured such terrible things that even thinking about them leads me to close my eyes in sorrow. Most every time I heard or read the story, my focus was on what happened, the events themselves, and less so on those three simple words He spoke at the end: "It is finished." What did Jesus mean when He said "it is finished?"

A few months ago, my friend and Pastor Rodney Holmstrom spoke on this Scripture before a large Celebrate Recovery congregation, and he challenged each of us to really consider those words. In that moment, he said, Christ was not simply stating the obvious —that His earthly life was over. He was declaring that our sins were forgiven once and for all, their price paid by His sacrifice.

I knew this in my head. Of course I did. But had I taken it into my heart?

Rodney asked us, could we say these words out loud? "When He said, 'It is finished,' He was talking about me." Could we write those words in a journal and mean them? Could we look into a mirror and speak them?

I tried, and I was surprised by how difficult it was for me to say them, how easy it was to shy away from them, as if my mistakes were too great for His forgiveness. It was simultaneously painful and humbling to realize the truth in that statement, and the truth was this: In that moment and by His death, Christ paid the price for every sin no matter how great—even for mine. Every wrong I had ever or would ever commit was forgiven, the debt for it paid in full, before I ever drew my first breath. I only had to accept it. How could that be?

I left that service that night with the weight of those words still clinging to my thoughts: When He said, "It is finished," He was talking about me. At home, I tried saying them aloud again and again. And while it was still difficult, I found that each time I spoke them, my heart had a harder time rejecting them. The truth began to win. Later, I spent some time writing and creating around John 19:30 in my journaling Bible, and I found that with each moment that I lingered there, those words became further etched onto my heart.

It's fascinating how we can spend years knowing something without fully accepting it as certainty. Since childhood, I had believed that Jesus died for our sins and accepting Him meant we were forgiven. But isn't it often easier to think that applies to everyone else?

I came to recognize that the shame and guilt of my own mistakes had clouded my understanding. I had believed the lies in my head (as so many of us do), like: I've made too many mistakes. Maybe I'm different. How could He really forgive me? My sin is just too great... I had let those lies sink deeply into my heart. But speaking and writing that simple, declarative sentence began to destroy the lies by covering them with his truth—that no sin is too great for his mercy, not even mine—and it brought me immediate peace and joy.

Today, as you consider the events from the day Jesus was crucified, as you consider Jesus' last words, as you ponder that weighty moment when His spirit passed, try speaking those words aloud (even if you have to whisper them to get them out): When He said, 'It is finished,' He was talking about me.

Then say it again. Accept this truth—that Jesus died to grant the forgiveness of sins for all who accept Him—and annihilate the lie that your sins are too great or too numerous. Try writing it down or reflecting in the pages of your journaling Bible. How does it feel to know that every mistake—past, present or future—is covered and the debt is paid in full? When Jesus said "it is finished," He was talking about me. He was talking about you.



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