



OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mid Week Message

Gather... Connect... Grow... Impact!

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The Balanced Church

When my parents went to work, my mom would leave a “to do” list on the frig for us to accomplish when we got home from school. Most of the time it read like this:

1. Do your homework
2. Clean your room
3. Do your laundry
4. Fold your clothes and put them away
5. Clean the living room
6. Vacuum the living room
7. Unload the dishwasher and clean the kitchen

These responsibilities were given to me and my four siblings. If I had to do this alone it would have taken up too many hours and made me a miserable person! Fortunately, all of us participated. So, after school, my siblings and I would gather around the breakfast table to look over the list and decide who would do what. Each of us was responsible for cleaning our rooms (we had two rooms for 5 kids), put away laundered clothes, and tend to our homework.

We divided the rest of the list: my oldest sister liked to vacuum, I liked to wash and dry clothes (still do; fold? Not so much), my older brother liked organizing the kitchen. Our little brother would help me with laundry while my little sister would clean the living room. All of us working together, doing things we enjoyed made the time pass rather quickly and it was, surprisingly enjoyable, except the homework part.

The Apostle Paul set up the church to function as a family. The Elders represented the parents who oversaw how well the children functioned together. Each person within the church has responsibilities. Some “tasks” are designed to help us grow and mature like worship and studying Scripture with a group. Other “tasks” use our best energy, skills, gifts, natural abilities to serve others in some capacity. These are our ministries that bring us joy, satisfy our souls, and bring fulfillment.

If only one or a few people do these tasks, then the family doesn’t function as it is designed to do and many tasks or ministries go unfulfilled. To be a family of God at ODCC requires two things:

1. To create a desire to learn, grow, and mature in our faith. For that to happen, worship and study must serve a purpose of revealing God’s Grace and our place within God’s plan to build God’s Kingdom.
2. To discover the ministries that feed our souls and bring us joy. How much time you have to offer doesn’t matter. What matters is **FEEDING YOUR SOUL** with your siblings, which makes you a part of God’s family.

Let’s all come together and enjoy doing ministry with one another!

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