

Worship

Sounds of the Season – Tonight we will be having our annual Sounds of the Season event at 6 pm in the Sanctuary! This is a fantastic Christmastime event that will include a variety of music, poems, and scripture readings. It is a great opportunity to invite anyone you know who loves Christmas music! We will have refreshments following the event.

Children's Christmas Program – Next Sunday, December 9th, we will be having our Children's Christmas Program in both morning services. We hope you'll plan to join us as we participate in intergenerational worship!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – On Monday, December 24th, we will be having a traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 6 pm. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together!

Connect

Connecting Groups – A small group atmosphere focused on relationship building. If you'd like to get connected, feel free fill out a **Connect Card!**

Sunday Evening

Kennell/Lauria Group -----	4:00 at 4344 S Vernon Rd (Durand)
Rob/Becky Wotring Group -----	4:00 at Various Locations
Brett/Heather Meyer Group ----- (Childcare on site - \$5/family)	5:00 at 5434 S State Rd (Durand)
Phil/Jan Bates Group (2 nd /4 th Sunday) -----	6:00 at OFCN in Moss Hall
Mark/Julie Semans Group (1 st /3 rd Sunday) -	6:00 at 1439 Pintail Ct
Greg/Karen Bontrager Group -----	6:00 at 169 E Haven Dr
Mark/Marcia Green Group -----	6:00 at 1214 N Water St
Meyer/Jandik Group -----	6:00 at Various Locations
Brad/Beth Stockton Group -----	6:00 at 271 E Haven Dr
David/Brianna Rice Group -----	7:00 at 1020 E Oliver St
New-trititional Wellness Group -----	6:00 at OFCN (Conference)

Monday Afternoon

Intercessory Prayer Group -----	1:30 at OFCN (Sanctuary)
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Thursday Evening

Schmidtfrenz/Nethaway Group ----- (Childcare on site - \$5/family)	6:00 at 9112 W Middleton Rd (Ovid)
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Grow

Growth Classes – For the month of December, we will be combining all Sunday morning Growth Classes in Moss Hall for a DVD study facilitated by Matt Schmidtfrenz on the deeper meaning of Christmas. We hope you'll join us during this holiday season!

Sunday Morning:

The Deeper Meaning of Christmas -----	10:15 in Moss Hall
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Tuesday Morning:

Ladies Bible Study -----	9:30 in Smith Hall
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Wednesday Evening:

Grief Share -----	6:30 in Room 8
New Testament Themes Explored -----	7:00 in the Choir Room
Quest for Renewal -----	7:00 in Room 10

Serve

Birthday For Jesus – Gideon's International is providing a unique way to help people experience the true story of Christmas. If you purchase a bible to be donated, you can fill out a Christmas ornament to place on our small tree in the foyer. We would love for you to help spread the gospel this Christmas season!

Tithe/Giving Envelopes – The tithe and giving envelopes for 2019 are now available at the table in the foyer. If you are currently signed up to receive these envelopes, please take yours. If you would like to sign up to receive tithe and giving envelopes, please sign up at the table in the foyer.

More Opportunities

All Church Christmas Party – On Wednesday, December 19th, our entire church is invited to participate in exciting Christmas activities, games, and friendly competitions from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Community Center. Plan to join us as we celebrate and have fun as a church family! This will take the place of our regular midweek activities.

Celebrate Recovery – Our Celebrate Recovery ministry is off to a great start! We begin with fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 pm, the main meeting starts at 7 pm, and open-share groups are at 8 pm. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place for anyone dealing with a hurt, habit, or hang-up of any kind. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor John and Melony Paulus: jomepaulus@gmail.com

JOY Group Auction – On Thursday, December 13th, at noon, the JOY Group (55+) will be having our annual fundraising gift auction. Please bring a wrapped new or white elephant item for the auction (\$10-15). All proceeds go to our child sponsorships through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. In order to allow time for the auction, our meal will be soup, salad, and dessert. We hope you'll join us!

Save the Date: Men's Canada Fishing Trip – We will be having a week-long men's fishing trip Friday, May 17th – Friday, May 24th, 2019, at Woodhouse Lodge on Groundhog River in Canada. The trip will cost \$770 in total, which includes lodging and use of boats, food at the lodge, fishing license, and travel cost. If you love to fish, we hope you'll plan to join us for a great time of fishing and fellowship! If you would like more information, please fill out a **Connect Card**.

Inclement Weather – During the winter, please be aware of the following:

- When a decision has been made to cancel services due to weather, you will find an announcement in the following places by 7:30 AM: OFCN Facebook page, our website: www.owosso Nazarene.org, a Weekly Connection email, and by calling the church: 989.723.2229
- Sycamore Tree Preschool will be cancelled when Owosso Schools are closed.
- Rentals may be cancelled when Owosso Schools are closed.
- Wednesday PM activities will be cancelled when Owosso Schools are closed.
- All youth/children's activities at the church will be cancelled when Owosso Schools are closed.

TREE HOUSE MINISTRIES

"Branching out to love God and love others." –Matt. 22:35



Worship

Tree House Ministries – 11 am in Tree House

Connect

Fall Kids' Club – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

Grow

K-5th Grade Growth Classes – Sundays at 9:00 and 10:15 am

Kids' Quizzing – Sundays at 6 pm – Book of Acts

Upcoming Events

12/2 – Parent Cue Luncheon (Elementary/High School)

12/8 – Program Rehearsal/Kids' Christmas Party/Trip to Oliver Woods

12/9 – Kids' Christmas Program (Both 9 and 11 am services)

12/19 – All Church Christmas Party

12/30 – Family Worship Sunday (No Tree House)

1/12 – Kazoo's Day

1/19 – Children's Quiz Meet



STUDENT MINISTRIES

(Grades 6-12)

Worship and Connect

Midweek Gathering – Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm

Grow

Sunday Gathering – 10:15 am in the Teen Room

Teen Quizzing – Sundays at 6 pm in the Teen Room

The L.O.O.P. (Loving Others on Purpose) – One Sunday a month from 5-8 pm at Pastor Chris' Home

More Information

Social Media – Follow us @TheLookoutSM on Facebook and Instagram

Information Wall – Located outside the Teen Room

Parent Group and Email – Find Pastor Chris Davies on Facebook or email him at chris.davies@owosso Nazarene.org to be added to our private parent FB group or weekly parent email.



Welcome to Owosso First Church of the Nazarene!

We want to say a very special welcome to our guests here today. We are glad you are here! We trust you will find this to be a warm, friendly, and caring place. Most of all, we pray the Holy Spirit's presence will warm your heart in the worship of our risen Savior! If it is your first time at OFCN, you can find a **Connect Card** in the back of the pews. Please fill out this card at your convenience with as much information as you feel comfortable. You can drop the Connect Card off in the offering plate, or return it to the Welcome Center. We would love to know your name!

Our mission as a church is to **go make devoted followers of Jesus.**

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Monday - Thursday Classes
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Look what's happening: December is such an exciting month! Advent and Christmas will be our focus; we visit the Owosso Library and enjoy our Christmas Party before going on winter break.

Be in prayer for: Our preschoolers as they enjoy the excitement of Christmas and understand the love of Jesus as they continue to grow in Him!

Ways you can help: Check out the Giving Tree displayed in the Early Childhood Wing. Donating items to improve the preschool and enhance student learning is a wonderful way to contribute to the lives of these little ones and show them the love of Jesus! Thank you for partnering with us!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 2

- 9:00 AM Worship Service
- 10:15 AM Growth Classes - Various Rooms
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:00 PM Parent Cue Luncheon (Elementary/High School) - Smith Hall
- 6:00 PM Sounds of the Season

Monday, December 3

- 9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool Walkers
- 1:30 PM Intercessory Prayer Group
- 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery

Tuesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool
- 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study

Wednesday, December 5

- 9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool Walkers
- 5:45 PM Midweek Prayer - Sanctuary
- Midweek Dinner - Moss Hall
- 6:30 PM Fall Kids' Club
- The Lookout Student Ministries - Youth Room
- Grief Share - Room 8
- 7:00 PM Growth Classes - Various Rooms

Thursday, December 6

- 9:00 AM Sycamore Tree Preschool

Friday, December 7

- 9:00 AM Walkers
- 6:30 PM Friday Night Lights

Saturday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Children's Christmas Program Dress Rehearsal
- 12:00 PM Children's Christmas Party/Trip to Oliver Woods

SUNDAY, December 9 - Children's Christmas Program

- 9:00 AM Worship Service - Children's Christmas Program
- 10:15 AM Growth Classes - Various Rooms
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Children's Christmas Program



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