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From the Desk of Pastor Kimlyn.....

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. ² Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

In these verses from Paul's letter to the church in Rome, Paul states that, in view of the marvelous mercy and grace that God has shown us in Jesus Christ, we are to offer ourselves as living sacrifices in gratitude for his grace and in commitment to his service. We are to do this as an act of worship, for God calls us out of darkness into light, from our old way of life into his new Way, the Way of Jesus himself.

Paul then says that we are not to be conformed any longer to the pattern of this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of the mind. And when we read Paul's

letters and the New Testament as a whole, we come to see that not only are we to be transformed, but we are called to be agents through whom God can form and transform others as we faithfully proclaim and live the Gospel. What an amazing gift, that God has chosen us to be used by Him in this way!

This is a very exciting time for Oak Hills Baptist Church. We have a new vision and mission statement that gives us a picture of what we are called to be and do together and that will shape our outreach and ministries into the future.

All of us are called to find our place in God's service as we work together to be agents of transformation in our city and our world, and I have been excited by the ways God has been using our members to reach out to others. We are in the process of organizing our structure, ministries and programming for greater

effectiveness and are currently searching for a new associate pastor to join our ministerial team. We are also looking to address the limitations of our current space as our church continues to grow. God has greatly blessed us with many things, and we should truly be grateful! The challenges we face are formidable, but they are good challenges and things about which to be

excited. I am excited to see what is in store for Oak Hills, and I hope that you are too. It is a privilege to serve the Lord here at Oak Hills with a

wonderful staff and with all of you. As we work together in unity as the body of Christ, transformed by the Spirit, may we all be praying and seeking God's blessing and guidance for the future he has in store for us!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Kimlyn

**Oak Hills Baptist
Vision Statement**

“Our vision is to become a community conformed to Christ and used by God for spiritual formation and transformation.”

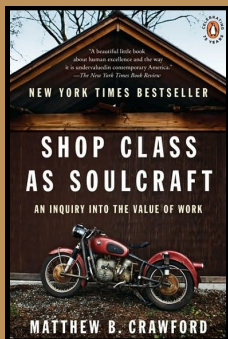


This
Month

SQUARE

Shop Class as
Soulcraft:
An Inquiry into
the Value of
Work

by Matthew B.
Crawford



Facilitator:
Greg Dyer

April 5, 2011,
at 7:00 pm in
Room 213 of the
Cleveland Center
at USF

Mission Update: Jayme McKercher to Cameroon

Hi Oak Hills!
Just a quick little update, I just found out that my paperwork has been filed and is waiting for signature of approval from the Cameroonian government. As of right now, we are still planning on a departure date in mid-April but nothing is set in stone

quite yet. I am so thankful to have been given this extra time to be with my family and to have been with my grandpa before he passed away. I can't imagine what state I would be in if I had gone over to Cameroon and not been able to be here with family through this very difficult past

month. Thank you everyone for the words of encouragement and prayer for my family. Please pray that I have patience with the process of waiting to go to Cameroon and that I will be mentally prepared to head over once I do gain clearance from the government.

SQUARE: "See you next fall."

Our discussion on Tuesday, April 5th will conclude SQUARE for 2010–2011. Our first discussion of the 2011–2012 series will be held in October.

Over the summer, we'll be composing next year's book list, as we continue our pursuit of truth through the discussion of books and authors who lead us to explore our presuppositions and deepen our knowledge of God, his creation, and his call upon our lives. Given these goals, the books we read and discuss may be selected for a variety of reasons.



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Selected Books from Previous Years

Some titles are primarily instructive, seeking to guide us into a fuller life with Christ and a deeper knowledge of our faith.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*
- Dallas Willard's *Hearing God*
- C. S. Lewis's *Mere Christianity*

Some titles seek to examine and challenge our presuppositions, leading us toward a more nuanced and informed understanding of our faith.

- Randall Balmer's *Growing Pains*
- J. P. Moreland's *Love Your God With All Your Mind*
- Bill McKibben's *Hundred Dollar Holiday: The Case for a More Joyful Christmas*

Still other titles are selected for their cultural significance and impact, either within the church or in the broader cultural sphere—a significance that warrants thoughtful & prayerful examination.

- Donald Miller's *Blue Like Jazz*
- J. K. Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
- William P. Young's *The Shack*

If you have a title you think we might want to consider for the 2011–2012 series of SQUARE, please contact Greg Dyer (731-6250; gad@sio.midco.net).



Our thanks to everyone for your prayers, calls, cards, food & memorials at the time of Larry's passing. It was deeply appreciated.

Ruth Bauer & Family



To Our Oak Hills Family; We want to thank you so much for your outpouring of love and concern over the past few months and especially the last few weeks as we grieve the passing of our wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, and grandpa Lyle McKercher. Since most of our immediate family lives out of town you ARE our family and the cards, phone calls, prayers, visits, meals and hugs have been such a blessing to us. Thank you to the team that prepared the luncheon afterwards, the staff that helped prepare the church for the service, and especially thank you to Pastor Kimlyn and Trudy for helping us put together a meaningful memorial service and for your many prayers, visits, and encouragement to us. We are truly blessed.

Norma McKercher
Scott and Laurita
McKercher
Jayme McKercher
Robyn and Chris Ernster
Alexi McKercher

Men's Ministry Update

[Click here to go to OHBC Men's Ministry website](#)

Fellowship Encouragement Wisdom

These are the three aspects that we hope Men's Ministry provides the men of our church. This spring we'll be hosting breakfast on Saturday mornings (keep an eye on the bulletin and website for dates). Don't plan on being a spectator though. Our times together will include good food of course but we'll also be serving up great topics for us to discuss as brothers of the church. It's not enough to show up and shut up. Our goal is to provide a place for the men of this church to learn from each other more than a

featured speaker so we'll have ample time for conversation with other men in our church family at breakfast.

There are a lot of wise men in our church so we're inviting you to submit your ideas for topics that you'd like to learn more about and/or speak to our group about. You don't have to be a polished public speaker to share your heart and experiences with our group. We're all friends on the same journey to walk closer with the Lord so if you feel prompted to share just send us an email at MensMinistry@oakhills.net with your idea and contact information.

One other opportunity for

the men of the church to gather for encouragement and fellowship will be coffee shop times every other week. The only agenda will be to get to know each other more and drink some decent coffee so if you can come for 10 minutes or an hour we'd love to have you swing by. Go to the "Events and News" tab on our web site to find out more details.

Every person in our church family is important but God has called men to lead and so we must answer that call by continuing to care, teach and encourage one another. We look forward to doing more of that as a men's ministry.

Women's Ministry Update

**"Around the World"
Progressive Dinner**
Friday April 8th
6:00-8:00 pm

We will meet at the church at 5:45 to carpool to the homes. There is a sign in sheet and maps located at the welcome center at the church. Please sign up at the welcome center or by calling the church office by Monday April 4th.

Card-Making Workshop
rescheduled to Saturday
April 16th from 9-12

The cost is \$10 for 12 cards. The card will be displayed on the Woman's Ministries Board in the church foyer, along with a sign up sheet. Questions? Contact Mary Hansen.



Women of Faith
October 21-22
Minneapolis, MN

Escape from the everyday at a Women of Faith weekend and be refreshed, encouraged and inspired. Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever imagine.



[Click graphic for more info](#)

Children's Ministries News



Summer Planning

Oak Hills continues with its children's Sunday School program in the summer, but we need your help! Summer Sunday School is on a sign-up format so you can choose the grade and time slots that fits your busy summer schedule. We give you everything you need to teach... help us give back to the kids. Contact Shelly Haan (shaan@oakhills.net or 376-4396) for more information and to find out how you can help.



Mark your calendars and make plans to bring your kids, grandkids and neighbor kids to an exciting Interactive Experience at the Oak Hills Outdoor Campus! There will be elements depicting the death and resurrection of Christ, a craft for you to enjoy with your child(ren), a Bible verse- and candy-filled Easter egg hunt and a light breakfast. (Remember to bring your Easter basket to pick up the Easter eggs.) Come and enjoy this year's Interactive Celebration as we share the true meaning of Easter with our kids and our community.

Volunteers are needed for the various elements of the interactive portion of Sonrise Saturday, as well as help setting up and tearing down. If you are interested in serving the parents and children of Oak Hills and our community in this way, please contact Shelly Haan at shaan@oakhills.net.

F.W. Friends Updates

April 13—LNTR (The kids know what this means!!) Last Night to Recite any of the memory opportunities for the 2010-2011 school year and earn points for the store. It is also SPAZZY HAIR DAY!!

April 20—No F.W. Friends due to Easter

April 27, 6:30—Awards Night and Friends Mart. Parents are invited to attend this evening as the kids receive the recognition for their work throughout the year. We will also share a bit of what we have learned. There will be a time of refreshment and fellowship after the program while the kids shop at the Friends Mart.

Next Step—When F.W. Friends is done, what is the next step in the spirit life of my 5th grade child? See Student Ministries page for details on the Next Step.



faith, friends & fun



[Click graphic for more information](#)

OHBC to Host Big Apple Adventure VBS—July 10-14



This year, Oak Hills Kids will be taking on the "Big Apple Adventure"! Whether it's attending the Worship Rally at Times Square or connecting with Jesus at Bible Study at Battery Park, kids will learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus. Grab a friend... and a cab and join us for this amazing adventure!!

You may also pre-register at church on Sunday mornings coming up April. Online registration will be available starting in May.

Interested in volunteering? Check out the registration table for volunteer opportunities and let us know the area you are interested in.

SAVE THE DATE!
BIG APPLE ADVENTURE VBS
 July 10: 6:30 - 8 pm
 July 11-14: 9 - 11:30 am
 Ages 4 years - 5th grade



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- **April 3rd**
BBQ Pork Fundraiser for Youth Gathering
- **April 5th**
Baptism Class
7:00pm
- **April 10th**
Six Pack Sunday
- **April 12th**
Baptism Class
7:00pm
- **April 17th**
Deposit # 2 due for YG' 11 [\$300.00]
- **April 19th**
Baptism Class
7:00pm
- **April 24th**
Easter Bake Sale Fundraiser for the Youth Gathering
- **May 2nd**
Youth Gathering Training Session
7:03pm
- **May 9th**
Senior Dessert
7:30pm
Fellowship Hall

What's Goin' On Here?

What's Going On This Summer?

June 25-30th—Middle School Camp at Crystal Springs (Grades 6-8)

July 5-10th—High School Camp at Crystal Springs (Grades 9-12)

July 10-14th—VBS (We need some students to help out Children's Ministry)

July 17-24th—Youth Gathering 2011 (Grades 9-12)

August 8-10th—Mini-Apple Experience (Grades 6-8)

Easter Sunday Bake Sale

Attention Oak Hills!!



Mark your calendars for Easter Sunday April 24th, because student ministries is going to have a bake sale to help raise some money for those students who will be going to the Youth Gathering in Orange, CA. If you would like to help us but you are planning on being out of town that weekend, that is no problem, you can help us by baking an

item that we can sell on Easter. We need cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, banana bread or whatever any other item that you enjoy baking. If you are able, please bring your item to be sold to the church Saturday April 23rd from 10am-noon so that we can set up for the bake sale! In addition, if you choose to bring an item, please post a price to the item before you come. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call! Thanks so much!



Dave

940-7501



Elementary school is done. F.W. Friends is done. What is the next step in the spirit life of my child?

Parents of 5th graders ~ Please join Pastor Dave Campbell on Wednesday, April 13th at 7:45 pm as he meets with parents to provides an introduction into Student Ministries.



Oak Hills Baptist Student Ministries Staff

Maria Boyd
Dave Campbell
Janna Thorson
Joe Wiltse
Loralee Grimmus
John Gross
Ashley Maturan
Joe Beck
Korey Peterson
Kate Friesen
Heater Grause

PRAYER WALL

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit¹ of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

—Ephesians 1:15-19a

College Ministry



Hey College Students, our next 6-Pack Sunday is coming up April 10th. So make sure that you join us for worship on that morning and then join us for a

hot meal following the second service! This is a great thing to bring your friends or roommates to who are not already connected with a church family! We are praying for you as you finish up another semester of school!

Senior Dessert



With graduation right around the corner, and with our May calendars filling up more and more quickly with each passing day, I wanted to take a moment to make you aware of our plan in Student Ministries to bless our seniors as they

prepare themselves for the next step in their lives. I know that May is a busy, busy month with finishing up schoolwork, making plans for next year, and attending graduation parties, but I hope that in the midst of all the craziness, your family will join us Monday, May 9th, at 7:30pm in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship and dessert as we bless our seniors. Each of the seniors will receive a gift from student ministries as they embark upon a new chapter in their lives. Please make plans now to join us as we publicly bless our seniors sending them off to do great things for the kingdom, and being the kind of people God has created them to be. —Dave

April 2011

(click above to access Oak Hills Master Calendar)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Birthdays: Apr 1 Jen Patrick Apr 2 Bevin Clapper Apr 3 Max Outland Apr 6 Hannah Petersen Apr 8 Tony Goettsch Apr 9 Jayme McKercher Ariana Watts Apr 10 Hayley O'Connor Apr 12 Janna Thorson Lauren VanHolland		Apr 13 Matt Odland Marlene Slothouber Apr 15 Scott Johnson Jesse Young Apr 16 Cody Bruxvoort Apr 17 Neil Hoogestraat Jonathan Sevoid Apr 18 Randy Williamson Apr 19 Hannah Reynolds Apr 21 Lauren Strasser Apr 22 Becky Blogg	Apr 23 Evan Kindt Ethan Murfin Creighton Watley Apr 26 Michael Hoffman Apr 27 Roger Harms Apr 29 Aidan Prouty Apr 30 Griffin Wolfswinkel Anniversaries: Apr 5 Roger & Kay Harms Apr 9 Daryl & Denise Pearson Apr 21 Tom & LuAnn Reynolds		1	2 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
3 7:30 am Prayer 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12 pm BBQ Picnic 6:00 pm Children of the Sixties 7:00 pm Bible Study	4 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	5 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Baptism Class 7:00 pm SQUARE	6 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Membership Class 6:30 pm FW Friends 6:30 pm Youth Parents Bible Study 6:30 pm MS Youth 6:45 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm HS Youth	7 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	8 5:45-8:00 pm Women's Progressive Supper 6:30 pm Marriage Bible Study	9
10 7:30 am Prayer 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Six-Pack Sunday 7:00 pm Bible Study	11 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	12 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Baptism Class	13 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Membership Class 6:30 pm FW Friends 6:30 pm Youth Parents Bible Study 6:30 pm MS Youth 6:45 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm HS Youth	14 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	15	16
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24 Easter  7:30 am Prayer 8:30 am Worship 9:45 am Easter Brunch 11:00 am Worship 7:00 pm Bible Study	25 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study	26 7:00 pm Bible Study	27 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm FW Friends 6:30 pm Youth Parents Bible Study 6:30 pm MS Youth 6:45 pm Bible Study 8:00 pm HS Youth	28 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	29	30

Carrots and beans and tomatoes... oh, my!

Those summer delicacies and more are possible for those who take advantage of the OHBC Community Gardens for the upcoming season!

The 8x20 ft. spaces are available on a first-come basis and will be tilled and ready to plant mid-May. A \$15 fee (to help cover water and incidental costs) reserves your plot. We will follow the guidelines of the city community gardens...basically, agreeing to care for and maintain your space for the duration of the season. ([Click here](#) for guidelines and application)

Interested in exercising your garden green-thumb?...reserve your plot by calling Marlene (334-4487) or Apryl at church office (332-2648). After that, start dreaming about vegetable soup, salsa, pesto, onion rings...!

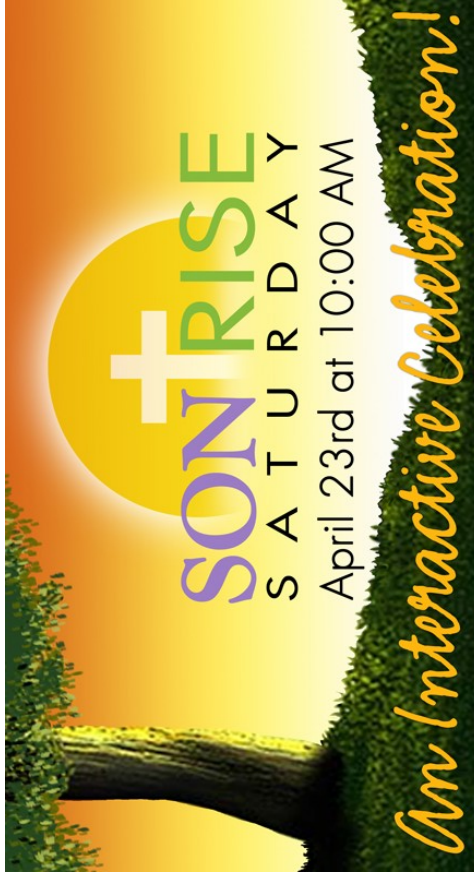


Being the People of God for the Sake of the World



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Mark your calendars and make plans to bring your kids, grand-kids and neighbor kids to an exciting Interactive Experience at the Oak Hills Outdoor Campus!

You won't want to miss

"Pilate On The Beach"

Good Friday, April 22, 2011
At 7 pm

Pilate, who has been exiled to an island, wrestles with voices from the past that haunt him. Feel the passion and the intensity of Pilate's guilt and turmoil as he struggles, like many of us, with who Jesus was and is.

