

NEWS AND EVENTS

Current Series: Wrecking Religion

An ancient manuscript contains surprising stories about how Jesus of Nazareth opposed his own religion and, in fact, all religion. Join us as we investigate two stories from the Gospel of John: "Trashing the Temple" and "Water into Wine", and find out how their themes apply to us even today.

Are You New Here?

12:45 pm | Sunday, November 24

*Oakville Site | the commons
 themeetinghouse.com/firststeps*

Meet new people and get your questions answered at this First Steps event. Sign up online or at the Info Table.

Relationships 101

9:45 am | Saturday, November 30

themeetinghouse.com/relationships101

This workshop with Dr. Herman Chow is aimed at helping singles develop into a better version of themselves. We will discuss topics such as self-esteem, friendships, loneliness, and emotional quotient (EQ). For more info and to register, visit the website. The registration deadline is Monday, November 25.

Internships 2014

themeetinghouse.com/careers

The Meeting House is looking for some interns to join our central team for the winter and spring/summer semesters! We have opportunities in several areas: Youth, Communications, Logistical Support, Music, IT, kidmax, and Compassion. For more info and to apply, check out the online brochure on our website. The application deadlines are November 26 for the winter semester and March 4 for the spring/summer semesters!

Oakville Expansion Events

Volunteer Orientation & Training

1:15-3:30 and 3:00-5:15 pm | TODAY!

themeetinghouse.com/oakvilletraining

This is an important equipping and visioning time for all volunteers serving within our building. See you all later today!

Night of Worship with The City

Harmonic

7:00 pm | Sunday, November 24

An evening of worship and consecration together as an Oakville community. Andrew Stanley and The Meeting House band will open the night, Bruxy is speaking and The City Harmonic will lead us in worship.

Grand Opening Celebration

Sunday, December 1

8:00 / 9:30 / 11:15 am

Hope to see everyone out on our grand opening Sunday morning.

Thank You to our Volunteers!

A huge "thank you" to the many volunteers that have helped with our building expansion project these past several months. We could not have done any of this without you!

More Volunteers Needed

The end of our Oakville building expansion project is within sight! We will soon have additional volunteer needs with the Café, Info Desks, and Setup/Teardown teams. For more info on how you can help, email *carolynn.bucek@themeetinghouse.com*.

HANGOUT [Warming Up to the Topic]

1. On December 1 we will be launching an incredible new Christmas series and celebrating the Grand Opening of the expansion of the site. We're taking the month to prepare our hearts and respond in action!
 - a. Take 5 minutes to individually identify 5-10 people that you could invite out to the Christmas series. Share ideas of how you'll share and brainstorm strategies in letting people know about our new series.
 - b. Now, take 5 minutes to text or email them (maybe even call them!). Or, if your strategy includes dropping a postcard off, pull out your calendar and schedule it in. If you use Facebook, why not "like the event" on Facebook and then invite others to the event, or post on your wall, change your profile pic...do something to spread the word!

HEAR [Listening to God through Scripture]

2. Read **John 2:13-25**.
 - a. What verse or idea from the text (or Sunday's message) stands out to you? Why?
 - b. What do you think is the significance of these events happening during the celebration of Passover?
 - c. What is the problem listed in **verse 14** that causes Christ's action in **verse 15**? Talk about why that was a problem (see **Mark 11:17** for a clue). Why is this so unacceptable to Jesus?
 - d. Jesus refers to his own body as the Temple. What characteristics and functions of the Temple is Jesus saying are now found in him?
 - e. Why wouldn't Jesus trust some of the people who trusted in him?
 - f. Some people raise the Temple cleansing story as a reason for not living out the peace teachings of Jesus. Their line of reasoning runs: "This story shows that Jesus wasn't a pacifist, so we can't expect his followers to be either." How would you respond to this idea?

HUDDLE [Making It Personal and Praying Together]

3. Your body as an individual is God's Temple. If Jesus came to cleanse this temple today, what do you think he would want to drive out?
4. You are one living stone together with other Christians that make up God's temple. If Jesus came to cleanse this temple today, the temple of your relationships with other believers, what do you think he would want to change?

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