

## What Oak Park Means to Me

From our first day at Oak Park Church and every Sunday thereafter, there were two ladies in particular who greeted us warmly and made us feel like we were part of this church community. They introduced us to others as well, and we quickly knew that this was where we were meant to be. We realized very soon also that there were others from our previous church worshipping here as well, which helped to reinforce our comfort level and make us feel at home. At Oak Park we feel a strong sense of community and that we are part of God's family of believers.

Over time we became involved in a variety of ministries and our Life Group, which is an important part of our church life, has been meeting for several years now. There we get to study the bible among friends every week and talk about the sermon that was preached the Sunday before. We have also been serving on the Connections team for quite a while, where we get to welcome others who are new to Oak Park church just as we once were years ago.

Our pastors and others who preach

always bring God's word to us straight from the bible and instill in us a desire to follow God's teaching. We are frequently challenged to live by the Lord's standard and encouraged not to give up, even though we are not perfect and fall down at times.

Our friends and neighbors in High River (where we moved fourteen and a half years ago) ask if there are no churches closer that we could attend? Our answer is always the same, that the people at Oak Park church are part of our family. When you think of it that way, our church is not so far away and for as long as we are able to do so, we will continue making the drive in.

By Bob and Linda Bowles



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## Camp Dates

## 2019

Work Bee	.....	Saturday, May 4, 2019
Work Bee	.....	Saturday, May 11, 2019
Family Camp	.....	May 17 - 20, 2019
Senior's Day	.....	Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Ladies' Retreat	.....	June 7 - 9, 2019
Staff Training	.....	June 23 - 28, 2019
Sr. High Camp	.....	June 30 - July 5, 2019
L.I.T. (Leaders In Training)	.....	July 7 - 12, 2019
Jr. High Camp	.....	July 14 - 19, 2019
Jr. Camp	.....	July 21 - 26, 2019
Rookie Camp	.....	July 28 - 31, 2019
Family Camp	.....	August 2 - 5, 2019
Deeper Life Camp	.....	August 23 - 25, 2019
Senior's Day	.....	Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Men's Retreat	.....	September 27 - 29, 2019
Snow Camp	.....	Date TBA, 2019

## Did you know Oak Park has a Library?

Perhaps you did know but have never used it. It is an untapped resource waiting for discovery. You have access to resources in the library for a variety of purposes. For those who love reading for entertainment, you can enjoy books from the fiction section. Books in this section provide a number of choices in various genres written from a Christian worldview and/or theme. For people who host small groups or Bible studies, there are devotionals and study materials--some with leader guides and multiple copies. The apologetics section provides resources helpful when looking for a defence of our faith. Explore Christian thinking through books written by renowned Christian preachers and theologians, as well as biographies and autobiographies of people of faith. There is a section with Bible Aids which can assist readers in gaining a greater understanding of the Bible. You can also find books that provide helpful insights on topics related to men or women, Christian living, and parenting. The kids video section is well-used and there are fiction books for children and teens.

At a time where Christian book stores are almost non-existent, the library might just have what you are looking for in terms of reading material and resources to support a deeper understanding of the Bible and a Christian worldview and perspective. We are currently exploring ways to overhaul and update the library. Watch for an upcoming survey in which you can provide input that will help us better understand how the library can best serve you and meet the needs of the congregation.



### Don't "waffle" just come!

**What:** OPCC Women's Ministry Event  
**When:** Saturday, April 13th  
**Time:** 9:30 am - 12:00

**Come to visit and enjoy the Waffle Bar**  
**Sign-up at the Information Centre by April 7th**  
**Free-will offering**  
**Child care available**

We will be discussing some of the ideas brought up at the last gathering. Feel free to bring your knitting or other craft if you enjoy doing something while visiting. If you have questions see: Linda Best, Shirley Cates or Val Lautischer

***This is for you - be sure to come!***



## Oak Park - Tsuut'ina Bridge of Hope



Upcoming luncheon dates:

**April 15, May 13 & June 17**

We would be thrilled to have you participate in this ministry! You can help by donating a pot of hearty soup, assisting with set-up and/or clean-up, and having lunch at a table to visit with some of our guests.



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<b>LARGE</b>	40 lbs	\$35.00
<b>MEDIUM</b>	30 lbs	\$30.00
<b>SMALL</b>	20 lbs	\$25.00

**ORDER BY**

January 21, 2019  
February 25  
March 25  
April 29  
May 27  
June 17  
September 16  
October 21  
November 25

**DELIVERY DATE**

January 30  
March 6  
April 3  
May 8  
June 5  
June 26  
September 25  
October 30  
December 4



## Oak Park Senior High Mission Trip

We are getting closer to raising our goal of \$19,500.00 towards our trip with \$10,000.00 donated to date. We are excited to see the people of Oak Park getting behind these young people. Please continue to support the team in prayer as we fundraise and begin to make preparations for our trip. There has been some concern expressed about the political situation in Haiti and we are taking those concerns seriously. We ask that you keep the people of Haiti in your prayers during this time. We are currently continuing with the intent of going to Haiti, but we are also working closely with Lifeline Christian Mission to feel out prospective alternate destinations for our team. We will continue to keep you updated as things progress. The good news is that regardless of destination our team will be going on a missions trip this summer! Thank you for all of your prayers and support.



### Senior's Luncheon March 18th

Once again the Senior's ministry lunch fed about 90 folks a delicious meal in a beautiful setting. Doris MacKinnon brought back beautiful umbrellas from the Thailand Umbrella factory to decorate the tables. It was fitting as the drama that was presented was the story of *Gladys Aylward*, a tenacious British maid who became a missionary in China during the tumultuous years leading up to the Second World War. The story was shared with us in a riveting drama by Deanna Storfie from Acting Up Drama ministry. We were encouraged that it is never too late to share our gifts and abilities for the Lord, no matter what our station or stage is in life. This true story can be found in the film 'The Inn of 6<sup>th</sup> Happiness'.

# UPDATE ON SOME OF OAK PARK CHURCH'S SPONSORED MISSIONS

## Streetlight by Mary Davis

On February 23rd we braved the cold and participated in the 5km walk to raise funds for Streetlight - a ministry that cares for homeless youth in Calgary. Eight of us participated and we raised \$2035. A big thank you to those people at Oak Park who supported us and donated to this very important local ministry.



Join us Saturday morning on May 25th from 9am-12pm for a missions workshop facilitated by Lifeline Christian Mission. No sign-up necessary, snacks and coffe provided.





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## *"Fine Dining at the Lake"*

**APRIL 27, 2019**

Doors open at 4pm with Dinner at 5pm.

**FEATURING A 4 COURSE FORMAL DINNER,  
LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, DRAWS & AUCTION  
AND COMEDIAN DAN TAYLOR.**

A limited number of tickets are available and must be purchased in advance.

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**CALL 403.886.4661  
OR EMAIL [INFO@PINELAKECHRISTIANCAMP.COM](mailto:INFO@PINELAKECHRISTIANCAMP.COM)**

**36341 HWY 816, RED DEER COUNTY  
ALBERTA T0M 1R0**

This is a fundraising event in support of the ongoing improvements at the camp.



Oak Park  
Coming  
Events

Your journey from mourning to joy

## GRIEF SHARE

Oak Park Church would like to offer a Grief Share group to all who are experiencing grief and would benefit from the support of others who understand.

If you or someone you know would like to join this group, please talk to Pastor Martin or call the church office at 403-251-5150



## Pine Lake Work Bee

May 4, 2019

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



*Wear your  
work clothes!*



*Bring your  
tools!*



*Lunch provided,  
please register!*

*If you are a trades person, or have questions about specific tools that may be useful, please contact  
Cal Jackson 403-586-4581, or [facilitator@pinelakechristiancamp.com](mailto:facilitator@pinelakechristiancamp.com).  
Register at <http://pinelakechristiancamp.com/work-bee/>*

**Get Connected**

If you would like to be included in any of these, please contact the church office:

- phone directory
- prayer chain
- eNews

## Your Giving Matters!

"True giving is not an economic exchange; it is a generative act. It does not subtract from what we have; it multiplies the effect we can have in the world."

-Kent Nerburn



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