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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bible Class

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Oxford church of Christ

Living the truth, loving the lost and lifting the brokenhearted."

August 9, 2017

Luke 4:18 NKJV



Rainbow Omega's name means "hope in the end" and is derived from the Biblical references to the rainbow (which stands for hope) and Omega (the last letter of the Greek alphabet).

The vision of the founders was to provide a sheltered community for adults with developmental disabilities and to provide parents an answer to the question "What will happen to my child when I can no longer provide care in my home?" One of our parents put it best when she said, "Rainbow Omega is an answer to a prayer that I didn't know how to pray."

Mission:

To glorify God by ensuring that adults with developmental disabilities have a permanent and safe home where their abilities and potentials are respected and nurtured in a Christian environment.

Vision:

Rainbow Omega will be a non-institutional environment that instills both a family and a community atmosphere where residents experience quality standards of care while enabling them to grow spiritually and to have productive, joy-filled and independent lives.

Three Nothings

by Mike Benson

THE NAMES HAVE been changed, but the story is real. Young ladies, please read this thoughtfully and prayerfully. You could be Tracy some day:

When they first started to date, Grant told Tracy he wanted to be “just friends”. Tracy was happy with the arrangement. But then, after about a month of going out together, their relationship began to change. It happened slowly and seemed natural enough... Grant first put his arm around her shoulder and kept it there. Later that evening Tracy wondered again what was happening between them when Grant gave her a good-night kiss...the question crossed her mind: Weren't we going to be “just friends”? But then, in the warmth of the moment, she put the thought behind her. Within a couple of weeks, Grant's and Tracy's physical relationship had moved... They weren't merely pecking each other on the mouth. Their kisses lingered. And Grant's hand, which he'd been so careful that first night never to let stray from Tracy's shoulder, now began gliding down to the small of her back, to her side, to her hips... At the end of a date about seven months into their relationship, he remarked, “Well, Tracy, I've really enjoyed our relationship, but this is going to have to be the last time we see each other for a while. I've been seeing Brenda.” “Huh?!” said Tracy, startled. “What?! What are you saying?!” “I told you six months ago that I wanted to be your friend,” Grant pleaded. “I told you I was making no commitments.” “No commitments!” Tracy shouted. “No commitments! You...!” Tears welled in her eyes as Tracy felt the bitter sting of betrayal. How natural and innocent Grant made it sound: “I never said....” And yet he had, hadn't he? By his actions (John Holzmann, *Dating with Integrity*, 59-60).

Like many of her peers today, Tracy made a costly mistake. She sacrificed her virginity for the companionship of a selfish and immature young man. She may have also relinquished the success of her future marriage by being intimate with Grant.¹

I wish I had a quarter for every tear that has been shed by young Christian women who have lost their purity. Like Tracy, their hearts have been broken, their reputations have been tainted, and the most precious gift they own has been surrendered—not to a loving and devoted husband, but to some self-indulgent interloper (1 Thess. 4:6).

Those of us who counsel try to offer comfort. “God is forgiving” (2 Chron. 6:21; Psm. 25:18; 32:1), we promise. The words are true and need to be internalized, but often they are marginally helpful at best. Words, no matter how well-intentioned they may be, cannot reclaim cherished innocence and virtue.

I appreciate the guidance of one father and how he communicates moral values to his family. Like me, he wants to protect his daughter from the pain and consequences of promiscuity. He writes:

...Before a young man took out my daughter, he usually would come over for dinner. Before he came I would ask my daughter, “Would you like to tell him the three nothings, or would you like for me to tell him the three nothings?” Usually my daughter would tell him the three nothings before he arrived at the door. However, that gave me a good opportunity when we met to merely ask the young man, “I am sure that my daughter has told you about the three nothings.” “Yes, sir.” “Good. What are they?” I would ask. “Nothing below the neck. Nothing comes off. And nothing lying down.” “Super!” I would reply. “I just want you to know that I know them. My daughter knows them and [now] you know them” (Douglas M. Cecil, *The 7 Principles of an Evangelistic Life*, 125-126).

Young ladies, God's plan for your happiness requires that sex be kept pure and beautiful (1 Thess. 4:3-8; Gen. 2:24-25; Prov. 5:19-20; Song of Solomon). This doesn't mean the complete absence or denial of passion, but rather the proper directing of such within the boundaries of a lifelong, committed, Christian marriage (Heb. 13:4).

Can you remember the three nothings? “*For this is the will of God, your sanctification, that you should abstain from sexual immorality*” (1 Thess. 4:3).

¹ “Couples who strongly believe that sex outside of marriage is wrong are...31 percent more satisfied with their sex lives” (Bethesda Research Group, quoted by William R. Mattox Jr., “The Hottest Valentine,” *Washington Post*, 1994). “Those who cohabitate or live together before marriage have a 50 percent higher possibility of divorce than those who do not” (M. D. Newcomb and P. M. Bentler, “Assessment of Personality and Demographic Aspects of Cohabitation and Marital Success,” *Journal of Personality Assessment* 44, 1980, 21). “Researchers at UCLA discovered that not only do those who cohabitate have a higher level of divorce, they are more likely to commit adultery once they get married” (Chip Ingram, *Love, Sex, and Lasting Relationships*, 2003, 147). A study conducted by the University of South Carolina suggests that those who abstain from sex before marriage have the highest rates of marital fidelity (Ibid). “The introduction of sex in a dating relationship is almost always the ushering in of the breakup of that relationship” (Les and Leslie Parrott, *Relationships*, 1998, 138).

PRAYER REQUESTS: Bobby Nordan; Frances Pugh; Mable Pettis (mother of Anthony Pettis); Virginia Batey; Amanda Bass (niece of Rita Ward) has been battling cancer since 2016

Continue to Remember:

Sharon Nowland
Ann Coody
Sandra Coffin
Drew Pettus
Mike Randall
Vickie Cole
Doris Dickerson
Bobby Coley

Home:

Clellon Tims
Virginia Moore
Frances Pugh
Juanita Meredith
Reba Kendrick
Charles Norton

Nursing Homes:

May Rene Turner— Autumn Cove
Phoebe Strickland—NHC Place
Lillian Dollahite—Gadsden Healthcare
Wayne Greer—Franklin, TN

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

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| Sharon Nowland | 8/9 |
| Noah Huckeba | 8/9 |
| Robin Hill | 8/11 |
| Lanore Benson | 8/13 |
| Anthony Pettis | 8/13 |
| Vance & Laura Moore | 8/16 |
| Nan Jenkins | 8/17 |
| Charlene Huckeba | 8/18 |
| Betty Haynes | 8/19 |



We will be having a special presentation on Rainbow Omega during our evening service on Sunday, August 13th. Vance Moore and Chris Shomber will provide us with a look of all the wonderful things that are taking place at Rainbow Omega. Also, Sunday, August 20th will be Oxford's special contribution to Rainbow Omega, so please be praying and planning for this.

Team 3 - Saturday, August 19th at 4 PM

Team 3 will be having a "Game Night" and social time next Saturday at the building. Please bring your favorite finger foods, homemade ice creams, desserts and drinks. Bring your favorite board and card games too!

Upcoming Events:

8/10 - Cancer Care Group 6 PM
8/13 - Team 1 Meets
8/13 - Singing Class 4 PM
8/13 - Rainbow Omega Special Presentation
8/15 - Diversicare 10 AM
8/19 - Team 3 Meets 4:00 - 7:00 PM
8/20 - Rainbow Omega Special Contribution
8/20 - Team 2 Meets

Area Events:

Munford church of Christ:
Gospel Meeting: August 13th - 16th
Speaker: Michael Shepherd

White Plains church of Christ:
Gospel Meeting: August 13th - 16th
Speaker: John Gains

Munford church of Christ:
Georgia School of Preaching:
Instructor: Ronnie Hayes
Each Monday Night
August 21st - November 13th

Youth Bulletin Board

Evangelism

Bible Correspondence
Bible Tracts
Campaign For Christ
CD Ministry
Cliff Goodwin, "Preaching the Word"
Curacao Mission Work
Friends & Family Day
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Guyana Preacher Training
House To House
Oxfordfest
Spring & Fall Gospel Meetings

Benevolence

Childhaven
Coat Drive
Golden Age Day
Disaster Relief
Food Pantry
Four Students at MSOP
Nursing Home Fruit Baskets
Rainbow Omega

Edification

Area Wide Youth Devo
Annual Youth Day
Backwoods Christian Camp
Bible Classes
Cancer Care
Exposure Youth Conference
Fill My Cup
GAP Group
Go Forth Class
Golden Living Nursing Home Devo
GOT MILK Class
Ladies' Day
Lads-To-Leaders
NHC Nursing Home Devo
Pew Packers
Teen Discussion Class
Vacation Bible School

**Lads to Leaders will be meeting soon
to begin work for the 2017-2018 year.**

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS August 13th

Welcome/Announcements: Ronnie Nordan

Song Leader: Clay Blackwell - AM

James Jenkins - PM

Prayer Leaders: Opening Prayer: James Jenkins - AM

Murray Beasley - PM

Closing Prayer: Charles Tryor - AM

Kris Bell - PM

Communion:

Tom McKleroy (Head)

Anthony Pettis

Scott Nowland

Eric Adams

Bobby Coley

Andrew Adams

Reid Nordan

Alternates:

Ronnie Nordan

Drew Pettus

Back: Marty Hill

Jameson Hill

PM Service: Keith Snell

Wednesday Announcements: James Jenkins

Building Lock-up: Glenn Fulmer

Greeters: Rodger and Pam Burleson

Communion Preparation: Anthony and Carla Pettus

Contact Elder: Tom McKleroy