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EXPERIENCE
Affirming our Statement of Faith

God
Article 1

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Here are the challenges before us:

- Clarifying our non-negotiables...
- Confirming our non-negotiables...
- Understanding these non-negotiables...
- Realizing this task is monumental.

1. Let me tell you the story about before the beginning of time.
2. Let me tell you the story about how everything began.
3. Let me tell you some stories that will both terrify & encourage you.
4. Let me tell you some stories that will boggle your mind.
5. Let me tell you some stories that should warm your heart.
6. Let me tell you the story about the meaning of life.

THE ONE THING: *"In the beginning God...God created everything out of nothing, by simply speaking. The perfect, almighty, holy and unapproachable three-in-one God, who knows everything and from whom nothing is hidden...has always wanted to come near you. And your life is to be lived for the glory of God."*

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Romans 11:33-36.
- Talk about God in such a way that those around you know that you believe He actually exists.
- Join the *We Believe Experience* (it's not too late)!
- Memorize the short stories!

DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?

1. What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
2. Read **JOHN 16:5-15** together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
3. What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
4. If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?
(Share a specific: "I will...")
5. Who will you share with before we meet again?
*(Name a specific person you plan to **share with.**)*

If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with marcus@oakwoodnow.org



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OAKWOOD ONLINE BULLETIN

JANUARY 17

SUNDAY

SERVICE

9:30 AM ONLINE & ON-SITE SERVICES BEGIN

- ▶ Read these [FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS](#) about worshipping at Oakwood.
- ▶ Offering boxes are located on-site. Check out the [MANY WAYS TO GIVE TO OAKWOOD](#) including online and text giving.
- ▶ Find our online worship service each Sunday morning on the Oakwood [YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#).

CONNECTION & PRAYER CARD

- ▶ **Guests, we're so glad you're joining us!** We'd love to connect with you and answer your questions! Click [HERE](#) to get started.
- ▶ Scroll to page 2 to find the **Message Notes**, or record notes in your *We Believe Experience* journal.

ADULTS

WE BELIEVE EXPERIENCE GROUP
10:45 AM | MEADOWS ROOM [LOWER LEVEL]
This WBE group kicks off today! Join us!

FAMILIES

9:30 AM | GATHERING PLACE & ONLINE
▶ **FAMILY-FOCUSED PROGRAMMING** is available for families with preschool and/or elementary kids.

CHILDREN

▶ **MESSAGE-BASED KIDS BULLETIN**
Crayons are available on-site.

HIGH SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP
6-7:30 PM | HIGH SCHOOL ROOM
6:30-8 PM | ZOOM

STAY CONNECTED DURING THE WEEK

ALL CHURCH

WE BELIEVE EXPERIENCE
JANUARY-MARCH

Together we will read, study and discuss Scripture and the 10 articles in our *Evangelical Free Church of America Statement of Faith*. The message each Sunday will introduce the article that we will be reading about each week. You're invited to join a discovery group and purchase a printed *We Believe Experience* journal.
[MORE INFORMATION](#)

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2020

ADVENT CONSPIRACY is continuing this month. We're collecting donations for [FAMILY PROMISE](#). Check out the [DONATION LIST](#) and consider how you can give.

ADULTS

MARRIAGE MENTORING

Oakwood's *Marriage Ministry Team* helps nurture relationships and promotes lasting marriages. We offer *Prepare/Enrich* marriage enrichment and premarital sessions! [LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#).

WOMEN

MORNING BY MORNING LIVE DEVOTIONAL
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY | 7 AM

Start your day with Scripture and prayer. 20 minutes or less! [MORE INFO](#).

KIDS

4TH & 5TH GRADE MOVIE DAY

JAN. 24 | 3:05 PM
PRIVATE THEATER AT MAJESTIC CINEMA
[LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#).

MISSIONS

BUD & NANCY | WORLD MINISTRIES

Bud and Nancy ask us to pray for the Kodesh people—that they would come to trust Him for their future. Now is the time to trust Him to reveal His perfect plan.

GUESTS

NEWCOMERS' RECEPTION
SUNDAY, JAN. 17 | 10:30 AM

If you're new to Oakwood, join us for an **INFORMAL GATHERING** to meet some of our staff and receive a gift! Exit the Worship Center and take a left down the hallway—just look for the signs. Or to set up a more physically-distanced connection, contact [SARAH HAYDEN](#).

HIGH SCHOOL

WORSHIP & DEVOS

JAN. 20 | 8-9 PM | HIGH SCHOOL ROOM & ZOOM

MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

JAN. 24 | 10:45-11:45 AM
HIGH SCHOOL ROOM & ZOOM

Students and parents: Learn more about what we're planning for this summer!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP | JAN. 20

6:30-8 PM | MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM
7-8 PM | ZOOM

GAME NIGHT

JAN. 22 | 6-8 PM | MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM

Bring a drink or snack to share, and a game to play with others. [LEARN MORE AND REGISTER](#).

MISSION TRIP INFO MEETING

JAN. 31 | 10:45-11:45 AM
MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOM & ZOOM

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BIRTH

Matthew & Kirsten Hart are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Eric Matthew. Proud siblings: Samantha, Mackenzie and Carson.