

This Week At OHBC

- The BIG Show tonight at 7pm
- Children's Church Cookout on Saturday 11am-4pm at Paul and Barbara Nichol's.

Save the Date

- **August 22nd 6-8pm** Brown's for a Pool Party, this is a drop off event. Please ensure your Students are wearing appropriate bathing suits.
- **September 17th** Family Fun Day & Walk for Life 11am-1pm at Lake Park in Worcester. Call 508-438-044 to sign up or email Brenda@clearwayclinic.com
- **September 11th** Mission Weekend Dinner and fellowship time - to highlight the many ministries and activities at Oak Hill will be held in the gym after Sunday morning service.
- **RICE BOWLS PROJECT**
Collection Day: September 11th

Announcement

Gary & Pat Chalifoux: Jake and Thalia Chalifoux gave birth to Coraline Autumn in the early morning on August 16th, 8 lbs., 8 oz. She joins sisters Audri and Blaire. Everyone is healthy. We all are so very blessed!

Message from Erik Reynolds: Walking by the Spirit, Huh?

I was thankful this past Sunday because I had someone ask me, "What does it mean to walk by the Spirit?". When working through one of the most prescriptive passages in the New Testament we must remind ourselves who we see to glorify. (God) Before we came to faith in Christ who were we seeking to glorify? (ourselves) Our default setting as sinners who are unsaved is living by the flesh. We are arrogant and seek to glorify ourselves in our lives. 5:19 says that includes sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, etc. When we were still slaves to sin we were not incapable of other things which appear godly such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. However, both of these sets of behavior are indicators of where our hearts are and what master we are serving. When someone becomes a new believer their life might still be defined by the former actions instead of the latter, but as the Gospel grows in their hearts they begin to be led by the Spirit which is God. As they are led by the Spirit their behaviors change to reflect Him more. To walk by the Spirit is to love God and seek His guidance as we go. Our conversations with God are not short segments of our day where we pray over meals or when we wake up, but ongoing conversations with the Father, through the Spirit, with Jesus as intercessor. We are going to struggle with fleshly desires until the day Jesus returns, that's the price of living in a fallen world. Yet Jesus gave us a "helper" in the Holy Spirit. He is the one that can lead us from temptation and fleshly desires if we refrain from drowning Him out. We drown Him out by living in unrepentant sin, staying too busy to hear, not being in the Word, and focusing on glorifying ourselves and not God. Here is a link to a great talk about walking by the Spirit with John Piper, <http://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/how-do-we-walk-by-the-spirit>. I leave you with this thought from John Calvin, *"For, until men feel they owe everything to God... they will never submit to him in voluntary obedience; no, unless they place their entire happiness in him, they will never yield up their whole selves to him in truth and sincerity."*

Prayer Requests & Updates

PAT TALBOT: Pray for Gregory. They found cancer and he is going to need surgery. He needs God's peace and healing touch. Thank you.

DIANE FOSGATE: Dear Lord, we praise you as our granddaughter Tiffany starts her new job Tuesday. Please allow her car to be fixed by then. Roger had a procedure yesterday at 12:30 PM. Please guide the doctors so the constant pain is relieved in his lower back and hips. You are the great physician all things are possible with you. Please be with the Burtt family at this time of need. Forgive us Lord for the mess we have made of our financial situation. Please bless the sale of our Sutton house. In Jesus name I pray.

RICKI LEE STAMPER: Please pray for my nephew Shawn Denny. He went into the hospital with appendicitis on Saturday night and had surgery Sunday. He is going to have a long road to recover from this. It is my hope and prayer that he recovers just fine. Prayers are welcome from every one. Thank you.

BILL STEVENS: He is at Overlook in Charlton for rehab and is doing well. He should be home by the end of this week.