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Who's Who at OGBC?

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Jake and Hannah Hochstetler have attended OGBC their entire lives. **Jake** was saved when he was 4 years old. He remembers being in the car in the church parking lot with his mom talking about how to be saved and praying. He was baptized and joined OGBC 5 years later when he was 9 years old. **Hannah** was saved when she was 7 years old. Pastor Ike had been preaching about salvation. Her best friend at the time was visiting, so she asked her friend some questions and her friend led her to pray and give her life to God. She was baptized and joined OGBC 5 years later when she was 12 years old.

Jake and Hannah were married on October 2, 2021 and lived in Dalton for the first year and a half of their marriage before returning to Orrville. They have 3 children, Benaiah, Eowyn and Ariella. They have a black lab mix dog whose name is Gimli who was named after a character in Lord of the Rings.

Hannah is 27 years old and was born at home in Orrville on September 10, 1999. Her parents are Fred and Janette Hodgdon. She has lived in Wayne County her entire life. Her earliest childhood memory is playing outside when her brother Jeremiah got hurt and had a bloody leg. She has 2 brothers and a sister. Her ancestry is German and English. She has a famous relative who played the saxophone—James Carter, who was Hannah's grandma Dorothy Hodgdon's brother's wife's son.

Jake is 29 years old and was born at Dunlap hospital on August 22, 1997. He was born 6 weeks prematurely and so his lungs were not fully developed, which required that he was transferred to Akron Children's Hospital. His parents are Dennis and Mindy Hochstetler. He has lived in Wayne County his entire life. He has 1 brother and 2 sisters. His ancestry is German and Irish. He has a famous ancestor named Jacob Hochstetler who was one of the first

Amish settlers in our country. He was a pacifist whose family was massacred during an early Native American uprising.

Hannah was homeschooled and her favorite subjects in school were music and history. She said understanding music was the most important thing she learned in school and it helped her when her dad taught her how to play the guitar. She didn't like school that much as she preferred to be helping her dad with things around the house. She wanted to be a homemaker when she grew up and she has realized her dream. Her favorite games as a child were the running games that she played inside and outside at Awana and Grace Bible Club. Hannah speaks a little Portuguese. She has 2 aunts from Brazil. Her Hodgdon grandparents, Earl and Dorothy were missionaries in Brazil. Her father Fred speaks fluent Portuguese.

Jake attended Orrville schools and his favorite subjects were math and history. He says he didn't like school that much because K-12 came too easily for him. He did enjoy wrestling and football at school. He said that how everything works and functions in the government was the most important thing he learned in school. He liked playing Clue when he was a child. He wanted to be an accountant when he grew up and he later attended the University of Akron Wayne branch and then the main campus. He says that he does not speak any foreign languages but that he can conjugate verbs in Spanish (never know when that might come in handy).

Hannah's favorite thing to do with her family is spending time outside running, throwing Frisbees and balls and chasing each other. She said if she could be anywhere in the world right this minute, she would choose to be at the beach with her family. She has a marble collection.

Jake's favorite thing to do with his family is wrestling with his kids in the living room. He collects Nerf toys, lighters and guns. He likes making things, doing projects, and working on cars. He said if he could be anywhere in the world right now, he would be right where he is because he loves being close to everyone in his life.

Hannah has had life experiences working as a babysitter from the time she was 14 and later working at the Saint Paul Hotel in Wooster.

Jake has had life experiences working at Kidron Vinyl when he was in high school and later working at PackShip USA. He currently works at Kidron Vinyl.

When asked if they have someone in their life that they admire, **Hannah** said "Judy Hostetler" and **Jake** said "Pastor Joshua".

Hannah's favorite colors are red, blue and black. She likes hydrangeas. Her favorite foods are Crab Rangoon and Root beer. **Jake's** favorite color is blue.

He likes marigolds. His favorite food is chicken cordon blue and vanilla coke.

Hannah's favorite Bible verse is II Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. NASB.

Jake's favorite Bible verse is Psalm 18:2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my Savior, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. NASB

When asked what was the best thing she had ever done for someone else, **Hannah** said, "Probably the most consistent thing is cleaning the house for a disabled person every month".

Jake and Hannah both serve at OGBC in many roles. **Jake** is a Deacon and **Hannah** is a Deaconess. They teach the 2–4-year-old class in Sunday School every other month. **Jake** leads the game time at Bible Club on Wednesday nights while **Hannah** helps set up for the games and keeps score during the games. **Hannah** cleans the church and helps in the nursery. **Jake** helps with church lunches; live streaming of the church services; leads music and sings specials during the worship services; helps with various construction projects and provides tech support.

When asked what she would say to God when she met Him face to face in Heaven someday, **Hannah** said, "Thank you".

The Importance of Thanksgiving

Charles Spurgeon

"I will give thanks to the Lord." Psalm 9:1

Thanksgiving should always follow answered prayer, just as the mist of earth's gratitude rises when the sun of heaven's love warms the ground.

Has the Lord been gracious to you and inclined His ear to the voice of your prayer? Then thank Him as long as you live. Let the ripe fruit fall upon the fertile soil from which it drew its life. Do not fail to sing in praise of Him who has answered your prayer and has given you the desire of your heart. To be silent about God's mercies is to incur the guilt of ingratitude; it is to act as poorly as the nine lepers who after they had been cured of their leprosy did not return to give thanks to the healing Lord. To forget to praise God is to refuse to benefit ourselves; for praise, like prayer, is one great means of promoting the growth of our spiritual lives. It helps to remove our burdens, to excite our hope, to increase our faith. It is a healthy and invigorating exercise that quickens the pulse of the believer and prepares him for new enterprises in his Master's service.

To bless God for mercies received is also the way to benefit our fellowmen; "let the humble hear and be glad." (Ps. 34:2) Others who have been in similar circumstances will take comfort if we can say, "Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together … . This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him." (Ps. 34:3,6) Weak hearts will be strengthened, and sagging spirits will be revived as the saints listen to our "shouts of deliverance." (Ps. 32:7) Their doubts and fears will be rebuked as we teach and admonish one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. They will also "sing of the ways of the LORD" (Rev. 5:12) when they hear us magnify His holy name.

FUNNIES

"Inflation is creeping up," a young man said to his friend. "Yesterday I ordered a $25 steak in a restaurant and told them to put it on my American Express card—and it fit."

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Pilot to airline passengers: "Ladies and gentlemen, I have some good news and some bad news. The bad news is that we have a hijacker on board. The good news is, he wants to go to the French Riviera."

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Wife: "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."

Husband: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."

Wife: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."

Husband: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. Where's the car?"

Wife: "In the swimming pool."

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A New York retail clerk was suffering from aching feet. "It's all those years of standing," his doctor declared. "You need a vacation. Go to Miami, soak your feet in the ocean and you'll feel better."

When the man got to Florida, he went into a hardware store, bought two large buckets and headed for the beach. "How much for two buckets of that sea water?" he asked the lifeguard.

"A dollar a bucket," the fellow replied with a straight face.

The clerk paid him, filled his buckets, went to his hotel room and soaked his feet. They felt so much better he decided to repeat the treatment that afternoon. Again, he handed the lifeguard two dollars. The young man took the money and said, "Help yourself."

The clerk started for the water, then stopped in amazement. The tide was out. "Wow," he said, turning to the lifeguard. "Some business you got here!"

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One guy reads an ad about a vacation cruise that costs only $100. After he signs up and pays, the travel agent hits him with a bat, knocks him unconscious, and throws him out the back door into the river. Soon another guy comes in, pays his fee, and gets the same treatment.

Fifteen minutes later, as the two are floating down the river together, the first man says, "I wonder if they're serving any food on this cruise."

"I don't know," the second guy replies. "They didn't last year."

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A man walked into a crowded New York City restaurant and caught the eye of a harried waiter. "You know," he said, "it's been 10 years since I came in here."

"Don't blame me," the waiter snapped. "I'm working as fast as I can."

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"The Concorde is great," says Howie Mandel. "Traveling at twice the speed of sound is fun—except you can't hear the movie till two hours after you land."

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A vacationer telephoned a seaside hotel to ask where it was. "It's only a stone's throw from the beach," he was told. "How will I recognize it?" asked the man. Back came the reply, "It's the one with all the broken windows.