

JANUARY 5, 2016

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Property Update

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CWF
- Kids Choir
- Evangelism
- Fellowship Dinner
- Caring & Sharing

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Storm Debris Cleanup – We had another crew working Saturday, December 12, and made a lot of progress. There was a LOT of dismay when we found out that we had been given incorrect information about the church not being included in storm debris cleanup by the city. A lot of time was spent pulling downed branches to the back parking lot to await chipping by Charlie Conner. Now the decision needs to be made whether to continue with that process or move the debris to the street. Charlie has a Bobcat which he has volunteered to use. In addition to all that, we have had someone(s) illegally dumping their debris on the 23rd Street side of our property. We were told by the city that even if illegal, we “own it”. Police were called and promised to increase patrols in the area.

Spotlights in the Sanctuary – Another long saga.... Ordered a 26’ lift to be delivered at 9:30am on December 17. The crew there (Terry Singleton, George Lunsford, Jane and Lonnie Maytubby, Jack Graham, Daniel U’Ren) unbolted and moved pews. Delivery scheduled for 9:30am came and went. I called and was told they were on their way. Finally arrived around 11:00am. Lights were installed with the intrepid Jack Graham on the lift. Light angles were adjusted correctly after Jane bowed out due to the fact that she couldn’t tell center from right and left (let’s don’t even go there). Ongoing problems with the lift resulted in having to call for a mechanic. We did not get to replace parking lot lights; the machine finally died on us and by then we were DONE!

Never a dull moment at WOCC!

Jane Maytubby, Property Co-Chair



*Congratulations to
Jean & Lyeal Amos!
Married 60 years ago on
December 28th, 2015.*



JANUARY 2016

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10 Cabinet Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

Education Committee Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

11 Outreach Committee Meeting 3:00pm-4:00pm

12 Meeting & Luncheon for CWF 10:00am-12:00pm

13 Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

Caring & Sharing @ Interurban 5:00pm-6:00pm

17 Caring & Sharing Meeting @ WOCC 4:00pm-5:00pm

19 Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

24 "Sports Night" Fellowship Dinner 6:00pm-8:00pm

26 CWF Regional Meeting 9:00am-2:00pm

27 Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

Caring & Sharing @ Ted's Cafe 5:00pm-6:00pm

31 Bowling Family Fun Day 1:00pm-3:00pm

Chris Jones 2/1

Sarah Mueller 2/2

William Compton 2/3

Pat Gentis 2/3

Mark Gillett 2/3

Martha Buchanan 2/5

Rita Walker 2/5

Pat Brown 2/7

Okie Merry 2/7

Bobby Beck 2/8

Sarah Howry 2/8

Madison Lance 2/8

Nevonna Schroeder 2/9

Annie Steiger 2/10

Jerry Cobb 2/11

Kiersten Hamill 2/11

Suzanne Parker 2/13

Donna Houchin 2/14

Abby Smith 2/14

Paula Wall 2/14

Linda Bass 2/16

Terry Singleton 2/17

Carol Allen 2/18

Dixie Ledbetter 2/18

Kathryn Bowman 2/19

Valerie Manning 2/20

Colten Cortez 2/21

Jimmy Ille 2/22

Khristian Boyd 2/23

Gerald Day 2/26

Eli Mars 2/27

Cathy Suchy 2/27

Danet Trivette 2/28

**Birthdays
Next Month**

CWF at WOCC

Attention Ladies of WOCC and surrounding OKC Neighborhoods: kick your year off by marking your calendars for fun and fellowship with the Christian Women's Fellowship at Western Oaks Christian Church!

Our monthly meetings are on the **second Tuesday** of the month with a devotional program, business meeting, and pot-luck luncheon starting at **10:00am**. So join us next Tuesday, **January 12th**, and bring a friend.

Also in January, our CWF ladies are serving as hostesses for the Central Area Disciples Women Area Meeting on **Tuesday, January 26, 2016**. Starting at 9:30am with Registration, Coffee & Fellowship, 10:00am Meeting/Program followed by lunch at noon. Lunch is \$7.00, payable to WOCC CWF on arrival. Please call reservations in to Betty Spreier at 405-943-7313. Please RSVP by January 12th. Our speaker will be Jan Peery, the President and CEO of the Oklahoma City YWCA. Their mission is: *Eliminating racism; Empowering women!* The Service Project is: items for women who come to the Domestic Violence Shelter such as toiletries, new underwear and socks, sweatshirts, pants, t-shirts, washcloths, towels, etc. Also for the children that come with their mothers: books, stuffed animals, other small games or toys, travel size pillows or child-sized sweatshirts and pants, blankets or quilts.

Other dates to mark on your 2016 calendars:

- ◆ WOCC Fellowship Dinner, April 17, 2016 at 6:00pm.
- ◆ Harbinger is a day of fellowship, learning, and fun. The Harbinger sessions planned for spring 2016 are your opportunity to learn early about the Disciples Women study materials for 2016 – 2017. Mark the following dates on your calendar and plan to attend one closest to you. April 2nd - Guthrie First Christian Church; April 9th - Wagoner First Christian Church; April 16th - Ardmore First Christian Church; April 23rd - Covenant Christian Church in Enid. Each day's session begins at 10:00am.
- ◆ Encounter 2016 - July 8 & 9th at First Christian Church of Moore. The Encounter 2016 Team is busily working to plan an extravaganza of worship, learning, fellowship, food, crafting and inspiration designed just for you. We are contacting motivating key note speakers, Christ-led worship leaders, dazzling speakers and talented craft artisans to lead workshops, worship services and congregational gatherings. Vendors have agreed to come and offer opportunities to shop and find those keepsakes we seek to take home as remembrances of a special weekend. You don't want to miss this opportunity to encounter God in the company of Disciples Women in an environment planned just for you.

The 2016-2017 dates of our CADW meetings are now calendared. They are: August 23, 2016 at First Christian Church, OKC; October 18, 2016 at Northwest Christian Church, OKC; January 24, 2017 at First Christian Church, El Reno OK and April 18, 2017 at Southern Hills Christian Church, OKC. Stay tuned for more details.

For more information about CWF at WOCC contact Marlene Word, President at 405-789-6126 or 405-245-5273.



Please note: The children's choir, Sonshine Singers, will begin on Sunday, January 17th. Rehearsal from 9:20am—9:50am. Please lift up our children as they learn to praise from their hearts and voices!

—Christine Wagner

Merry Christmas!

I do hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and we are still celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I know that WOCC really made Christmas a time of great joy for some families. I heard back from some of them thanking us not only for the gifts, but in helping them to be together as family to eat and enjoy the holiday.

Christmas is so much more than buying gifts, as one of these families pointed out. How true that is, and sometimes difficult to remember. Just as it is difficult to remember that Christmas is more than a day that begins (not ends) on December 25th. This got me wondering as to the significance to the twelve days known as Christmastide. What is the significance? Is it a day for each of the Disciples? There were twelve tribes of Israel, is it for that? There are several times that the number 12 is used in the Bible, but I like to think that maybe the significance has more to do with the life of a child. Eight days after he was born, the family would have had a "Bris". In Jewish traditions, the "Bris" is considered when life fully begins for a child by receiving the Holy Spirit; it is also the day a male child is circumcised and named.

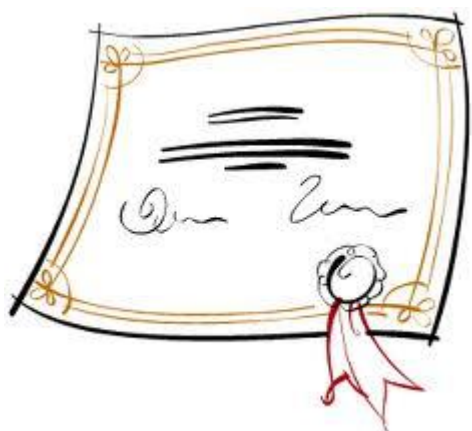
This does not give us the twelve days, though. So the next event in the child's life is, as the first born son, being presented in the Temple at about a month old to be dedicated to God. Every firstborn male child is given to the temple in service to God, often raised to be a priest or some other type of servant. Although, the parents can give a sacrifice or payment to have the child returned, as the Bible indicates, Two Turtle Doves (do I see a hint to a song here?).

But again, this is 30 days, not twelve. So where does twelve come in to play? I would like to think it has more to do with the next time we discover Jesus in the temple. We first hear the words spoken by Jesus, "Why were you searching for me?," to his parents who were desperately searching for their twelve year old son who had stayed behind in the Temple to talk with the teachers there. Could the twelve days of Christmas be one day for each year of Jesus' life before this event? Sounds good to me.

Historically and biblically, the number twelve means completeness and wholeness such as in the twelve tribes of Israel. But in this case, it probably had more to do with a dispute over when to celebrate the Nativity of Christ. Was it on December 25th or January 6th known as Epiphany, a celebration of realizing who the Christ Child was, mixing stories of the birth and the arrival of Magi. (We won't get into the debate that Christmas should have been in March or early Spring.) When you combine these dates in dispute, you end up with 12 days of festive celebrations surrounding the birth of the Christ child to end the days of fasting known as Advent. This meant lots of food and drink for early Christians in those twelve days! So, those who created the church calendar kept the twelve days of Christmastide as a season, not a day to celebrate the arrival of Christ.

All of this comes down to this, it is still Christmas time, today is day eleven, but by the time you read this it may be Epiphany. Either way, let us celebrate the Christ Child and live our lives as though the love of God rules our hearts and minds.

*Merry Christmas,
Daniel*



Western Oaks Christian Church received a certificate from the General Minister and President's office to recognize our church for "Excellence in Evangelism" for the number of new members and baptisms last year. Good job, everyone, on being the hands and feet of Christ!

Gratitude is our Attitude

“Praise to the angels who helped us have an amazing holiday!” —Millman Family

“Thank you everyone at Western Oaks Christian Church for your prayers for Dustin Keffer. The family greatly appreciates each one. My understanding is Dustin is home now continuing his recovery.” —Elaine Baty

Thank you, Matt Schinske, for a JOYOUS CELEBRATION! We are so fortunate to have you as “one of us” and feel truly blessed by your music. Other joyous smiles were abundant at the Tasting Party on December 13th. We take such good care of ourselves with *awesome* goodies. Thanks to the Fellowship Committee for planning a wonderful evening.

Thanks to the bell ringing volunteers who faithfully rang bells for the Salvation Army Kettle Brigade at the west entrance of the Wal-Mart at Northwest Highway and Council Road on December 12, from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Thank you for your service: Pat Brown, Cathy Routon, Hope Larison, Steve Lairson, Gay Teter, Steve Teter, Kari Simmons, Taylor Simmons, Margaret Blackerby, Andrea Teter, Jacquie Dekinder, Larry Dekinder, Elizabeth Millman, Aanika Gillett, Mary Garrison, Ed Garrison, Tina Bayliff and Charles Hogan. Ring-a-ding, ding!

Prayer Requests

- * Carol Allen will have surgery on left leg on Jan. 12.
- * April Gregory, the Wilkersons' friend, who is going through chemo.
- * Heather Keaton, Christine Wagner's friend, for recovery from brain cancer surgery.
- * Danny O'Kert, friend of the Hills
- * For Tina Bayliff's oldest daughter who is suffering from gall stones & will have surgery.
- * Bill Lassiter, John Lassiter's son, had a stroke.
- * Sandra Russell, Tom & Karen Russell's sister-in-law, has heart problems & is in the hospital in Houston.
- * Taylor Humphrey, Bob Humphrey's granddaughter
- * Darlene Singleton
- * Greg Morse, Linda Cobb's nephew, had surgery but recovery will be difficult.
- * Pat Gentis
- * Dorleen Gosnell, Cythnia Hill's mom
- * Pray for Shawn Hensley, Tom Russell's brother-in-law. He had emergency surgery for brain tumor.
- * David Dixon, the Goodners' friend, will continue dialysis.
- * Dennis Spencer, Karen Russell's brother, had a stroke.
- * LaRue Ingram is still having a lot of back pain.
- * Sharon Roemer, Martha Buchanan's friend, has multiple cancers.
- * Lloyd Gosnell, Cynthia Hill's cousin, has cancer.
- * Renee Williams, Martha Buchanan's friend, has cancer.
- * Joan Stamman, Jan Sills' cousin, has colon cancer.
- * Sharon Lutke, friend of Jan Ketola, has cancer.
- * Dick & Lura Cayton
- * Danny Cartmill, Marlene Word's nephew, has pancreatic cancer.
- * Millman family
- * Lou O'Brien



Chili Cook-off & “All Sports Night”

January 24, 6:00pm

Please wear your favorite team t-shirt. Bring a dessert or salad and join us for a fun evening! A short video of Coach Lou Holtz will be shown following dinner.

Let's see which team has the most support...or who is the loudest!!

Presented by FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Caring & Sharing

At the last meeting, everyone introduced themselves to the new members with a story. This was followed by a lot of laughter; we all enjoyed our mistakes all the while learning coping skills. I hope each of you have a Happy New Year, and remember to set up your calendar for 2016! Here is your January agenda...

JANUARY 13, 2016 5:00pm *Interurban Restaurant* 11316 West Reno. This will be a celebration for Rema Emerson's 101st Birthday!!!!

JANUARY 17, 2016 4:00pm This will be our first meeting at *WOCC*; we meet from 4:00pm to 5:00pm in room 107. Looking forward to seeing all of you!

JANUARY 28, 2016 5:00pm *Ted's Café Escondido* 300 Outlet Shop Drive (1 block east of Council, on Reno, south 1 block on the east side of the street) phone #607-8337

Since the yellow star key ring is still missing, I have made a new key and arm band to pick up from the drop box when needed. The band is blue and key has orange paint. Go Thunder!



Change of Address:

Tom & Kay Jewell
7001 NW 129th
OKC, OK 73142

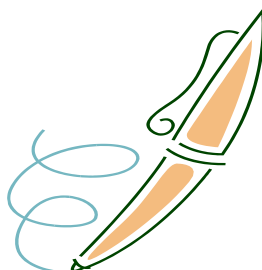
Change of Address:

Roy & Shirlee Ruedy
12401 Trail Oaks Drive, Rm 230
OKC, OK 73120

Change of Phone #:

470-8088

Be sure to edit your church directory!



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **Jan 18th, at noon**

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.

Date	GIVING	
12/20/15	General	\$8,552.44
	Blessing Fund	\$3,135
12/27/15	General	\$1,402
	Blessing Fund	\$65
1/3/16	General	\$7,322.50
	Blessing Fund	\$305

Date	ATTENDANCE	
12/20/15	9:00 AM	45
	11:00 AM	95
12/24/15	6:00 PM	170
	11:30 PM	38
12/27/15	9:00 AM	16
	(one service)	
1/3/16	9:00 AM	51
	11:00 AM	107

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Todd Newell — Praise Band Leader

Rosanne Rowe, Steve Powers, Hope Lairson, Jeff Newell & Brett Hawk — Praise Band Members

Vincent Pinazza — Sound Technician

Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor

Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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