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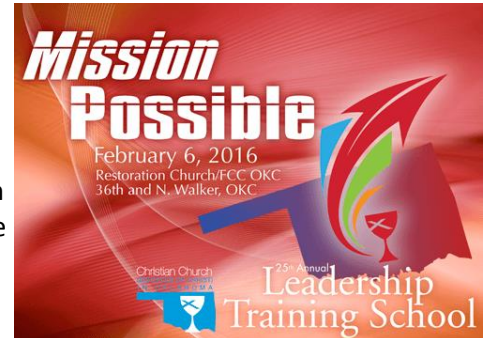
WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Leadership Training School this Saturday!!

This coming Saturday, February 6th, is the annual Leadership Training School sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Oklahoma. If you have not gone, I would love to hear about you attending or to see you there in person. What I would really like to see is each class being attended by someone different in the congregation, and then all of us getting together and sharing what it is we learned.

There is a plethora of topics being discussed, all of which are broken down into three themes: Mission, Spiritual, and Practical ministry. We have a few of our church members leading classes. Please take a moment to review the list of classes and to register yourself online for the classes you wish to attend. The website to sign up is <http://okdisciples.org/LTS-2016/>

The church has paid for you to attend, so you do not need to register and pay, only sign up for the classes you wish to attend. This is important, so we make sure classes have the proper size classrooms and for instructors to know how many materials to bring.



*Look forward to seeing you there.
Daniel*

Walk to Jerusalem

Just to put to ease the minds of those who worried I was really going to try walking to Jerusalem, no, I can't walk on water. What we are going to do, for Lent, is be encouraged to take on a healthy item as we focus on our prayer and spiritual life. Lent is a time for us to prepare ourselves, a time for giving up something that might stand between us and God or to take on something which may draw us closer to God.

For some people, Lent is like New Year's all over again by making resolutions to improve your life. This Lenten season, in addition to what you may find you need to give up, whether it be the popular choices of pop or chocolate, I am asking you to participate in the "Walk To Jerusalem". All you have to do is keep track of the steps you walk. It does not have to be limited to walking, other forms of exercise such as dancing, gardening, or bicycling can be translated into equivalent distance walked. So we can count every 15 minutes of exercise as 1 mile walked.

To help you keep track of your exercise, I was able to get 100 pedometers which we started handing out on Sunday. But you can use your own pedometer or fitness tracker if you have one. Then, you can write those down daily or input them into the computer. I have a website set up to keep track of our steps, and I will be giving regular updates on how far we have traveled. The website is www.woccyouth.org/walktojerusalem.html or you can fill out the steps walked on the bulletin attendance sheet and turn that in on Sunday by placing it in the offering plate.

It is my prayer that we become more mindful of our journey in life this Lent and turn our attention towards God as we walk. Once you see how many steps you walk, try to increase that. I for one am reminded of the footprints in the sand, mindful of those times when we felt we could not carry on and instead were carried.

*Shalom,
Daniel*



FEBRUARY 2016

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- 6** CMF Breakfast @ Old Orchard 7:30am-8:30am
Leadership Training School 8:15am-1:00pm
- 7** Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser 10:00am & 12:00pm
- 9** Election Day
CWF Meeting & Luncheon 10:00am-12:00pm
Worship Committee Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm
- 10** Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins
Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
Caring & Sharing @ Mama Roja 5:00pm-6:00pm
Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 14** Valentine's Day
Children/Youth Valentine's Party 12:30pm-2:00pm
- 15** Presidents' Day
OakBridge Article Due 12:00pm
- 16** Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am
Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 21** Caring & Sharing @ WOCC 4:00pm-5:00pm
Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 23** Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 24** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
Caring & Sharing @ Nina's 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 26** Worship & Wonder Workshop 5:00pm-9:00pm
- 27** Worship & Wonder Workshop 9:00am-5:00pm
- 28** Elders Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm



Caring & Sharing

Virginia Johnson, a member and our guest speaker for our meeting on January 17th, used the book, "Life As It Ain't Yet" by Dr. Richard N. Johnson, her husband. She asked us to be introspective about our gifts. How do we use our gifts and share them with others?

Upcoming Dates:

February 10th	Mama Roja	9219 Lake Hefner Parkway
February 21st	WOCC Meeting	8100 NW 23rd St.
February 24th	Nina's Café	5001 N. Portland

Don't Forget, Worship & Wonder Training

Children Worship and Wonder is the Christian Church's (Disciples of Christ) program offered during Sunday Morning Worship. CW&W stories are from Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman's book, "Young Children and Worship" and are based on familiar Old and New Testament stories written appropriately for pre-school and elementary children.



The intent is to share the stories with children, and then ask open-ended questions to help them find their own understanding of the story and the Kingdom of God. Immediately after the bible story, the children are given the opportunity to "work". The work time encourages children to process the story in their own way through different forms of art or working with one of the stories. Then, we have a prayer time and a "feast time". Afterwards, we all talk together about their week.

TRAINING FOR STORYTELLERS AND GREETERS: If you are interested in helping as a storyteller or a greeter for Children Worship and Wonder, a training workshop has been scheduled for **Friday, February 26th from 5:00pm to 9:00pm** and **Saturday, February 27th from 9:00am to 5:00pm** at WOCC. Please contact Julia Jordan Gillett through the church office for information.



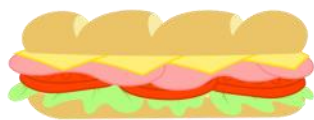
Junior Youth Fellowship

Let's Have a Party!

Calling all youth: Kindergarten—5th grade



You are invited to join your friends on February 14th from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for lunch, games, singing and a lesson. The excitement will begin in the Youth Room, so please plan to attend. If you have any questions, contact Julia at 821-0108.



Super Bowl Subs Fundraiser

Support Youth Summer Mission Trip

Pick them up after worship on Feb. 7th

Wheat, White, Turkey, Ham, and All the Fixings

\$5/sandwich



YOUTH SOUNDBITE

We can often find ourselves in a slump when certain situations do not work out in our favor. When all seems to be going wrong, it is easy to break down and feel hopeless about it. We might wake up feeling empty, unmotivated, and lacking. We lose sight of all the blessings, joys, and love that God has for us. Storms come and go through life, but we always have the support of our “Rock”. One of my favorite phrases in my teens was, “do not show God how big your storm is; show the storm how big your God is.”

Sometimes, it just takes a minute to realize that we need to set our priorities straight. It can be a simple reminder or a huge wake-up call. When things get tough, remember that God is ginormous. There isn’t anything God hasn’t seen. Let God handle your storms. Set your focus back on those who love you and will guide you. See the positive in the situations and have confidence that you will get through it. After all, God is on your side and deeply loves you.

“He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.” – Psalm 62:6

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 7— Super Bowl Sub Sale 9:00am-1:00pm

Super Bowl Watch Party 5:00pm

Feb. 14— Youth & Children Valentine Lunch 12:30pm-2:00pm

Feb. 21— Valentine’s Dinner Fundraiser 4:00pm-8:00pm

Feb. 28— ROCK Sunday Youth 5:00pm-7:00pm

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson
Interim Youth Director*

Gratitude is our Attitude

“Thank you everyone for praying for our family members who have been on the Prayer List. Sandra Russell, Dennis Spencer, and Shawn Hensley are doing much better.” —Tom & Karen Russell

“Gratitude and appreciation to the large group (26) of men and women who graciously fed 97 ladies as we hosted the Central Oklahoma Area Disciples meeting and program here at WOCC. I was proud, but not surprised, at the hard work and warm hospitality that took place during this process. The YWCA Battered Women received a large van full of donations to help their cause. Again, I tip my hat to this great crew of workers.” —Marlene Word

“Thank you to WOCC for the prayers, hospital visits, cards, telephone calls and food during my recent knee replacement. All are love being shared and I appreciate everyone!” —Michelle Jenkins

Prayer Requests



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

—Philippians 4:6

- * For Leadership Training next Saturday.
- * Lori Slentz, Kelli Fearing’s sister, is in the hospital for a blood clot in her leg & lung.
- * Carolyn Jenkins, friend of the Griffins
- * Ellen Beckham lost her twin, Nancy Knoy
- * Cheyenne & Kristin Pursley’s baby was born 13 weeks early & is in Mercy NICU until March; she has CMV & pulmonary hypertension & a cyst on the brain.
- * Bob Humphrey’s sister, Mary Jane
- * Larry Digby, Martha Buchanan’s son, is experiencing serious mental health problems & won’t accept help.
- * Carol Allen had surgery on her left leg.
- * April Gregory, the Wilkersons’ friend, 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 had surgery for gall stones.
- * Bill Lassiter, John Lassiter’s son, had a stroke.
- * 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
- * David Dixon, the Goodners’ friend, will continue dialysis.
- * 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



Holiday Fun

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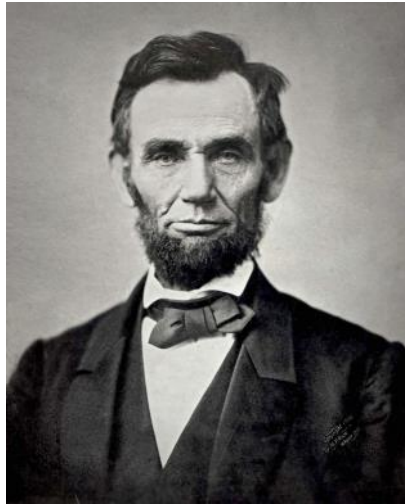
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AND ONCE AGAIN, THE PHARAOH'S CANDY HEARTS WERE HARDENED

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

Mission Opportunities

Join with friends at WOCC to help “Stamp Out Starvation” (Kids Against Hunger with a new name) to package food for folks in need locally and around the world.

March 19th, 2016

9:00am—12:00pm & 1:00pm—4:00pm.

Contact Tom Russell by March 7th, so we know how many are coming. Plan to car pool with friends to Western Oaks (8100 NW 23rd). We have tasks that are done standing and other jobs that can be done sitting. Most anyone can come and help. Gifts of money for food purchases are always needed. You can make your check out to “Stamp out Starvation” and mail it to Tom Russell, 5112 NW 20th, Oklahoma City, OK 73137 or bring it with you.



To register or for questions, call Tom Russell at 946-5909 or email tomrussell1@cox.net

Adult Mission Trip: April 3rd—9th

We will be staying at First Christian Church, Rollett, Texas, to work on homes damaged by the tornado last year. We will be responsible for purchase and cooking of all our meals. Just like camping, bring an air mattress or cot, bedroll, towels, etc. (Showers are available close to site.) We plan to travel in our own vehicles. We will get a tools list out near the time we go. Each mission partner is ask to raise \$200 for building supplies from friends, family and church members to help with the building costs.



We have space for 25-30 people. Each person is asked to pay \$125 for food and other expenses on the mission. Please mail your deposit of \$50 to Tom Russell, 5112 NW 20th St., OKC, 73127. The check should be payable to the “Christian Church in Oklahoma” and noted for adult mission trip. We need checks, applications, and medical forms mailed before **March 13, 2016**. *Applications and medical forms can be found outside the church office. This will be a first come registration due to limited space. Please respond ASAP. The balance will be due March 26, 2016.



Chain Reaction Bicycle Ministry needs bikes!
Ask neighbors, friends, or relatives if they have a bicycle not being used. Please donate it to Chain Reaction.
Tom Russell 650-3335

Date	GIVING		Date	ATTENDANCE	
1/24/16	General	\$5,087.22	1/24/16	9:00 AM	46
	Blessing Fund	\$845		11:00 AM	85
1/31/16	General	\$5,678.91	1/31/16	9:00 AM	66
	Blessing Fund	\$970		11:00 AM	112

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Verona Burke — Organist

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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