

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Church Cleaning
- Hymn History
- Valentine's
- Craft Fair
- Food Bank

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Spring Church Clean-Up

Saturday, March 28th

9:00—12:00

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

The Property Committee is having our annual Spring Church Clean-Up on Saturday, March 28th from 9:00-12:00. There will be jobs for everyone, both inside and outside. A list of jobs will be posted prior to the date.

*Property Co-Chairs,
George Lunsford & Jane Maytubby*

Upcoming Hymns

The opening hymn in late worship this week, “The God of Abraham Praise”, uses a common Hebrew folk melody used in Jewish worship services for hundreds of years. It is even used in some synagogues in the Sabbath eve services today. The meaning of the text “points to the one and only Truth ‘who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same.’ Jesus quoted these words from Exodus: “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” He is God not of the dead, but of the living” [Matthew 22:31b-32]. The hymn proclaims the eternal nature and steadfast love of the living God. Likewise, it affirms that the word of God spoken to the prophets of old still speaks to us and to all generations to come.

The hymn text derives from the thirteen articles of Jewish faith codified in the 12th century and formed into a Doxology {“Yigdal” in Hebrew}. Welsh Wesleyan preacher Thomas Olivers, after hearing the “Yigdal” sung in a Sabbath eve service at a synagogue in London, asked the cantor to transcribe the tune for him. In turn, Olivers wrote an English metrical paraphrase with strong Christian overtones. The hymn was published in 1772, with Olivers naming the tune after Meyer Lyons, the cantor who translated it for him [Lyons stage name was Leoni]. The hymn seems to me to be a good musical link between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

I hope you enjoy another hymn new to us that is not in the hymnal entitled, “All Are Welcome” by Marty Haugen. We will sing a new verse from this hymn each week for the next few weeks. The main message this hymn emphasizes is found in the title, “All Are Welcome.” This is our church’s mission. It reflects the importance of the Disciples approach to communion that everyone is invited to participate fully in communion regardless of their previous Christian affiliation. Also, it puts forth the idea of building a place or “house of worship” where love can dwell and “all can freely live.”

I hope these songs enhance your worship experience.





FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

**Birthdays
next month**



Bob Early 3/1	Jeff Nevel 3/10	Breanna Courter 3/21
Kelli Castaneda 3/2	Nicole Workman 3/11	David Schroeder 3/21
Shirlee Ruedy 3/2	Sydney Honeysuckle 3/12	Mark Enevoldsen 3/22
Judge Thomas 3/2	Donna Bradley 3/13	Nathan Powers 3/22
Charmaine Hipp 3/3	Lynda Chester 3/13	Lucas DeKinder 3/24
Chris Brehm 3/4	Suzan Carney 3/14	James Luper 3/24
Aycen Cortez 3/4	Mary Gordon 3/14	Dick Cayton 3/25
George Lunsford 3/4	Jack Graham 3/16	Edward Hill 3/25
Luke Millman 3/4	Emma Wagner 3/16	Phillip Young 3/25
Jerrie Brauer 3/5	James Frank 3/17	Taylor Jones 3/26
Jodie Conner 3/5	Mandie Howry 3/17	Al Ledbetter 3/26
Larry DeKinder 3/5	Kyle Murray 3/17	Jordan Thomas 3/26
Sue Halpain 3/5	Dianne Beck 3/18	Elizabeth Gray 3/27
Joey Mars 3/5	Brian Chester 3/18	Marilyn Storm 3/27
Delaney Kennedy 3/6	Jane Hughes 3/18	Ethan Vascellaro 3/27
Ken Northcutt 3/6	Angie Boyd 3/19	Duane Wood 3/29
Ursula Messano 3/10	Robert W. Early 3/19	Tamara Roberts 3/30
Tessa Mulford 3/10	Michelle Word 3/19	Fern Wyatt 3/30



YOUTH SOUNDBITE

Wow!! As I write this article, I am filled with two feelings- one of pride and one of gratitude. I am so proud of the youth who put on a wonderful Valentine's Dinner. They worked extremely hard preparing, cooking, serving, and hosting this event. Great job! We raised \$1,480.79 that will help youth go to camp and participate in the mission trip. These events will have a lasting impression on the lives of the youth. We could not have done it without the support of this wonderful congregation! I am also extremely thankful for all those who supported this event. We had many in attendance, many buy desserts, many make desserts, and many help set-up and clean-up. Thank you to those who decorated tables and created such a fun environment as well. We hope you had a great night of fellowship and fun while celebrating the season of love. Please see Hope, if you have any outstanding dessert debts.

Upcoming Events:

March 1 ROCK Sunday 5-7

March 8 ROCK Sunday 5-7

March 15 No Youth (Spring Break)

March 22 No Youth (Spring Break)

March 29 Family Day Zoo Adventure

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson*

WOCC 6th Annual Spring Craft Show

We will have lots going on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 – 3:00. Our church will be full of booths inside and outside. We will be busy with many more!!

Our Youth will be cooking up hot dogs from 11:00 – 2:00, and we have SHOPPING! For desert we will have Mr. Wood's Famous Cakes!!! And we have more SHOPPING... Our vendors have donated wonderful Door Prizes that will be given throughout the day. Please come join us for LOTS of shopping and delicious food!!

We do have a few outside booths available for \$25.00 for an 8 X 10 space. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Kelli Fearing by e-mail: getcrafty2012-show@yahoo.com or call 789-8407(evenings after 5:00).

If you would like to post a sign in your yard to promote our upcoming Craft Show we will have a Sign-Up Sheet soon. We have ordered more signs and would love to see them in yards throughout OKC and surrounding cities. We will start distributing signs in April. We ask that you display the sign in your yard from Sunday, April 12th until Saturday, April 18th. Please watch for more information coming soon!!!

Caring & Sharing

Margo Thein conducted the meeting; she presented the group with valuable information on the protection of seniors from the "Grandparent Scam" which is becoming more and more prevalent in our aging society. According to a poll conducted by the "Caring for Seniors" newsletter, 58% of its readers knew a senior who had been victimized by fraud. Prevention methods were suggested: ask personal questions that only your real grandson would know the answer (i.e. "What did I give you for your birthday last year?") or establish a family code word. Anyone receiving such a call should hang up and notify the police.

The group also had a discussion about the importance of becoming aware of the "signs of depression" among seniors. Seniors are the most likely group to be at risk of depression's negative effect on mind, body and spirit. The good news is that depression is very treatable with counseling, medication, as well as lifestyle changes. One of the important lifestyle changes should be increasing physical activity; this raises the levels of chemicals in the brain that make us feel better and have a good day.

"Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." —Psalms 118:24

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SCHEDULED OUTINGS & MEETINGS

February 25, 4:30pm CHARLESTON RESTAURANT (5907 N.W. Expressway)

March 11, 4:30pm LOUIE'S GRILL (7215 N.W. Expressway)

March 15, 4:00pm—5:00pm Monthly Meeting @ WOCC, Speaker: Mr. TJ Johnson

March 25, 4:30pm SCHLOTZSKY'S (8425 N. Rockwell)

Reminder: Regional Food Bank

Enjoy VOLUNTEERING, FELLOWSHIP, & FOOD

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Join with friends from WOCC and other Campbellite churches to help the Regional Food Bank package food for Oklahomans in need (children to seniors). Either 9:00am—12:00pm OR 1:00pm—4:00pm with a free lunch at NW Christian Church (N. May and 30th).

Contact Tom Russell for your FREE lunch ticket for food and fellowship. Plan to car pool with friends to the Food Bank (3355 S. Purdue, OKC). Take Mac Arthur south to SW 36th, turn east (left if coming from I-40), go 4 or 5 blocks to S. Purdue, turn north (left turn), arrive at 3355 S. Purdue and head to the Volunteer Door at the north end of the building.

We have tasks that are done standing and others that can be done sitting. Most anyone can come and help. Donations for food purchases are always needed. You can make your check out to the “Regional Food Bank” and put it in the offering.

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

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**

- * Patty Fullerton, friend of the Newell family, at St. Anthony’s with Crohn’s disease
- * Sharon Lutke, friend of Jan Ketola, dealing with recurrence of cancer
- * Greg Morse, Linda Cobb’s nephew
- * Waddle family (Dylan, Leah, & children) lost their 5-yr-old daughter/sister, Emersyn
- * Michael Mercy, nephew of Bill & Suzanne Parker, is battling cancer
- * Safety & wisdom for all the families in the Middle East
- * Dick & Lura Cayton
- * Willie Evans, friend of Martha Buchanan, is coping with terminal cancer.
- * Debra Sweezy, Judy Walker’s sister, is in very critical health.
- * Danny Cartmill (Marlene Word’s nephew) has pancreatic cancer & decreasing in health.
- * Dorothy Ferguson undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- * Millman family
- * Bill Parker’s cancer is in remission, & he will have a maintenance of chemo every 2 months.
- * Alvin Lawson (friend of the Lunsfords)
- * Lou O’Brian

“Thank you to our wonderful pastor, the deacons, and all my church family for the thoughts, prayers, donations in Leon’s memory, and for all the beautiful cards. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are appreciated. God bless.”

—LaRue Ingram & family

“Thank you, God. 6 bicycles were donated since Friday. I’ll deliver them to FCC this week.”

—Tom Russell

Save the Date

Fellowship Dinner

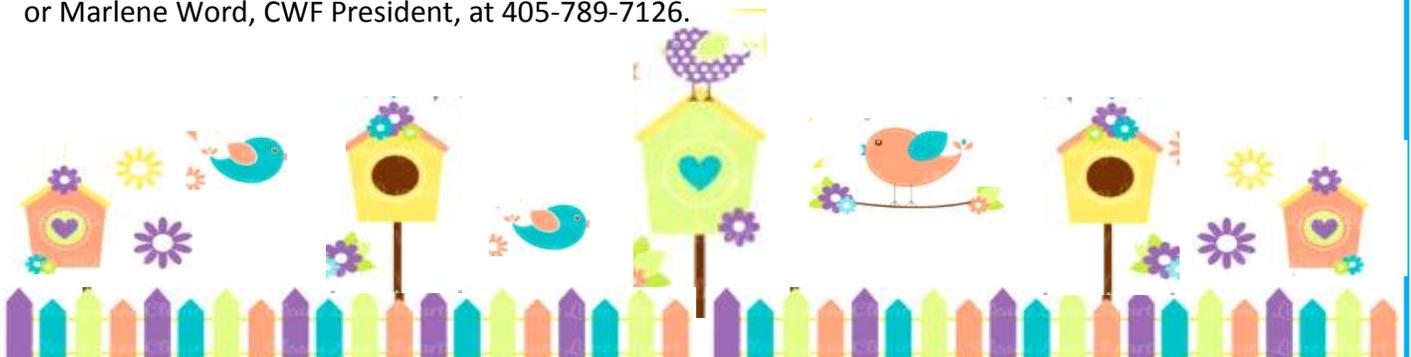
Sunday, March 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.



The ladies of the Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF) want **YOU** to save Sunday, **March 8th at 6:00p.m.** on your calendars, and mark it to join them and all the members at WOCC for an evening of Food, Fun, & Fellowship!!! The CWF will be sponsoring a **Good ‘Ole Fashioned Potluck Dinner** — you know, the kind where **everyone** brings their favorite casserole or meat dish, and a side dish of a vegetable, salad, **or** dessert. The ladies will provide the bread and drinks for everyone.

It has been said that “Hospitality is basically how we treat other people.” Come for an evening, a bit different from our scheduled **Soup the Soul** presentations, and enjoy this evening of **hospitality** the CWF ladies are hosting. Besides all the home-cooked food, from each WOCC member, we are planning fine entertainment from the **Quintessentials**—a Christian’s Men’s Ensemble sharing their beautiful talents through song. A **Love Offering** will be collected and given to them at the end of the evening.

So **MARK your calendars** today and **plan to attend**. Find your favorite recipe for your favorite potluck dish and **invite your friends and family** to join us and come for a fun evening of good entertainment, food, and friendships. For more information please contact any of our CWF Members or Marlene Word, CWF President, at 405-789-7126.



Transformer



I experienced a transformation on a mission trip to Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries at Los Fresnos near Brownsville/ Matamoros. When we checked in and made our beds in the dorm, we were given a Church World Service blanket to sleep under. I have known about Blanket Sundays and given money to buy blanket for years, but when I slept under a Church World Service Blanket while on the mission it was truly a transforming event in my life. I thank God for this experience in my life.

—Tom Russell



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **March 9, at noon.**

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.

Susan Carney is turning 70!

“Come & Go” Birthday Party @ WOCC
March 14, 2015
2:00-5:00

Hosted by Susan’s daughter,
 Ashley Teeters (405)602-2994

Shhh, don’t tell Susan. It’s a secret!

Date	GIVING	
2/15/15	General	\$6,575
	Capital	\$310
2/22/15	General	\$1,588
	Capital	\$35

Date	ATTENDANCE	
2/15/15	9:00 AM	54
	11:00 AM	95
2/22/15	9:00 AM	48
	11:00 AM	74

Church Staff

Rev. Daniel U'Ren — Senior Minister (Daniel@woccdoc.org)

Janey Merry — Administrative Assistant (Janey@woccdoc.org)

Hope Lairson — Youth Interim Director

Dr. Ronald Manning — Music Director (ronald_manning@att.net)

Jan Hulsey — Interim Pianist

Todd Newell — Praise Band Leader

Darren Heath, Rosanne Rowe, Steve Powers, Hope Lairson, & Jeff Newell — Praise Band Members

Vincent Pinazza — Sound Technician

Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor

Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

Loving God and Serving Our Neighbor

