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Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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Welcome Back to WOCC

Please give an enthusiastic welcome to our newest members, T.J. and Barbara Johnson, who returned to us after having previously served and worshipped here for many years.

T.J. was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana to a school teacher mother and oil field dad who were life-long Methodists. T.J.'s family moved to Oklahoma City where T.J. graduated from Putnam City High School, and then went on to OU to obtain a degree in Aeronautical Engineering in 1960. He married Barbara Gayle Hinshaw in 1961 at St. Luke's UMC. Barbara was born and raised in Oklahoma City with one younger sister, and she moved into the Putnam City School District in sixth grade (she lived at 39th and Tulsa where the Braum's store is now). She met T.J. in the 7th grade, and in fact T.J.'s mother was her 7th grade English teacher. The two began dating as juniors, and after they both graduated high school, Barbara worked for insurance adjustors until their marriage when T.J. finished college.

T.J. was a Methodist until he was "converted" to Disciples by Barbara who attended various Disciples churches in grade school. When she moved with her family to Norman, she taught second grade at First Christian there where she, her dad, and her sister were all baptized.

T.J.'s career in the Saturn/Apollo space program took them to Huntsville, Alabama, but they returned to Oklahoma City where T.J. worked for AT&T as an Engineering Technical Manager. Barbara was a stay at home mom tending to their two children, Sherry and Tommy. They now have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After moving back to Oklahoma City, the Johnsons joined Western Oaks after having visited only three times. T.J. served as elder, board chairman, and on various committees. Barbara was active in CWF. The two of them also put their talents together to develop and nourish a wonderful youth puppet ministry here. Barbara recalls that as a boy at WOCC their son, Tommy, would hook up his red wagon (to pick up rocks) behind the church lawn mower and mow the grounds, front and back, for 50 cents an hour! Barbara and T.J. were later drawn to St. Mark's UMC for opportunities associated with their having been given custody of their one-year-old great-granddaughter. At both WOCC and St. Mark's, T.J. taught Uniform Series Bible Study classes. Barbara has remained active in CWF even during their St. Mark's tenure.

T.J.'s hobbies include instrumental music, aviation, and biblical studies while Barbara focuses her hobby time on crafting and working genealogy.

As to church activities, Barbara likes evangelism, service projects, and Sunday School. T.J. enjoys teaching and Sunday School.

Again, please welcome these two talented and dedicated people back into our fellowship here at Western Oaks. We are delighted to have them back.

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Birthdays: T.J. - August 15; Barbara - October 4; Anniversary - November 4, 1961



Saturday, March 28th

9am—Noon

We need your help cleaning up around the church, raking leaves, wash and dust plants, clean refrigerators and more little jobs around the church. Please bring gloves and rakes.



**Easter Egg
HUNT**

**Saturday,
April 4th
11:00am**

**YOUTH WILL SERVE "ALL
YOU CAN EAT WAFFLES"
FOR \$5 STARTING AT**



**Western
Oaks
Christian
Church**

Disciples in History

Matilda Younkin was a pioneer of a different sort in the late 1800's when she gathered six women together in the First Christian Church of Louisville in 1886 to pray for how to respond to the living conditions of some of the nation's poorest of citizens. From this gathering, Mattie developed a realization of how great of a need was out there to help people who were elderly and in need of assistance to improve their quality of life. She then traveled from town to town, church to church enlisting the assistance of many members of Disciples churches throughout Missouri. The same year that Canadian James Naismith is accredited for inventing basketball, the NBA was started by Mattie Younkin. However, this NBA had nothing to do with basketball and stood for the "National Benevolent Association". While the NBA started out serving and housing widows and orphans, the real impact from the organization still felt today is from the facilities that led the way in skilled nursing and assisted living for the elderly.

At a time when it was difficult for a woman's voice to be heard in leadership, let alone in the church, Mattie led the way for women to start to be heard. When the church finally recognized the NBA as an important part of the Disciple's ministry, women had been the sole leaders of the organization from its inception and would continue to have women in all leadership roles until 1917. May we remember Mattie's shining example of what can be accomplished by those who are not always given a voice when they seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Her work put the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on the forefront of social change and helped make the world a better place for the disregarded people of society.



Mattie Younkin (Matilda Hart Younkin)

Caring & Sharing Report

Sunday, March 15, the Caring and Sharing Group met with guest speaker T. J. Johnson. He spoke on the Exploration and Development of the Child, from early childhood to adolescents and then adulthood. Mr. Johnson divided these areas into three groups: the Transitional, with three subset cataloged as primary changes in growth, cognitive changes and social growth. This led the group into open discussion on how these areas had effected their lives.

Then we delved into the story found in Luke about the Festival of the Passover, and the episode where Jesus stayed in Jerusalem at the temple listening and questioning the teachers. Jesus informed his mother he was about "His Father's business". This story gave us insight into not only his family life, but an insight into Jesus' age of development and perhaps the predictability of 12 year old behavior as well as social independence. The group truly appreciated all the time and effort that Mr. Johnson gave to our class. Thank you Mr. Johnson we really gained a lot of information from this study.

Upcoming dates for the Eat Out Program...THE MEETING TIME IS NOW 5:00pm

March 18	Schlotskys	8425 N. Rockwell
April 8	San Marcos	40th and MacArthur (this used to be Los Amingo's)
April 22	Applebees	6020 SW 3rd

Holy cow! Holy Week is Busy

Holy week is already here and the schedule is rather full. I need help to make all of this happen though. Here is a look at what is coming up:

Saturday, March 28th, 9:00—12:00 we will do a Spring Clean Up here at the church to get ready for Easter. We need you here ready to rake leaves, clean the kitchen, pick up litter or any number of things the Property Committee needs done.

Sunday, March 29th is Palm Sunday, we need the kids here at church to process with the palm branches at the 11:00am service. We also need your stuffed Easter Eggs preferably on this day.

Also on Sunday, following the coffee fellowship, we are invited to go to the OKC Zoo for a Family Day at the Zoo. Remember to pack a picnic lunch!

After the zoo, come back to the church for Soup for the Soul; our Lenten discussion series concludes this Sunday with Rev. Parker Cross speaking about hospitality.

Maundy Thursday April 2nd services will be at 7:00pm; please plan to join us for a communion service.

Friday's Prayer Vigil will begin Friday **April 3rd** from 6:00am – 8:00pm.

Saturday, April 4th is the Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00am, and we need volunteers to help out with this event. Can you face paint, put washable tattoos on kids, or maybe do animal balloons? Maybe you can run a location where an egg hunt is taking place? Please let Daniel or Hope know.

Before the egg hunt, get filled up on waffles at the Youth's Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser at 10:00am.

Easter Sunday on **April 5th** will begin at 7:00am with a Sunrise Service outside. Are there any volunteers to bring a breakfast casserole for breakfast after the sunrise serve?

Then we will have our regularly scheduled services at 9:00am and 11:00am (followed by a big sigh of relief and a long nap by me). This is starting to look like a very busy time of year in the life of our church. Is anyone else tired after reading this?

*Blessings to you this Holy Week,
Daniel*



March 28 —Spring Church Clean-Up

March 29—Palm Sunday Services Sunday
Family Day at the Zoo 12:00pm
Soup for the Soul 6:00pm

April 2—Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm

April 3—Prayer Vigil

April 4—Youth Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser 10:00am
Community Easter Egg Hunt 11:00am

April 5—Easter Sunrise Service 7:00am
9:00 Service
11:00 Service

Soup for the Soul

Hospitality has been the theme, and each of our presenters has brought to us a lively discussion on various forms of hospitality and different ways in which we partake in showing hospitality to others. This has been a great event and attendance continually increases. Thank you to Charles and Fellowship Committee for kicking us off the first week with potato soup, Duane Wood for Gumbo, and for Wendy Wilkerson who is providing soup this coming Sunday. I opened the first session by discussing how hospitality can be found throughout the Bible, from the first recorded thing God says is “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden,” to Revelation where the last thing Jesus says is “Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift”.

These statements to freely eat and drink frame the Bible and our need to show hospitality. Dr. Rev. Thomas R. Jewell presented how we can show hospitality at times of death and our need to remember family after the services have ended. Rev. Dick Cayton led us in a discussion of the Good Samaritan and what that might look like today, and who might be the people who turn away, and who might be the Samaritan. Rev. Lura Cayton led us in a discussion of the banquet table, and she compared it to the movie “The Help” which left us wondering about what it means to invite people into our homes. This coming Sunday our Lenten series will conclude with a discussion led by Rev. Parker Cross. Thank you to everyone who has been attending and helping and especially to those who help to clean up. I have greatly enjoyed these gatherings.

—Daniel

Spring Craft Fair Coming Soon!

We will have lots going on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 – 3:00. Our church will be full of booths inside and outside for your shopping pleasure.

Our Youth will be cooking up hot dogs from 11:00 – 2:00 and for dessert we will have Mr. Wood’s Famous Cakes!! 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!!!

PLEASE HELP US ADVERTISE THE WOCC SPRING CRAFT SHOW

If you would like to post a sign in your yard to promote our upcoming Craft Show we will have a table set up after both services on March 29th and again on April 12th for you to pick up a sign. All we ask is that you put your sign out the Sunday before the Show (April 12th) and leave in your yard through Saturday, April 18th. You can return your sign to us on April 19th.

If you can’t put a sign in your yard but want to help in another way, we will have small flyers that you can give to friends, family and co-workers. We will also have signs if you know of a business that would allow us to post information about our show.

We appreciate everyone that can help us promote our show AND Western Oaks Christian Church.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!!!



Prayer Requests

- * Renee Williams, friend of Martha Buchanan, is devastated by cancer diagnosis.
- * Helen Day
- * Joan Stamman, Jan Sills' cousin, has stage 4 colon cancer.
- * Jimmy Sills has a perforated ulcer.
- * 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



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, April 13, at noon.

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.



Children Worship & Wonder Training Event

Date: Fri. April 24, 5:30–9pm
Sat. April 25, 9am–5pm

Location:

Crown Heights Christian Church
4020 N. Western Ave.
Oklahoma City, OK 73118

Cost: \$120 per person

Plus purchase of book *Young Children and Worship*

REGISTER ONLINE:

www.discipleshomemissions.org/shop/cww-2015-okc

DEADLINE: **April 10, 2015** (cost after deadline = \$150)

REGISTER BY PHONE: (317)-713-2641, Jessica Kramer

Date	GIVING	
3/15/15	General	\$7,689.37
	Capital	\$345
3/22/15	General	\$2,897.43
	Capital	\$625

Date	ATTENDANCE	
3/15/15	9:00 AM	55
	11:00 AM	95
3/22/15	9:00 AM	56
	11:00 AM	95

Church Staff

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

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Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor

Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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