

MAY 10, 2016

# Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## Forbid Them Not

When Jesus came to town, everyone wanted to meet him, adults and children alike. You have probably heard about the time when people were bringing their children to be blessed by Jesus and the Disciples yelled, "STOP!" They did not want them to bother Jesus. What was Jesus' response? "Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.'" Matthew 19:14

We have been living this out with Whiz Kids, bringing children to the church for tutoring. Teaching them to read, but we also have an opportunity to teach them about God's love for them. This has been a wonderful program, but the school year is coming to an end. May 16th is the last Monday for Whiz Kids this school year. But rest assured, it will continue in the Fall. Thank you to everyone who has participated.

As Whiz Kids comes to an end for the summer, there will still be opportunities for children to be in the church all summer long! The YMCA will be hosting their summer day camp here at Western Oaks. The director of the Bethany YMCA spoke at the church board meeting in December when it was approved for the YMCA to partner with us to provide a summer camp experience for children in our community. We will have 40-60 children here at the church at various times throughout the summer. The best part is we continue to get opportunities to build relationships with these families and to teach them about God's love. Perhaps the best part is the fact that the YMCA are the ones providing the adult staff to run the program and paying the church a fee to help with utilities and other costs incurred by having an active group in the church.

This group will not interfere with anything else going on in the church. They will primarily be in the Youth room and a couple of the classrooms in the education wing. For the most part, they will be outside playing or going on field trips.

These are wonderful opportunities for us to embrace the children of our community and to continue to be God's loving presence here at Western Oaks Christian Church.

*Shalom,  
Daniel*

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Whiz Kids
- YMCA
- Craft Fair
- Property

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# MAY 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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| <b>11</b> Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm<br>Wednesdays at Western Oaks 6:00pm-8:30pm    | <b>20</b> New Heights Headstart Graduation 9:00am-10:00am                                   |
| <b>13</b> Memorial Service for Charmaine Hipp 2:00pm-3:00pm                           | <b>22</b> Elders Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm<br>VBS Meeting 2:30pm-3:30pm                        |
| <b>15</b> Pentecost / Senior Sunday<br>Children's Picnic @ Rt. 66 Park 12:30pm-2:30pm | <b>23</b> OakBridge Article Due 12:00pm   |
| <b>16</b> Last Whiz Kids (for school year) 3:00pm-5:00pm                              | <b>24</b> Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am<br>Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm |
| <b>17</b> Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm<br>Nita Twyman's Piano Recital 7:00pm-8:00pm    | <b>25</b> Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm<br>Wednesdays at Western Oaks 6:00pm-8:30pm          |
| <b>18</b> Wednesdays at Western Oaks 6:00pm-8:30pm                                    | <b>29</b> Benevolent Sunday   |
| <b>19</b> Rosa McCroskey's Piano Recital 7:00pm-8:00pm                                | <b>30</b> Memorial Day — Church Office Closed   |

## Wednesdays at Western Oaks

	6:30-7:10		7:15-8:00	
<b>5/11</b>	Bell Choir with Ron Manning	Gardening with Jane Maytubby	Baking with Duane Wood	Perfume & Essential Oils with Jill Enevoldsen
<b>5/18</b>	Bell Choir with Ron Manning	Geocaching with Jeff Nevel	Freezer Meal Prep with Kelli Fearing	Perfume & Essential Oils with Jill Enevoldsen
<b>5/25</b>	Bell Choir with Ron Manning	Computers with Seth Nevel	Freezer Meal Prep with Kelli Fearing	Quilting with Martha Buchanan



Let's have a picnic, play and fellowship at Route 66 Park at Lake Overholser. Any families with toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited! We will provide hot dogs, please bring a side or dessert!

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**  
**Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30pm-2:30pm**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

**Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30pm**

We ask everyone involved to please come look at the schedule, and give us a list of the items you need purchased.



## Property Update

We are looking for a volunteer to maintain the 2 small beds in front of the entrance to the Sanctuary. This job would only require keeping the area free of weeds once or twice a month. Please contact Jane Maytubby or Jack Graham if this need speaks to you.

*Jane Maytubby, Property Co-Chair*

## Time to Worship

There are many ways that different people find meaning during worship. For some, a meditative moment can be as sacred as communion, while for others the music pulls at the heart strings. According to one guest we have had, something that sets us apart and makes Western Oaks unique is the fact that the majority sit for the postlude, enjoying the music as worship comes to a close. However, a suggestion was made in worship that some people are confused if they are supposed to remain seated during the postlude or if this is the time to leave. The correct answer in this scenario is to do whatever makes you comfortable. Many visitors like to be the first out the door and so this offers them that opportunity, while others may enjoy the talents of our musicians. It is perfectly acceptable to get up and exit during the postlude, just please do it in a respectful manner as to not distract from those who desire to remain in their seat enjoying the music.

*—Worship Committee*

# The Gauntlet Has Been Thrown!

There has been an anonymous supporter of the Youth Mission Trip to Heifer Ranch who has made an awesome and inspiring challenge to the good people of Western Oaks Christian Church. He or she has stated if the church, as a whole, can raise \$5,000, then the anonymous donor will **MATCH** that contribution. So, bring your coins, spare change, and loose cash! Every little bit helps and all children, youth, and adults are invited to this challenge.



## Trip of Lifetime

Well, as many of you already know, I had an amazing vacation to Japan a few weeks ago. To tell you the truth, it almost seems like a dream, because I'm back to my regular schedule and normal life. But, I love looking back at all our photos. (We took over 1,400 pictures!!) It reminds me that I really did that, saw that, experienced that.... We usually have really bad luck when we take trips (such as food poisoning, rainstorms on the beach, traffic and close-call wrecks). We kept saying to each other, "Oh! *This* is what a vacation is supposed to be!" Lots of relaxing, fun excursions, and awe-inspiring views. We visited Tokyo, Mt. Fuji, Kyoto, Osaka, Nara, and so much in between! I couldn't get over the scenery; I felt like a fairy in a forest, and there are mountains everywhere you go! It seemed like we went 100mph every single day to see and do everything, but it was totally worth it. I wanted to go somewhere completely different from home, and Japan really is like a new world with its language, landscapes, pop culture, societal norms, etc. I have already told my husband that I'm ready to go back to Japan! We had the BEST vacation ever!!

—Janey Merry







# Successful Craft Fair

“THANKS” really doesn’t seem adequate for all the help we had at this year’s Craft Fair. There were so many involved: from signing up for Booth Space – Posting Signs – Inviting Friends – helping with set-up (Youth and Rocky) – Advertising in your stores – Passing out flyers – Serving Lunch -- Baking Cakes and Pies and supporting our 50+ venders with your purchases! It certainly is our WOCC family that makes this successful, and the committee does appreciate your participation. The venders tell us how much fun it is to participate at WOCC because of all the nice people.

A portion of our funds purchased 6 new card tables (with locking legs so they won’t fall down) as well as giving financial support to several church committees. Thanks to Dick Cayton for the cookbook door prizes and Linda Gervais for the colorful balloons.

We were subject to a surprise visit from the Health Department and Kelli had him eating out of her hand; we ended up with a “A+” rating. Awesome!

Last, but certainly not least, we say THANKS to Lawrence for his steady support of the Craft Fair... before, during and after! And to our Youth for their extra efforts.

## 2016 CRAFT FAIR COMMITTEE

Marilyn Chalk, Jodie Conner, Sandra Cook, Kelli Fearing (Chairman),  
Charlene Majetic and Fern Melton

# Prayer Requests

- \* Hald Dawes had surgery this week at Mercy.
- \* Tina Bayliff’s grandma, Ann, lives alone in Florida & was in the hospital.
- \* Molly Radford, family member of Tricia Spencer, died from complications of multiple Myeloma.
- \* Bob Humphrey had a minor heart attack; will be in rehab.
- \* Bill Lassiter, John Lassiter’s son, had a stroke; he’s paralyzed but has had some movement on the right side.
- \* Sebastian Digby’s mother, Earlene Dearreal, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.
- \* Noland Harvey, T.J. Johnson’s brother-in-law, has an unknown infection causing heart problems.
- \* Lori Slentz, Kelli Fearing’s sister, is in the hospital for a blood clot in her leg & lung.
- \* Carolyn Jenkins, friend of the Griffins
- \* Bob Humphrey’s sister, Mary Jane
- \* Larry Digby, Martha Buchanan’s son, is out of mental health hospital with medication.
- \* April Gregory, the Wilkersons’ friend, is going through chemo.
- \* Heather Keaton, Christine Wagner’s friend, for recovery from brain cancer surgery.
- \* Danny O’Kert, Cynthia Hill’s son
- \* Dorleen Gosnell, Cythnia Hill’s mom
- \* David Dixon, the Goodners’ friend, will continue dialysis.
- \* Lloyd Gosnell, Cynthia Hill’s cousin, has cancer.
- \* Joan Stamman, Jan Sills’ cousin, has colon cancer.
- \* Dick & Lura Cayton
- \* Danny Cartmill, Marlene Word’s nephew, has pancreatic cancer.
- \* Lou O’Brien



Mrs. Cook's Sunday School Class & the poster they created.



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **May 23, at noon**

*Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.*

## Gratitude is our Attitude

“Thank you, God, for our Regional Assembly focusing on Missions and how we can each serve as Christ showed us in Matthew 25.”

—Tom Russell

“Thank you, God, for your many examples of MOTHER LOVE shared with us daily!”

—Tom Russell

“Rev. Bill Shaw is 90 years old, and we celebrated his long years of service on May 1st. Praise God!”

—Tom Russell

Date	ATTENDANCE	
5/1/16	9:00 AM	45
	11:00 AM	84
5/8/16	9:00 AM	52
	11:00 AM	98

Date	GIVING	
5/1/16	General	\$10,630
	Blessing Fund	\$645
5/8/16	General	\$5,921
	Blessing Fund	\$440.50

## Church Staff

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

Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett — Associate Minister (Julia@woccdoc.org)

Hope Lairson — Interim Youth Director

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

Dr. Ronald Manning — Music Director (ronald\_manning@att.net)

Rosa McCroskey — Pianist

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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