

MAY 12, 2015

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Stress
- New Pianist
- Baseball
- Donations
- Celebrations

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Rocket Ship Underpants

One of my great heroes in life is found in the comics by Bill Watterson. Last week, I was reminded of the comic strip when everything goes wrong for Calvin and at the end of the day he says to Hobbes, "You know, Hobbes, some days even my lucky rocket ship underpants don't help." But no matter how stressed-out we get, if our days are filled with storms, or it's a Murphy's Law kind of day (and our lucky rocket ship underpants just don't help), we can remember everything is going to work out for the good. Especially if we take a quiet moment to be with God.

I think the Personnel and Audition Committees felt like they needed some luck rocket ship underpants or something while searching for a pianist to fill the vacancy of accompanist. They worked long and hard to find the best person who could fill that role. After a few wrinkles in the process, we have hired the talented Rosa McCroskey to tickle the ivories for us. She has agreed to be our new accompanist beginning the week of May 18th and her first Sunday with us will be May the 24th. We are grateful for Jan Hulseley who has graciously filled in the Sundays during our search. Please take a moment to express that appreciation on Sunday May 17th.

In other Personnel news: the Personnel Committee has been accepting search and call profiles of candidates for Associate Minister. They continue to sort through these profiles seeking the right person to fill that spot. This can be a long process to find just the right person to join our ministry team. Please keep the Personnel Committee in your prayers that the right person will come along.

This week, take a moment to relax, take a moment to play, but most importantly take a moment to laugh and be with God. Now, where did I put that Calvin and Hobbes book...

Shalom,
Daniel

Welcome, Rosa!

Please make our new pianist feel at home at WOCC.

Rosa McCroskey: Bethany resident, member of Bethany First Church of the Nazarene, retired missionary of Indonesia... Come by and get to know our newest staff member!





MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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13th Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

Caring & Sharing Eat Out 5:00pm-6:00pm

14th Suicide Prevention Training 9:00am-5:00pm

Book Study @ Daniel's House 7:00pm-8:00pm

16th Hope's Graduation Party 3:00pm-5:00pm

17th Senior Sunday

Jan Hulsey's Piano Recital 2:00pm-4:00pm

Caring & Sharing Meeting 4:00pm-5:00pm

18th Nita Twyman's Recital Rehearsal 4:00pm-7:00pm

28th Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

Worship Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

19th Personnel Meeting 6:00pm-7:00pm

Nita Twyman's Piano Recital 6:30pm-8:30pm

Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

21st Book Study @ Daniel's House 7:00pm-8:00pm

24th Board Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

Wedding Shower for Tyler Bradley & Caitlynn Douglas 2:00pm-3:30pm

25th Memorial Day —church office closed

26th Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

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

Caring & Sharing Eat Out 5:00pm-6:00pm

28th Book Study @ Daniel's House 7:00pm-8:00pm

Gratitude is our Attitude

"Thank you to all who helped with the Chain Reaction Bicycle Rally." —Tom Russell

"Congrats! Hope Lairson graduated on May 9, 2015 from Oklahoma City University Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts. Thank you Western Oaks Christian Church Family for being a major contributing factor in the life of Hope. It takes a village to raise a child. I think we did a good job!!!" —Steve and Faith Lairson



**Join Western Oaks for an
all-church event at the
Bricktown Ballpark for a
Dodgers Baseball Game
on Saturday, May 30th at
7:05pm**

Tickets: \$14/person

See Hope for ticket info.



YOUTH SOUNDBITE

Today, I am celebrating many things. First, I am celebrating with the youth who planned and participated in Youth Sunday. I am so proud of the work they put into creating and leading such a meaningful worship service for the entire congregation. A big “thank you” goes out to those who came to support us and congratulating us on a job well done. The words of encouragement have been such a help to the youth who are embarking on their spiritual journey. Knowing that this church is here to encourage them during their time of growth, is imperative for their development.

At this time of celebration, we are also recognizing those who are graduating. Graduation is an impressive milestone in life; let us take the time to congratulate those who have accomplished this achievement. Let us also remind these graduates of their importance in the life of the church. For without these young individuals, we would not continue our ministry to the following generations. These individuals also need to recognize their duty to continue the ministry of this congregation into the world and the generations after them. It is the obligation of us all to continue to serve the generation behind us, just as those ahead of us cared for us. Let us answer our calls to ministry during this time of celebration.

Upcoming Events:

May 17th- ROCK Sunday Youth 5:00pm—7:00pm

May 24th- ROCK Sunday Youth 5:00pm—7:00pm

May 31st- ALL CHURCH OUTING TO BASEBALL GAME
(see Hope for tickets)

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson*

Disciples in History

One of the original driving forces behind the popularity of the Stone-Campbell movement was the focus on unity. The idea of unity was to bring Christians together despite denominational ties and to overcome the differences that we allow to become barriers between believers. In the early 1900's, the church seemed to lose sight of this goal until a voice was lifted up in 1910 by a 43 year-old minister acting as president of what we now call the General Assembly. Peter Ainslie III spoke of our loss of vision of a united church, and through this assembly the Council on Christian Unity was created to maintain the ecumenical vision of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Through his leadership and the work of the Council on Christian Unity (CCU), dialogues and partnerships would develop with the Episcopal and Presbyterian churches, as well as reaching other denominations and building relations with other groups.

Dr. Ainslie was a voice for justice in a way that brought not only people together but entire denominations together to be a proponent for a way to show how we all love kindness. He is an example to others to set differences aside for the sake of unity, so we can all join in the walk of humbleness before God.



Peter Ainslie III

Prayer Requests

- * Beverly Parker had a hip replaced.
- * LaRue Ingram is still having a lot of back pain.
- * Eric Lasseter, Mike & Karen Starr's son-in-law, has stage 4 melanoma.
- * Terrye Metscher, Cathy Routon's cousin, has advanced lung, liver, & rectal cancer; pray for comfort.
- * Chris Hedrick's grandson, Tate Davis, was born blue & has many problems.
- * The people of Nepal
- * Sharon Roemer, Martha Buchanan's friend in California, has been diagnosed with multiple cancers.
- * Lloyd Gosnell, Cynthia Hill's cousin, has cancer.
- * Paul Gosnell, Cynthia Hill's cousin, had surgery.
- * Renee Williams, friend of Martha Buchanan, is devastated by cancer diagnosis.
- * 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
- * Michael Mercy, nephew of Bill & Suzanne Parker, is battling cancer.
- * Dick & Lura Cayton
- * 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'Brien

VBS Donations Needed

Items needed to provide dinner for 5 nights:

8 large boxes strawberry jello	4 cans vanilla icing	100 jello fruit cups
10 loaves sandwich bread	2 large bags of mini carrots*	6 industrial-size cans pork & beans
1 large jar strawberry jelly	3 bottles of Ranch dressing	3 large sacks of tossed salad mix*
1 jar smooth peanut butter	5 boxes of cherry jello	2 boxes margarine sticks
3 boxes Cheerio-style cereal	100 corn dogs* (30/\$9.98)	
6 boxes fish-shaped crackers	100 wieners* (60/\$20)	<i>*suggested to buy at Sam's</i>
100 snack-size plastic bags	2 boxes of individual plain potato	
2 boxes gallon-size storage bags	chips* (box of 50/\$11)	
4 cans chocolate icing	100 slices of cheese*	

You are not asked to donate the full number requested. You may donate the amount of your choosing. You may call Marlene Word (#789-6126) or sign-up at the poster on Sunday mornings. Bible school begins on June 7th. These items will be needed the week before unless perishable. Thank you for your help!

Upcoming Celebrations



PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
the graduation of HOPE LAIRSON
 Saturday May 16th 3-5 pm
 Western Oaks Christian Church
 RSVP: HALAIRSON@MY.OKCU.EDU



Please join us on **Sunday, May 24** for a Wedding Shower for Tyler Bradley and Caitlynn Douglas. Tyler is presently serving in the military in Arizona, and Caitlynn is graduating from PCW. They will be married on May 17, but they'll return from a short Honeymoon in time for the shower. Although Tyler has been away serving our nation, he has not been forgotten. Let's welcome Caitlynn to the WOCC family and friends.

Come & Go 2:00—3:30. They are registered at Target.

Hosted by: Pat Brown, Gay Teter, Andrea Teter, Jenna Droke, Jordan Thomas, & Sandra Cook

Kid's Page TOO



Vacation Bible School

Put your faith in action at
Vacation Bible School
 June 7-11, 5:45-8:30
 Register online at
www.woccdoc.org



What is May?

May 4th is Star Wars Day.

("May the 4th be with you.")

May 10th is National Clean Your Room Day!

May is National Bike Month & National Hamburger Month.

What is the shortest month?
 (May, because it has only 3 letters!)

What is a frog's favorite year?
 (Leap year!)

Why is a tree like a big dog?
 (They both have lot of bark!)

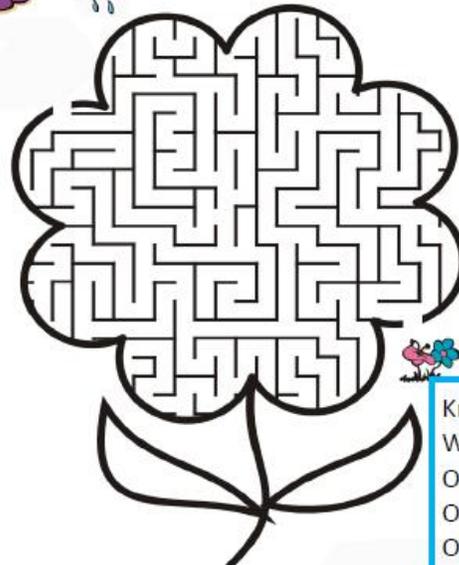
Checkers Cheetah's Word Search

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ACT	ACTION	BIKE	CARE
DISCIPLES	FAITH	FOLLOW	FRIENDS
FUEL	FUN	GOD	GOOD
HEAL	HELP	JESUS	JUSTICE
KINDNESS	MOVE	RUN	SHARE
SPORTS	VELOCITY		



April Showers Bring May Flowers



Knock Knock!
 Who's there?
 Olive.
 Olive who?
 Olive you.



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **June 1, at noon** (due to Memorial Day)

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.



Attention WOCC Members!!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please see the poster at church to sign up to donate.

- 1/2" styrofoam sheets**
- 15 oz vegetable cans** (*empty, no rust seal*)
- blindfolds** (*or scarfs to make blindfolds*)
- skates, skateboards & bicycles** (*to be returned after VBS*)
- duct tape — assorted colors**
- glue sticks**
- ball point pens** (*old*)
- bath towels** (*old*)
- potting soil**
- gravel/rocks** (*small*)

Volunteers: loving, caring, attentive, adults for escorting children

Food: some food items will be needed & a list can be found on page 5

Questions?? call Lacinda # 831-7288
 or email: lacindag@att.net
Watch for more items to be announced.



Date	GIVING	
5/3/15	General	\$8,070.85
	Capital	\$1,085
5/10/15	General	\$7,242
	Capital	\$360

Date	ATTENDANCE	
5/3/15	9:00 AM	40
	11:00 AM	82
5/10/15	9:00 AM	47
	11:00 AM	107



Attention **CHILDREN & YOUTH!!!**

Plan **NOW** to attend

WOCC VBS *G-Force Adventure Park!*

June 7th—11th, 5:45pm—8:30pm
& June 14th, 11:00am

Don't miss out—sign up **TODAY** at
<http://woccdoc.org/announcements.html> Look for 'VBS'.

It's a place to learn New Music, Stories, Crafts,
Energizing Games, Science & Learning how to
Move! Act! Care! Share! Follow!



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Attention **ADULTS**

Something special for **YOU!!**

An adult study of 5 well-known Bible passages with a VBS flair. Bring your Bibles and let's have some fun!

Don't miss out—sign up **TODAY** at

<http://woccdoc.org/announcements.html>

Look for 'VBS'.

«City»

«Address»

«Name»

Western Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
8100 NW 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73127

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