



From the Chair's Perspective:

by Robert Frantz, Chair of the Congregation

This is an exciting time at WOCC, with new staff coming on board, with new programs being added, and with new members joining often. God has certainly blessed our Church and our outreach to the community. Pastor Regan has graciously allowed me to use his space in this issue of the Oakbridge to bring a financial trend to the attention of the Congregation. Many members have asked for some sort of early notification when negative financial trends may be developing, so that's what this article is meant to be.

For the last several months, our pledged income has not met projections by several percentage points. Our budget for primary income is broken into three categories: (a) Pledged Income, (b) Unpledged Income, and (c) Loose Offerings, with secondary income from interest earnings, building use fees, rent of the land for the commercial billboard, etc. Pledged income makes up 85% of our projected annual income.

For the first four months of the year (January through April) our shortfall of pledged income is 14%. Loose offerings are running about 11% below our estimate for this same period, but, there is a bright spot -- unpledged giving is running about 16% above our estimate. Expenses are running slightly higher than projected, at

about 3% over our estimate for this period, leaving the income-to-expenses gap at about 12%. The net result is that the extra receipts in the unpledged giving category offsets some, but not all, of the shortfall in the pledges and the loose offerings, putting us at a net 9% below expected income over expenses. Exact dollar figures can be found in the latest financial report which is available in the clear plastic wall pockets in the hallway to the right of the Choir Room door.

Normally, this type of pattern appears during the summer months, but usually income recovers in the fall months. However, since this is appearing earlier than the summer, the Administration Committee thought it would be prudent to bring this to the attention of the congregation.

I would like to ask all members and friends of the church to review their pledge and their giving history. If anyone needs to update their pledge to reflect a change in a commitment, please contact Ken Whitt, our Treasurer, so that we can adjust our budgetary expectations and increase our cost control measures. All changes will be kept confidential, and no explanation is necessary, of course, because pledges are always estimates only.

For the next few months, Rev. Regan and the rest of the church staff will continue their current cost-cutting efforts, and the Administration Committee will continue to look for ways to reduce spending in other areas, as well. We are a congregation that has many blessings, and careful, deliberate stewardship is one of our strongest traditions.

Among Our Own

by Deana Smith, Membership

Congratulations to our high school graduates: Sarah Branch, Robert Early, Dalen Enevoldsen and Ben Frantz. Also to Tom Hudson who graduated from OSU with degrees in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and to Vonda Baranski who has completed her Masters Degree in Education from UCO, and to Kristina Brasher who received her M.B.A.

Congratulations to Jay and Heather Burke in the birth of their son, Daniel Aaron, born May 7, 2010. Dan and Karen Burke are the proud grandparents and Verona Burke is the very proud great grandmother. He joins siblings Michele and Charles.



We extend our sympathy to the following families:

To Marci Coppedge and her family in the death of John Coppedge. His service was held at Guardian West Funeral Home on Monday, May 17.

To Joe Mercer and family in the death of Jane Mercer. Pastor John conducted her service on Wednesday, May 19 at 10:00 am at Mercer-Adams Funeral Home.

To Edaline Cramer and family in the death of Bob Cramer. Pastor John conducted his service on Thursday, May 20 at 10:30 am at the church.

To Larry, Judi, and Mason McDown in the death of Larry's father Verlon McDown. His service was held on May 10th in Del City.

To Eunice and John Lassiter in the death of Eunice's sister, Mildred Wilson. Her service was held in Bolivar, MO, on May 12.

Happy 90th Birthday, Charlie Gilland

by Deana Smith, Membership



On May 25, 1920 Charles Gilland was born in the small farming community of Gentry, MO. He was the oldest of four children born to this family. He remembers playing softball and basketball as a young child. That was where his interest in sports began. He attended Gentry High School for two years and then moved on to Albany High School where he graduated in 1938. Albany was just down the road a few miles. It was in high school where he met Aladine.

He knew she was “the one” right from the beginning of their friendship. Aladine had a cousin who was a science teacher. Charlie remembers one of the assignments was to listen to a St. Louis Cardinals Baseball game and they were tested about what they had heard. Now that is some science class! He and Aladine were married Oct. 29, 1939 at her grandmother’s house.

After Charlene was born in Grant City, MO, Charlie and Aladine moved to Denver, CO to be with his brother who was ill. While there he drove a taxi and then drove trucks for a living. Charles and Aladine moved to Wichita, KS in 1943 following Aladine’s dad. They both worked in the aircraft industry. He went to work for Beechcraft and was there until he was drafted into the army, where he spent three years.

After the service Charlie worked for Garnett Auto Supply Store in Wichita, KS for 12 years. They were attending the First Christian Church in Wichita and one Sunday morning in 1951 he and Charlene were baptized together. That was a memorable day. They moved within the city and later were members of University Christian Church. There were many enjoyable Jayhawks sporting events. It didn’t matter if it was basketball or baseball games!

They moved to Kansas City, MO, where Charlie was one of the top salesmen of auto parts. They attended Countryside Christian Church and were members there for 23 years. He and his wife were members of the Antioch Sunday School Class.

Aladine died in 1998 and after the house was sold he moved to Bethany, to be with Dave and Charlene and their family. This is when he joined Western Oaks Christian Church, when Rev. Mike Omundson was the senior pastor. He got involved in bowling and remembers quite a day when he bowled a 214 game. It was also good to be able to spend time with the grandchildren and be there for sports events, graduations and weddings.

In 2005 the family moved to Yukon. They were there only a few months when Dave passed away. That was a sad day for the family, as well as the membership of WOCC. Charlie is still bowling and averaging 93 these days. One recent week he was awarded the Bowler of the Week Award with a 159 game. He follows all OU games and really enjoys Thunder Basketball. He tunes into “The Price is Right” and “Let’s Make a Deal,” to see if the contestants know what they are doing. He enjoys being a part of our church and a member of Rejoice and Serve Sunday School Class. Your church family says- Happy 90th Birthday Charlie. His birthday cake will be on the coffee fellowship table May 23rd. Come and wish him Happy Birthday in person.

Children & Youth News

by Rev. Ursula Lichtenberger, Associate Minister



WILD WEDNESDAYS

Dear Parents,

This summer, our youth and children's ministries have planed some great activities. Thanks to our church bus, we are free to go places as a group!! Activities for children or youth will take place on Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and will include lunch.

- 6/09/10 Children will sing at Emerald Square Assisted Living and go to McDonalds for lunch and playtime
- 6/16/10 Youth will go to Putt Putt Golf
- 6/23/10 Youth will go Bowling
- 6/30/10 No Wild Wednesday Activity due to CYF and Junior Camps
- 7/07/10 Children will have lunch at Pizza Inn and go to Splash Zone
- 7/14/10 Youth will eat pizza and watch a movie at WOCC
- 7/21/10 No Wild Wednesday Activity due to Vacation Bible School
- 7/28/10 Children will have a picnic and play at the WOCC play ground

If you would like your youth or children to attend, please have them at church by 11:15 a.m. each Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Service to Your Children and Youth,

Rev. Ursula Lichtenberger
Associate Minister

CWF News

by Danet Trivette

Summer Schedule - Quilters will meet during the summer on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Knoy. The next business meeting will be September 14th.

Something New Is Coming - A *Craft Making Day* is being planned for some of these Tuesdays. Marlene Word is heading this up. More information will be forthcoming in the Oakbridge.

Cookbook - The cookbooks should be ready to sell by mid-to-late summer. A limited number of books are being printed. To reserve yours early, we have placed *advance reservation order slips* at both entrances of the church. Drop filled out forms in the collection plate or turn them into the office.

May Meeting - Jenna announced that to-date we have sent 58 quilts and pillows to hospice and to Jesus House. She also announced her retirement as CWF president. We appreciate ALL she has done in her tenure to lead and guide us. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to her from all of us.

New Slate of Officers: Sue Gordon, President
Betty Sessions, Secretary
Danet Trivette, Treasurer
Nancy Knoy, Service Chairman

A thank you also goes to Sue Gordon who gave us a devotional on "Prayer," Psalms 71 taken from the Upper Room daily devotional booklet.

Coffee Fellowship - On the first Sunday of each month we will continue hosting Coffee Fellowship after the 11:00 a.m. service.

Fun, Fellowship Potato Jewelry

by Marlene Word

Tuesday, June 1st we will meet in room 112-113 and begin the process of turning potatoes into jewelry. Come to either the 10:00 a.m. class or the 7:00 p.m. class, whichever is most convenient for you.

Supplies you must bring for the first lesson:

- potatoes
- a sharp knife
- a potato peeler
- 2 wire coat hangers

We will prepare the potatoes and allow them to dry for two weeks. Then, we will meet a second time to finish making the jewelry. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Word at 789-6126.

CMF News

by John Trivette

On **Saturday, June 5, at 7:30 a.m.** the WOCC Christian Men's Fellowship (CM F) will meet for breakfast at the Olde Orchard Restaurant, 7339 N.W. 23rd St.

All church men are invited. Bring a guest! For more information about CMF contact Vernon Cook at 840-5758 or myself at 782-0994. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please note: We will **not** meet in July, August, or September due to holidays and summer vacations.



Fellowship Dinner

by Sandra Cook & Fern Melton, Co-Chairs

The Fellowship Committee will **NOT** be hosting a dinner in May – due to all the school activities it was decided to cancel any plans.

BUT, we will be having a Fellowship Dinner on June 27 (Sunday) at 6:00 p.m. in Schwind Hall.

PIES, PIES and MORE PIES!!

The Fellowship Committee will furnish a big salad for the Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, JUNE 27 at 6:00 . Now, all you need to do is bring a PIE. That can be:

Pizza Pie, Chicken Pot Pie, Frito Chili Pie, Cottage Pie, Beef Pot Pie, Sheppard's Pie, Savory Pie, Steak and Kidney Pie, Hominy Pie, Soufflé Pie, Cheeseburger Pie, Quiche Pie ...or a delicious Dessert Pie (single or double crust) of your choosing.

Let's see how creative our friends can be with unusual Pies.

Please join us for the last event for this Fellowship Committee.

Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

by Tom Russell

Please gather a couple of friends and volunteer at the Regional Food Bank. If you can't find anyone to go with you, you will find friendly folks helping that you can work with at the food bank. They have various levels of tasks, some are just loading boxes with food items in an assembly line fashion. It isn't all heavy physical work. When you volunteer God blesses you in ways you can't imagine.

Regional Food Bank location: 3355 S Purdue in OKC, near Will Rogers Airport (just off SW 36th and MacArthur)

For more information, or to schedule a volunteer time, contact:
Jamie Treadaway, Volunteer Recruiter (405-600-3154)

Caring and Sharing
by Betty Sessions



May's Regular Meeting (Last Sunday of each month)

Sunday, May 23, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m. Room 117

Speaker: Julie Williams, Good Shepherd Hospice

Prayer Chain: Call Dorothy Uhl - 942-4836 (requests for special prayers other than the Elders Prayers and prayer concerns listed in the bulletins and Oakbridge)

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you who sent cards and well wishes to us during the passing of Mason's grandpa McDown. Also thank you to our family members and Lyeal and Jean for your support. It was such a blessing to have your prayers sent our way.

Larry and Judi McDown and Mason McDown

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & TITHES / OFFERINGS

May 9 Contemporary Service	92	General Fund	\$ 4,721
Traditional Service	<u>165</u>	Capital Fund	432
	257		
 May 16 Contemporary Service	 51	General Fund	\$ 6,112
Traditional Service	<u>101</u>	Capital Fund	440
	152		

PRAYER CONCERNS:

John Coppedge family; **Bob Cramer** family; **Josephine Everett**;
Jane Mercer family; **Shirlee Ruedy** family; **Wilmoth Thomas**

Those serving our Country: **Cody North** (son of Ian & Teresa Jones); **Jonathan Mai** (friends of the Wilkerson family), **Phillip Ferguson** (Bob/Dorothy Ferguson's grandson); **Becky Chown** (John Lassiter's granddaughter) Peace Corps -Central South Africa;
Heather Tolle, US Air Force, Qatar (Bonnie Bailey's niece)

(Please notify the church office with any changes.)