

MAY 24, 2016

# Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## New Member at WOCC

Please join me in welcoming our newest member, McKenzie Taylor, who confessed her faith, was baptized, and joined the church on May 22, 2016.

McKenzie was raised in Oklahoma City, and she has one sister. She graduated PC original in 2011, but spent one of her high school years at Harding Fine Arts Academy. She has two daughters who are also pictured. Brayleigh Taylor is six years old and goes to Coronado Heights Elementary School. She is a real "diva," her mom jokes, and she likes cooking and helping around the house. Teagan Taylor will be four years old next month, and she will begin Pre-K at Coronado Heights in the fall. Teagan loves the outdoors and pretty much embraces the dirt.

Also in the fall, McKenzie will begin a two-year program in Police Science at OSU-OKC, and she wants to use that training to begin working in crime scene investigations. She is presently working at a printer and toner store, but she will begin a job at a restoration company once school starts.

As a child, McKenzie attended Cherokee Hills Baptist Church, and as an adult she has attended several different churches of all denominations. However, once our own Tina Bayliff invited her to Western Oaks, she knew this was her place. We are thankful to Tina and delighted for McKenzie that she found her church home here.

McKenzie likes Bell Choir to which she was introduced at Wednesdays at WOCC. She also likes cooking, and wants to attend one of the cooking classes offered here on Wednesdays. Her girls attended a fishing seminar as well as a building seminar at Wednesdays at WOCC. They all enjoy the worship service.

McKenzie's hobbies are fishing and camping. She also likes anything having to do with art, photography, and music appreciation.

*Again, please welcome this fine young family to our congregation.*

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*Welcome to  
WOCC!*

## MAY 2016

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
29	30	31				

**24** Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

**25** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

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

Wednesdays at Western Oaks 6:00pm-8:30pm

**29** Benevolent Sunday

**30** Memorial Day — Church Office Closed

## Prayer Requests

- \* As the election approaches, let us remember that "God Knows & God Shows".
- \* Andrew Mitchell, Tobi Frank's nephew, is 1 year old & has been diagnosed with kidney failure among other health issues.
- \* Hald Dawes is back at Mercy Hospital.
- \* 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.
- \* Carolyn Jenkins, friend of the Griffins
- \* Larry Digby, Martha Buchanan's son, is out of mental health hospital with medication.
- \* 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

### Articles for the next

**OakBridge will be due**

**Monday, June 6, at noon.**

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

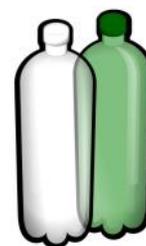
Date	ATTENDANCE	
5/15/16	9:00 AM	40
	11:00 AM	93
5/22/16	9:00 AM	47
	11:00 AM	89

Date	GIVING	
5/15/16	General	\$6,024
	Blessing Fund	\$720
5/22/16	General	\$2,072.53
	Blessing Fund	\$252.50

# Children Ministries

## CALLING ALL RECYCLERS

We need 16oz plastic water bottles or plastic pop containers for some awesome science projects at VBS. There will be a large box by the office for the plastic containers. We need around 100! How much water can you drink??!!



## Potluck Dinner



The Education Committee and Vacation Bible School Leaders would like to invite you to a Potluck Dinner Sunday, June 5th, at 6:00pm in Schwind Hall. Bring two of your favorite dishes and come see our world-renowned dancers!!

We will also have a “wishing tree” where you can donate money for the food we wish to serve during Vacation Bible School.

# Clergy Discussion Group

A Rabbi, a priest, an Imam, and I walk into...it sounds like the beginning of a bad religious joke but it is not, I assure you, a joke. This last week, I hosted the first meeting of what I am hoping will be a long-lived opportunity for clergy to gather and get to know one another better. This monthly “Clergy Discussion Group” will meet every third Wednesday for lunch bringing together clergy from many denominations and faith backgrounds.

While I was in Tulsa, I enjoyed a similar lunch hosted by Rabbi Sherman at Temple Israel. It was a place where clergy could openly discuss issues and find support and direction from colleagues. It was also an interfaith and ecumenical group that helped people better understand differences while also learning just how similar we all are. However, when I arrived in OKC, I met with Rabbi Harris and discovered there was no such thing going on down here. Sure, there was the Oklahoma Conference of Churches, but nothing without an agenda. So Rabbi Harris and I joined together to create our own clergy discussion group here in OKC. A group with no agenda other than to break bread together, learn from one another, and build relationships.

For our first meeting, we invited clergy from each of the mainline denominations in the area and some other faith traditions. We had ten people at our first meeting which I thought was a great turn out. We already had a good lesson in being sensitive to one another since we are meeting at Temple B’Nai Israel for lunch, and the lunches were delivered with ham added to the salads. This created a dilemma for dietary restrictions in a Jewish synagogue. We had a great discussion regarding the seeds we each hope to plant for the generations to come. Some were amazed that the story I chose to initiate the discussion crossed so many cultural boundaries and each of us could relate.

I wanted to share my excitement with you that I was able to start this event for the clergy of central Oklahoma.

*Shalom,  
Daniel*

# Gratitude is our Attitude

“Thank you, God, for bicycles on this ‘Bicycle to Church’ Sunday. We get exercise, fresh air, freedom and friends.” —Tom Russell

## Church Staff

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