

JUNE 7, 2016

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

YMCA Day Camp in Full Swing

The new YMCA camp has started, and the church is bustling with children. The first week we had 75 children at "Camp Oaks" plus adults. Add to this the parents coming in to drop off their children for the camp and we are having over 150 people coming through our doors every day. If you come up here during the day you might be surprised at the number of children and the activities going on. The playground is full, the children are in the yard playing Red Rover and other games. Children are playing basketball and a variety of other games and activities here.

The counselors have their hands full with these kids. They are all good kids, but there are those who will test limits. They are working on establishing the rules and expected behaviors. I have been impressed with the patience I have seen some of these instructors lovingly demonstrate. Whenever we have increased use, there will be an increase in wear and tear. However, the YMCA wants to work with us and I view this as a symbiotic relationship. In fact, today, Don Strain, the Executive Director of the Bethany YMCA stopped by and noticed the net on the basketball goal was looking worn, so he sent over a couple of guys to replace the net.



Yes, we will have little fingerprints. We will have chalk on sidewalks. We will have laughter, giggles, chattering voices and the occasional crying.

But most importantly, we will have welcomed children into our building. Let us do our best to welcome them.

But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14 (NRSV)

Shalom,
Daniel

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- YMCA
- VBS
- Cleaning
- Caring & Sharing

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Schedule of Events

- 8** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ Boomerang 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 11** Central Oklahoma Geocachers 11:00am-1:00pm
- 12** Congregational Meeting 9:55am & 11:55am
Baby Shower for Ashley McConnell 10:00am & 12:00pm
- 19** Father's Day
Caring & Sharing Meeting @ WOCC 4:00pm-5:00pm
- 20** OakBridge Articles Due 12:00pm
- 21** Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am
Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 22** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ San Marcos 5:00pm-6:00pm
- 26** Cabinet Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm
- 30** Lifeline Screening 9:00am-3:00pm

VBS supplies needed!!

We are gearing up for Vacation Bible School and Stephanie U'Ren (who is in charge of crafts) and Tobi Frank (who is in charge of science) are in need of some supplies. If you would like to donate any of the supplies, please bring them by the church office and leave them in the VBS box.

Crafts Supplies needed:

Sea shell beads	Water color paper	
Beads (all colors)	Sidewalk chalk	
Bead string	Small shells	
Re-sealable sandwich bags	Baker's twine or yarn	Elmer's glue
Permanent markers	Jumbo craft sticks	Jingle Bells
Tissue paper (variety of colors)	Regular craft sticks	Colored paperclips
Ribbon (any color)	Googly eyes	Contact paper
Stickers	Pipe cleaners – red, orange, green, blue	
Painters tape	Shaving Cream	
Food Coloring (neon colors)	Cardstock	
Paper plates	Toothpicks	
Air drying clay	Wax paper	
Flat-backed glass beads (vase filler)	Tacky glue	
Any color	Keychain rings	
Plastic straws	Plastic Solo cups	

Science Supplies needed:

Baby food jars	Carbonated water (4-6 large bottles)
Small seashells	Small paper cups
Sand	Stevia (small box)
Food coloring	150 balloons
Vinegar (large container)	Baking soda (2 boxes)
Vegetable oil (6 bottles)	



Thanks to all who came and shared in our pot luck dinner! The food and fellowship were wonderful. As you can see, we had some extraordinary dancers!! It was all for a great cause – Vacation Bible School at WOCC! Donations are still needed. Please take an envelope from the VBS Board in order to donate food items or money to cover the items purchase. Please see Marlene Word for more information.



Cleanliness Is Close to Godliness

You may have heard this phrase a time or two, and it sounds very biblical. The only problem is that it is not a verse from the Bible. However, John Wesley of whom the Methodist Church is attributed to, did say something along these lines in a sermon, and people were listening that day because it is still tossed around today. Wrote Wesley: "Slovenliness is no part of religion. Cleanliness is indeed next to Godliness." Now, if someone starts tweeting excerpts of my sermons or posting them to Facebook, make sure you get the best ones and be sure to keep them in the intended context.

Today, I found myself getting closer to God through cleanliness. No, not my desk. Sorry, this aphorism can't be attributed to my desk. Besides, I think I have heard somewhere that a messy desk is the sign of a brilliant mind (either that or I just made that up). However, I was reminded of another saying someone once shared with me that the church should be maintained just like the best and cleanest room in our homes. You know that room that you keep clean just for the guests to see without seeing the rest of the house. There is great truth there, which we do need to take care of God's house in such a way. So when asked by the director of the YMCA program if she could wash the dishes in the small kitchen's sink I opted to roll up my sleeves and do some cleaning. Now, don't tell my wife that I cleaned the kitchen because we wouldn't want to set a precedent elsewhere.



I did not realize what I was getting myself into. One thing led to another and soon the stove, counters and sink were all clean. I will not say spotless as I myself kept finding more after I had just washed something. But it is a reminder that we all need to be cleaning up after ourselves. Yes, Lawrence has been doing a fantastic job of keeping the church clean for almost 19 years (Yes, December will be his 19th anniversary with us and needs to be praised!), but we should not expect him to clean up our every mess. The question will be, can anyone find the dishes I washed and put away?

*Blessings,
Daniel*

Gratitude is our Attitude

“We are grateful for all those who share their musical talents and enrich our worship experience....all those who sing in the choir, play musical instruments, and those who sing with enthusiasm in the congregation. We especially enjoyed the duet sung by Amelia and Daphne Farris on May 29.”

—George & Dean Lunsford

“Thank you to our pruners extraordinaire, Diane Maier and George Lunsford. Diane is working on the holly bushes by the west entry and George trimmed the hedges by the sanctuary door. Thank you to Pat Brown for volunteering to take care of the 2 beds by the front of the sanctuary!!”

—Jane Maytubby

Prayer Requests



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

—Philippians 4:6

- * Dorothy Ferguson is back on chemo.
- * Rocky Fleming, Lisa Sloan's son
- * 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 home.
- * Bob Humphrey is in an independent living apartment at St. Ann's.
- * 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.
- * 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

Diane Pinazza 6/2	Mason McDown 6/15	Kylee Bradley 6/23	Daniel U'Ren 6/30
Dale Knowles 6/3	Ben Frantz 6/16	Dianne Maier 6/23	
Samuel Compton 6/5	Mary Francis Hedrick 6/16	Steve Powers 6/25	
Addison Smith 6/7	Dwaine Bradley 6/17	Seth Nevel 6/26	
Lynn Reinhardt 6/12	Irene George 6/17	Carol Akin 6/28	
Jim Ellis 6/13	Ron Manning 6/18	Noah Mars 6/28	
Chris Wall 6/14	Susan Shelton 6/21	Sarah Mars 6/29	
Shane Williams 6/14		Cindy Hill 6/30	

Birthdays



Caring & Sharing

The meeting dates for the month of June:

June 8th Boomerang Dinner 6515 NW 39th Expressway, Bethany

June 22nd San Marcos 4141 N. Mac Arthur, Oklahoma City

The “Eat Out” meetings will begin at 5:00pm.

The monthly meeting will be at Western Oaks Church on Sunday, June 19th from 4:00pm– 5:00pm. Rev. Lura Cayton will present our program. Put all these dates on your calendar!

Lunch with the Y

The Food Bank provides meals for the YMCA camp free of charge. So, this summer, our small kitchen will double as a food resource for the community. That means the YMCA invites anyone under the age of 18 to come by and grab a lunch for free!



Yes, that is correct. You do not have to register with the camp. You do not need to be a camper. They will feed any children needing food to eat this summer. Another wonderful ministry that is coming out of the YMCA being here: a food distribution opportunity to help end hunger in our community.

Paige, the program director, wanted me to announce to the church that this was available for anyone under the age of 18.

*Shalom,
Daniel*

Baby Shower for Ashley
 McConnell & baby boy

- Needs diapers & clothes

After both services 6/12/16



Articles for the
 next OakBridge
 will be due
 Monday,
**June 20, at
 noon**

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



- Discovery Camp June 17—June 19
- Junior Camp June 20—June 24
- Chi Rho Camp June 27—July 1
- CYF Camp June 27—July 1

Date	ATTENDANCE	
5/29/16	9:00 AM	33
	11:00 AM	85
6/5/16	9:00 AM	55
	11:00 AM	82

Date	GIVING	
5/29/16	General	\$4,066.36
	Blessing Fund	\$155
6/5/16	General	\$8,263.65
	Blessing Fund	\$1,175

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Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor

Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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