



## The OAKBRIDGE

Western Oaks Christian Church  
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**June 16, 2010**

**From the Pastor's Perspective:** by Rev. John Regan

On Sunday, July 4th, I will begin a three week sermon series on freedom. It seems like Independence Day would be a great time to begin thinking about freedom. I will read from Galatians 5: 1-14 and share some selected readings from our founding political documents to celebrate human freedom. On Sunday, July 11th, I will draw on the healing of Naaman (2 Kings 5: 1-14) to talk about religious freedom. I will conclude the series on Sunday, July 18th with the dramatic story found in Daniel 3: 1-26. We live in interesting times with rapidly expanding information and technology. Do we have more freedom or less freedom? What resources does our faith have to offer us as we define and claim our freedom in society? Exercise your freedom to join us and explore what freedom in Jesus Christ might look like. Of course, it is voluntary...

Grace and Peace,

John

## **Among Our Own**

by Deana Smith, Membership

Our warmest congratulations to Jay, Christine and Erich Wagner in the adoption of Emma Rose Wagner. She was born on March 16, 2010, 7 lbs 7 oz. The Common Factor Sunday School class will host a baby shower for Christine and baby Emma on Sunday, July 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. More details to follow in your church bulletins.

Our sympathy goes to Wade and Gwen Peard in the death of Gwen's mother, Dorothy Barney. She passed away June 5, 2010. The services were held on June 9 in Mutual, Oklahoma.

Rev. Ursula Lichtenberger conducted a memorial service for the grandparents of Talitha Thomas. The service was held in the sanctuary on June 5, 2010. Talitha, Gus, Jordan, Judge, and Jesse Thomas and other close family members attended. The ladies who provided the lunch were: Sue Gordon, Marlene Word, Mary Francis Hedrick, Suzanne Parker, Danet Trivette, Charli Meador, and Deana Smith. Thank you ladies for the very nice work you do.

## **Thank You**

My family and I wish to express our deepest gratitude to WOCC and it's members. We held my grandparent's memorial service on June 5, 2010 at the church. Our family could not have felt more blessed by the kindness expressed. Sue Gordon and her committee fixed a fabulous meal for us. Pastor Ursula Lichtenberger, Karen Russell, Lyeal & Jean Amos officiated over the beautifully personal service. We thank WOCC for being our family.  
Talitha Thomas

Thank you very much to my whole church for the graduation gifts. It means a lot to me to know I belong to such a thoughtful and supportive congregation. Sincerely, Ben Frantz

## **Mobile Meals**

by Dianne Maier, Coordinator

We have a new cook who comes in all the way from Choctaw to help with mobile meals. Donna Wooldridge and her friend Tiffany Lawson, who lives in Warr Acres, have been cooking every week. Donna is the daughter of Rhea Todd. I have been unable to cook and these ladies are a great blessing to both me and the church.

I wish to thank them so very much and I am sure the church fellowship joins me as well. I'll continue to help cook when they are unable or busy.

## **Benevolent Fund**

by Deana Smith, Membership

### *DO YOU KNOW?*

WOCC has a Benevolent Fund? Benevolent: A desire to do good to others; characterized by good will; kindhearted. These funds are used for people and friends of our own congregation who may be in need and hurting. Benevolent Sunday is the 5th Sunday of any month. The next 5th Sunday will be August 29th, 2010. Please don't feel that you must wait until then, just mark your check with a note for this specific use.

## **WOCC Website**

by Deana Smith, Membership

WOCC has a church website. Lyeal Amos works diligently to make sure it is accurate and up-to-date. Have you ever checked it out?

[www.woccdoc.org](http://www.woccdoc.org)

Good job Lyeal! Thanks for all your efforts.

## Coffee Fellowship

by Danet Trivette, Coordinator

**Thank you** to Coffee Fellowship (CF) hosts for May: CWF and the Worship Committee and for special events, Shelley Regan for David Beatty's last Sunday and to Charlene Newkirk for her dad, Charlie Gilland's, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We appreciate all you do to make the CF ministry enjoyable.

July begins the new church year. We have a new CF calendar for volunteers to signup. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please sign up on the board in the CF area or give me a call, 782-0994.

### Scheduled to date:

June 27 Common Factor SS Class  
July 4 CWF (Independence Day)  
July 11 Children's Committee  
July 18 Personnel Committee  
July 25 VBS-Talitha Thomas  
Aug. 1 CWF  
Aug. 8 Life Lessons SS Class  
Aug. 15 Rejoice & Serve SS Class  
Aug. 22 Common Factor SS Class  
Aug. 29 Deana & Bob Smith

### Open Dates – Volunteers needed:

**Sept. 26; Oct. 31; Nov. 28; and Dec. 12.**



## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of Jane Mercer

John & Eunice Lassiter  
Bob & Deana Smith  
BR & Sue Gordon

### In Memory of Bob Cramer

John & Eunice Lassiter  
Bob & Deana Smith

### In Memory of John Coppedge

Bob & Deana Smith

## **Outreach News**

by Tom Russell, Community & Outreach Chair

Thank you to all the WOCC church members who gave the “gift of life” on Sunday, June 6. Donella McCaskill. Carolyn Guthrie, Pat Brown, Laurie Do, Charlene Newkirk, Tom Russell, Eric Gray, Joseph Mars and Josh Fearing.

## **Choir Trip to Refuge Community Church**

Monday, June 7th, the WOCC Choir and Joe Salter made a trip to the Refuge Community Church located at the downtown library in Oklahoma City. They gave from the heart and received many blessings back. I thank God for Joe Salter and the Western Oaks Choir. Great job! Refuge CC Vision Statement: Refuge Community Church is a Christian Community of hope with the purpose of recovering the displaced and missing members of the body of Christ.

## **Personal Hygiene Kits**

Wherever disaster strikes what do people need first if they have lost their home? Personal hygiene kits. These kits can be made available in most cases without red tape. Church World Service and many local agencies responding to disasters have a big need for hygiene kits. After the Haiti earthquake the world supply was basically depleted. Our CWF responded and sent kits to Church World Service earlier this year. Our youth delivered kits to a local mission on one of their Wild Wednesday outreach visits.

What is in a personal hygiene kit?

Soap (even motel size bars can work)

Wash cloths (dollar stores sell these)

Hand towels

Tooth Brushes (your dentist might donate samples if you ask)

Combs (wide toothed)

Nail clippers

Band-aids

Gallon zip lock bags (to use in assembly of kits)

*Beginning, Sunday, June 27, place your items in the designated box outside the church office.*

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & TITHES / OFFERINGS

June 6 Contemporary Service	55	General Fund	\$ 14,429
Traditional Service	<u>120</u>	Capital Fund	1,561
	175		
June 13 Contemporary Service	67	General Fund	\$ 3,435
Traditional Service	<u>94</u>	Capital Fund	695
	161		

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

**John Coppedge** family; **Bob Cramer** family; **Jane Mercer** family;  
**Gwen Peard** family

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.)