

JULY 14, 2015

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

We Honored Our Veterans

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Veterans
- Vacation
- Endowment
- Elder Emeritus

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PRIDE ...hardly describes the atmosphere at the Fellowship Dinner last Sunday evening. There were 21 retired Veterans at the dinner, plus Master Sergeant Lucas DeKinder and Navy enlistee Jennifer Wilkinson, along with Erich Wagner that made all of us sit up straighter in our chairs. What a proud church/family we are! Thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication and support of our country. And, thanks for bringing the awesome memorabilia; we could have spent hours talking with each of you about your experiences. Time was just too short!

The presentation Lucas gave regarding the folding of the flag was something most of us had never heard before! It was truly appreciated. Thanks, Lucas. Your "hometown" church is so proud of you.

Thanks also to Erich for delivering the Pledge of Allegiance. Those merit badges are quite an accomplishment!

We hope everyone enjoyed the Quiz presented by Robert Frantz...in true Robert style... "factual and fun". Thanks to you and to John Trivette for the audio-visual work. Margo Thein is a master at the piano keys...Hit it again Margo! Thanks!

Anchors Aweigh, Jennifer – Safe travels and God Bless you!

Our first Fellowship Dinner was a huge success, and we are very happy that so many of you were able to join us for this memorable occasion. The committee has great plans for the upcoming Fellowship Dinners, and we hope you will join us again and again.

GREAT JOB committee, & another thanks to Donna Nevel for taking pictures!

-Thanks from Charlene and Sandra



Back Row:

T.J. Nickel – Army
Sam Dunn – Navy
B.R. Gordon – Army
Richard Wilkinson – Air Force
Jerry Allen – Navy
Dale Knowles – Marine Corp
Daniel U'Ren – Army
Bill Parker – Navy

Erich Wagner – BSA

Lucas DeKinder – Air Force

Middle Row:

Jennifer Wilkinson – Navy Enlistee
Bob Smith – Army
Ira Meador – Army
John Lassiter - Navy and Air Force
George Goodner – Army
Vernon Cook – Marine Corp

Seated:

Bill Droke – Army
Jack Lewis – Army
Ted Nickel – Army
Tom Russell – Naval Air
Mike Merry – Air Force
Bert Collins – Air Force
Max Patzack – Army
John Trivette – Air Force



JULY 2015

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Schedule of Events

13th OakBridge article DUE

July 13—July 18 Daniel's Vacation

July 18—July 23 General Assembly

19th Rev. Parker Cross preaching

21st Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am
Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

22nd Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

26th Rev. Mike Canada preaching
Deacon Training 10:00am-11:00am
Board Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

27th OakBridge article DUE

Temporarily “Low-Tech”

I am on my way to the General Assembly, but before I go I am spending some time on the family farm in Michigan. The thing you need to know is while I am on the farm there is limited cell phone reception, and there is even more limited internet access. Yes, the farm does not have the luxury of high speed cable. However, I am looking forward to having the boys spend a couple weeks on the farm while I attend the General Assembly in Ohio.



I look forward to lessons and events for information and education at the assembly this year. Say a prayer for your church as a whole as churches from around the globe send people to gather and discuss who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

—Pastor Daniel

A Great Opportunity

Eric Gray approached me regarding a great opportunity in the coming year offered by the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. They received a significant gift and want to share that with churches. They are doing just that by offering a 2:1 match for any new endowments created in the coming year. We have one that is already in the works, and we will be looking at funding that this Fall. That endowment will create a direct service mission opportunity for the church. The endowment will fund events such as Kids Against Hunger as a mission project offered at Western Oaks. To start an endowment we need \$10,000 which we already have half of thanks to a generous donor with a passion for mission, but we can create an endowment of \$100,000. Is there another ministry that we could endow? Just think of what we could do if we could put \$100,000 into an endowment, to which the Foundation would add another \$50,000 and this then would generate money to annually fund a project.



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SUMMARY OF TERMS FOR THE SAM AND MARY HOWARD MILLION-DOLLAR MATCHING FUND

May 2015

“A GREAT YEAR TO GIVE”

- One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) has been earmarked as a matching fund, pending receipt from the Sam and Mary Howard Estate.
- The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Inc. (ODF) will match approved new or existing endowments otherwise complying with ODF policies on the basis of one dollar for every two dollars of new endowment funds.
- New and existing endowments must agree, raise and deposit with ODF \$10,000 or more before any match is made.
- New and existing endowment donors must apply to the ODF Board with details of their endowment proposal.
- If approved, ODF will match on a one-for-two basis, funds raised up to One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in any new or existing endowment.
- Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) is the maximum match.
- No distinction is made between types of endowments.
- Unused matching funds may be renewable on an annual basis, subject to Board action.
- Persons or entities hoping to qualify for the matching funds must agree to raise their funds within one year from ODF Board approval of the endowment proposal.
- Other terms and conditions may be set by the ODF Board during the year.



Daniel will be leaving July 13th for vacation and the General Assembly; he will return July 25th. Rev. Parker Cross will be preaching on July 19th, and Mike Canada has asked to deliver the message on July 26th to share with you about the new church start in Oklahoma.



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

- * May we follow God’s leading.
- * David Dixon, friend of the Goodners, is in the hospital with major Type 1 diabetic complications.
- * John Millman’s COPD symptoms are much worse & breathing is difficult.
- * Pray for healing of body, mind & spirit for all!
- * For General Assembly and safe travels.
- * Joni Burch’s niece is in ICU in Enid.
- * Pray for those in need of food, health, & housing. Help us find ways to help.
- * Dennis Spencer, Karen Russell’s brother, had a stroke.
- * Lisa Sloan’s granddaughter, Nicole, had surgery.
- * Christine Wagner is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- * Joey Schonauer, a friend of Nance Cunningham, has been diagnosed with stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- * Pray for Rev. Michael Canada & the new church.
- * George & Alvin Lawson, friends of the Lunsfords, both have cancer.
- * Beverly Parker is recovering from hip replacement.
- * LaRue Ingram is still having a lot of back pain.
- * Eric Lasseter, Mike & Karen Starr’s son-in-law, has stage 4 melanoma.
- * The people of Nepal
- * Sharon Roemer, Martha Buchanan’s friend in California, has been diagnosed with multiple cancers.
- * Lloyd & Paul Gosnell, Cynthia Hill’s cousins
- * Renee Williams, friend of Martha Buchanan, is devastated by cancer diagnosis.
- * Joan Stamman, Jan Sills’ cousin, has stage 4 colon cancer.
- * Sharon Lutke, friend of Jan Ketola, dealing with recurrence of cancer.
- * Greg Morse, Linda Cobb’s nephew
- * Dick & Lura Cayton
- * 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.
- * Lou O’Brien

YOUTH SOUNDBITE

Whom do you love? Your first answers might be your friends, your significant others, your family, or yourself. However, you would be missing a large category...your foes. Foes are individuals with whom you do not easily get along. It could also be someone who doesn't like you or someone whom you do not like. Yet we are called to love these people just as much as we love our friends and family, even as much as we love ourselves. Loving others, especially people we do not like, as much as we love ourselves is quite a challenge. We have ourselves on our mind from the time we wake up to the time we go to sleep again. We think about what we are going to eat, where we are going to go, what we are going to do. What would happen if we put just as much thought into our foes as we did ourselves?! We might not see them as foes anymore. Loving our enemies can become easier if we start small. Here are some ideas on how to start loving those who are difficult to love: pray for them, forgive them, do not provoke them, learn about them, ask for help, and be patient with them. With practice, love becomes easier.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy'. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." – Matthew 5:43-44

Upcoming Events
Mission Trip

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson
Interim Youth Director*

Gratitude is our Attitude

"To our church family: We are overwhelmed by the love, visits, cards, prayers, food, and concern during Christine's recovery from knee replacement surgery. You all are wonderful! It was so great to be back in worship, yesterday, for the first time in several weeks. We missed all of you. Sincerest Thanks," —Christine Wagner & Family

"Thank you to Jimmy Ille, Jordan Thomas and Mason McDown for representing WOCC at Junior Camp this year. Jimmy is a 5th year counselor and both Mason and Jordan are 3rd year counselors. Although WOCC didn't have any Junior members at camp, WOCC was well represented. THANKS to all three of you."

"I appreciate so much the honor of being named Elder Emeritus! It is great to be in such good company. You are all doing a wonderful job. Sincerely," —Verona Burke

"This is a big thank you to all! I want to thank all the elders, Caring & Sharing, CWF, and Rejoice & Serve for all the prayers. I also enjoyed all the cards and cute notes I received. They made my day! Thanks to Pastor Daniel, too. I loved that rushed moment before surgery. We had time for a prayer for me, and he learned my middle name. Love You All," —Beverly Parker

Elder Emeritus

Elder Emeritus Awards were presented to Verona Burke, Mary Francis Hedrick, and John Lassiter on June 28, 2015.

All have served faithfully for many years: taking communion to the homebound members, sitting with families at the hospital, and Verona volunteers as our organist. These are only a few of the acts of love and compassion they do on a daily basis.

They continue to serve in many areas and touch lives. We at WOCC are blessed by their example of service to others.



Military Serving Our Country



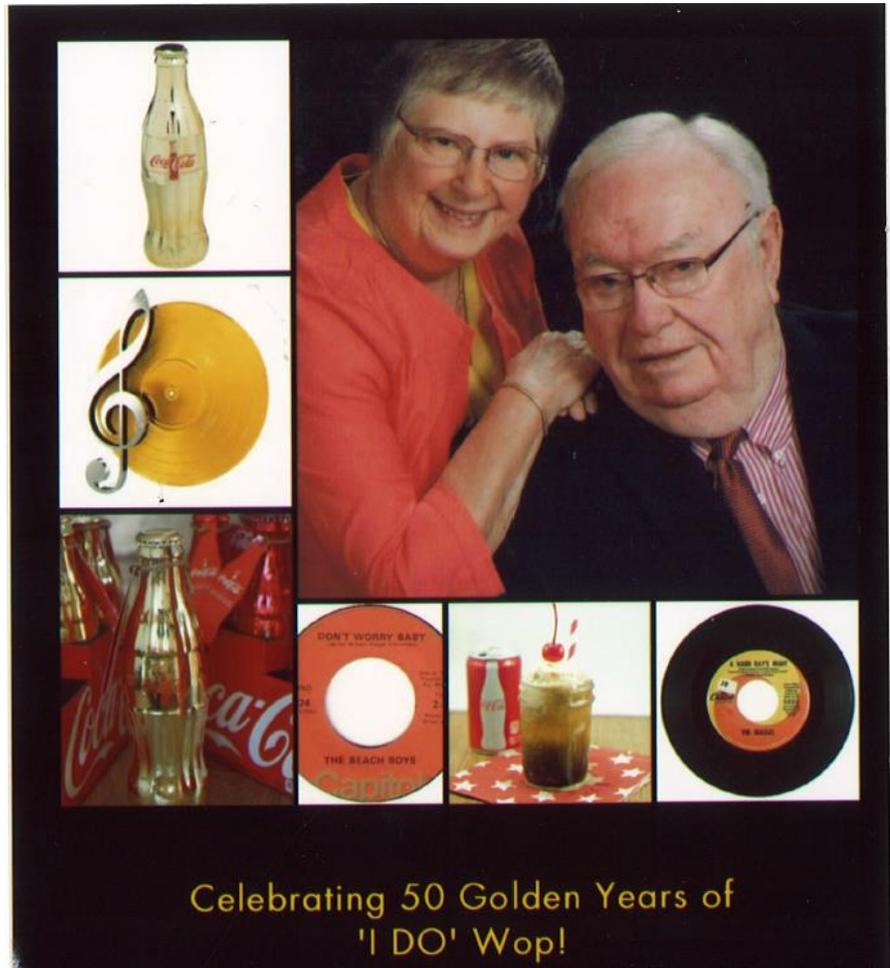
- ◆ Jennifer Wilkinson, U.S. Navy enlistee
- ◆ Airman Brandon Watts (Suzanne & Bill Parker's grandson), U.S. Air Force, deployed overseas
- ◆ Matt Chown (John Lassiter's grandson), U.S. Air Force
- ◆ Tyler Bradley, U.S. Air Force
- ◆ Jordan Klein (Charlene Newkirk's nephew)
- ◆ Jacob Johnson (T.J. & Barbara Johnson's grandson), U.S. Army
- ◆ Brian Chester (Carol & Jerry Allen's son-in-law)

Keep them in your Prayers



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **July 27, at noon**

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.



Celebrating 50 Golden Years of 'I DO' Wop!

*I apologize for the picture quality, but the printed version of their invitation remains unclear despite my efforts to fix it. The digital PDF OakBridge has a higher clarity.

Join the family of Lonnie & Rita Walker at the Golden Oldies Party to celebrate their 50th year of marriage! Beach Boy Burgers, 1st “Coke Date” Floats, & Sock Hopping!

**Saturday, August 1st, 6:30p.m.
Western Oaks Christian Church
8100 NW 23rd St., OK 73127**

RSVP to P. “Gay” Teter (405)408-7089

Date	ATTENDANCE	
7/5/15	9:00 AM	47
	11:00 AM	83
7/12/15	9:00 AM	44
	11:00 AM	100

Date	GIVING	
7/5/15	General	\$8,139.28
	Capital	\$1,530
7/12/15	General	\$6,721.57
	Capital	\$375

Church Staff

Rev. Daniel U'Ren — Senior Minister (Daniel@woccdoc.org)

Janey Merry — Administrative Assistant (Janey@woccdoc.org)

Hope Lairson — Youth Interim Director

Dr. Ronald Manning — Music Director (ronald_manning@att.net)

Rosa McCroskey — Pianist

Todd Newell — Praise Band Leader

Rosanne Rowe, Steve Powers, Hope Lairson, Jeff Newell & Brett Hawk — Praise Band Members

Vincent Pinazza — Sound Technician

Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor

Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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