

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 9, 2016

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- CWF
- PC West
Breakfast
- Water Mission
- International
Affairs

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Summer 2016

It is hard to believe summer is almost over (if only the 100 degree days were over!). As summer comes to a close and school starts back up, you might notice several opportunities to help at the church on the calendar. Yesterday, I was sitting in the Outreach Meeting and found myself thinking, "Wow, Western Oaks is doing so many wonderful things for our community." We have a Back-to-School Night coming up for which we will be collecting school supplies. We have a Health Fair that will provide free flu shots, immunizations, and many other services to the community. Trunk-or-Treat, Refuge Church, collections for recently released prisoners, and toys for the ROC. Water bottles will be available to be handed out to people working outdoors to help during these hot days. These are just a few of the things going on here at Western Oaks, and I am so very proud of our church for all we do. But this is not all we do! We do our best to take care of the people who are *here* by doing home visits for shut-ins, taking communion, hospital visits and so much more. But we need to know when you are needing something, a visit, or when you are in the hospital. The elders help me in making sure we are tending to our flock as we continue to reach out to others. When we reach out to others (especially in their time of need) we, in turn, benefit from helping others.

Thank you for all you do!
Daniel

Whiz Kids Meeting

An important, upcoming meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 21, 2016, at 12:15pm** after the second service. There will be a discussion of lessons learned from last semester and an informational meeting about the new Whiz Kids year which will begin *Monday, September 19, 2016, at 3:00pm*. All previous tutors, subs, and all helpers are strongly encouraged to attend. Plus, all of you who want to learn about this great experience and are willing to help, please, PLEASE, join us!! We need you!!!

Thanks,
Cathy Routon, Whiz Kids Coordinator

AUGUST 2016



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10 Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

Wellness Now Coalition Meeting 1:00pm-2:00pm

Caring & Sharing @ Charleston's 5:00pm-6:00pm

14 Baby Shower for Montana Pursley 10:00am-11:00am

Education Committee Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

16 Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm

17 Back-to-School Breakfast @ PC West 7:30am-9:30am

21 "Drink of Water" Outreach Mission 10:00am & 12:00pm

Whiz Kids Planning Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

Worship Committee Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

Caring & Sharing @ WOCC 4:00pm-5:00pm

22 OakBridge Articles Due 12:00pm

Whiz Kids Club Leaders Meeting 6:00pm-8:00pm

24 Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ Alfredo's 5:00pm-6:00pm

27 Children Worship & Wonder Meeting 9:00am-12:00pm

28 Promotion Sunday

Elders Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

30 Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

A Fresh Start

The Education and Employment Ministry, TEEM for short, is an interfaith, 501(c)3, nonprofit organization founded in 1987. TEEM's Annual Hygiene Drive, this year themed "A Fresh Start", provides personal items to released prisoners (men and women) to help them in their quest to find jobs and a place to live. The Summer Hygiene Drive is from **June 30 through August 30** collecting personal hygiene for First Night Out Back Packs. You can help by donating the following items for this worthy cause. A box will be placed in the west entrance to collect your donations.

soap	combs	undergarments	tooth brushes
lotion	brushes	socks	floss
sunscreen	shampoo	disposable razors	toothpaste
chap stick	conditioner	deodorant (non-aerosol)	denture tablets
hand sanitizer	towels	mouthwash (non-alcoholic)	
shaving cream	feminine products		

CWF

LADIES: CWF will host their first business meeting and covered-dish luncheon on **Tuesday, September 13 from 10:00am-Noon**. Make plans to attend this fun morning with friends and enjoy good food! CWF would like to invite all ladies to attend the Tuesday morning "work days". We meet from 9:30am–11:30am, and we work on various items for Citizens Caring for Children and women recovering from breast cancer surgery. You do not need to have sewing skills. There are jobs ranging from "drawing" squares for the children's quilts, cutting out these squares, tacking quilts, stuffing pillows and bears, and lots of visiting and laughter. We meet each Tuesday morning, and the second Tuesday of the month is the business meeting and luncheon. Come share in these fun mornings with friends!

PC West Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

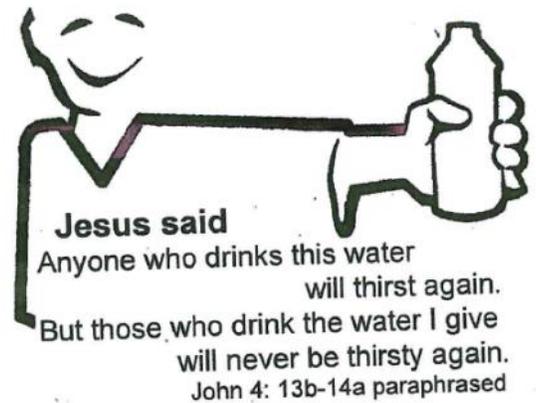
WOCC shows our appreciation for educators by kicking off the school year serving them a delicious breakfast! This practice has been going on for 12 years or longer. So, once again, we need casseroles to serve to the teachers and staff of PC West High School. The recipe can be found in the WOCC Cookbook, or contact Sandra Cook, Charlene Majetic, or Rhea Todd. Please bring your casserole to the high school by 7:30am on August 17th ready to eat and enjoy! If you would like to stay and serve the food, let Rhea know. This is our small gesture to acknowledge all the hard work teachers do.

A Drink of Cold Water

I was working in the atrium at Waterford Properties. One of the ladies who works in the offices noticed the heat and brought me a bottle of cold water.

I reflected on this gift later. I remembered what Jesus said in Matthew 10:42, *"....and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."* Don Gibson told me several times that this was one of his favorite passages. Bottled water has replaced the cup of cold water in our society.

If you are willing to take a bottle of water and chill it to give away to someone working outside this week, please pick up a bottle after worship on Sunday, August 21st.



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 be willing to share cold water in this 100 degree weather to those outside.
- * Jason McDaniel diagnosed with unknown mass in chest & lung.
- * Jim Brisive, Margaret Blackerby's brother-in-law from Colorado, suffered a stroke.
- * Dorothy Ferguson is back on chemo.
- * Rocky Fleming, Lisa Sloan's son
- * Andrew Mitchell, Tobi Frank's nephew, is 1 year old & has been diagnosed with kidney failure & other health issues.
- * 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.
- * Danny O'Kert & Dorleen Gosnell, Cynthia Hill's son & mother.
- * David Dixon, the Goodners' friend, will continue dialysis.
- * Lloyd Gosnell, Cynthia Hill's cousin, has cancer.
- * Joan Stamman, Jan Sills' cousin, has colon cancer.
- * Danny Cartmill, Marlene Word's nephew, has pancreatic cancer.
- * Lou O'Brien

Gratitude is our Attitude

“Praise God! 57 years ago, on July 31st, Karen and I were married in Hutchinson, Kansas. Celebrate with us!”
—Tom Russell

Children’s Ministries

Vacation Bible School has come and gone, and it was a great success!! THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED US “CATCH THE WAVE OF GOD’S AMAZING LOVE”!!!

We appreciate all those who served the meals; took our children from place to place; served as coordinators for crafts, Bible story time, recreation, and science. Another big thank you goes to those who taught the adult class. We averaged around 100 people per night. The meals were always tasty and gave us a great start to the evening.

I just want to thank especially Hope Lairson and Cathy Routon who finished getting ready for VBS after I received a phone call from Aanika, saying my mom had had a stroke. I felt blessed to be a part of such a caring faith community as you ministered to me. Cathy said, “go”, and Robert Wilkerson drove me to Integris Baptist to meet the ambulance, which was also a blessing as Aanika called to ask questions as the paramedics arrived at my home. Thank you for being a blessing to us!!

*Blessing,
Julia Jordan Gillett*



Children Worship & Wonder Meeting

We will meet to discuss the fall schedule. We will also have a question-and-answer time for our new greeters and storytellers. This meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th from 9:00am to noon. Thanks to all for doing such a fantastic job thus far!!!

Parent Meeting ~Attention Families with Pre-School and Elementary Aged Children~

COMING SOON: a Parent Meeting about Children Worship & Wonder, as well as the possibility of a new Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF), a younger youth group for our children twice a month after second service.

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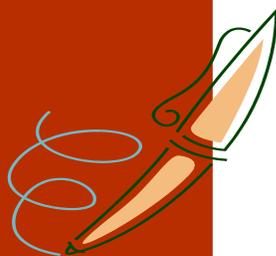
Congratulations to Samuel Atwood, Sebastian Digby, Jacob Foster and Matthew Gillett for being accepted to participate in International Affairs Seminar 2017. They will go to Washington D.C. and New York City on a study tour with the theme "Who Is My Neighbor?". This week-long experience during spring break of 2017, Michael Davison explains, gives juniors and seniors in high school an opportunity to study a topic that is relevant to being a citizen and a person that claims Christian faith and build friendships with other Disciples youth and sponsors across the Oklahoma Region and the Texas Region.

The boys made a deposit the first of August towards the cost of the program. They are required to raise \$1,600 each, which pays for the plane ticket, meals, room and transportation around Washington D.C. and New York City. They will visit many museums in Washington D.C. including the Holocaust Museum. There are plans to meet our Senators and Representatives. They will visit the U.N. and see a Broadway play while in New York.

Churches with youth attending I.A.S. are encouraged to help the youth raise money. We will be having several special events to help the boys. Be looking for a dessert auction where the boys will also offer their muscles and other abilities to help you out around your home.



International Affairs Seminar 2017
WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?
Interfaith Dialogue is a Christian Practice
March 10-18



Be sure to edit your church directory!

Contact Change:

Eric & Elizabeth Gray

Phone Number: (405) 627-2330

Someone tiny, someone sweet,
We have someone
We'd like you to meet!

Please join us for a Baby Shower welcoming

Montana Pursley

and honouring parents Kristin and Cheyenne.

Sunday, August 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Western Oaks Christian Church
(Front foyer, west entrance)

Kristin is registered at Target



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **August 22, at noon**

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.

Date	ATTENDANCE	
7/31/16	9:00 AM	45
	11:00 AM	87
8/7/16	9:00 AM	44
	11:00 AM	98

Date	GIVING	
7/31/16	General	\$6,834.89
	Blessing Fund	\$230
8/7/16	General	\$9,078.32
	Blessing Fund	\$335

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Rosa McCroskey — Pianist

Verona Burke — Organist

Todd Newell — Praise Band Leader

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

Vincent Pinazza — Sound Technician

Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Aanika Gillett & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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