

# Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AUGUST 23, 2016

## Pastor's Article

Oh, what a week. This last week, or so, goes into the top lists of weeks I would not want to repeat. It began on a Friday morning receiving a phone call at 4:00am about Stephanie's 14 year-old niece dying from a, then unexplained, heart attack. Compared to this, most everything else that compounded the stress of the week seems trivial. Then, came the news of a good friend in Kansas whose son took his own life. One thing after another. Makes you sort of leery to get out of bed when you are asking what is going to be next. It left me, though, wanting to hug my children and let them know I love them, something every parent should do every opportunity they have.

But the amazing thing is that no matter how many things went wrong in the past week: electrical problems at the church, plumbing issues, automobiles and, of course, drama, I felt God's love in the most compassionate way. There was a wonderful way people came together to surround Stephanie's family during their grief. God's love surrounded us through your prayers, thoughts, and kind words. I thank everyone for the cards, calls, and reassurances.

One word of advice that I have taken from this, though, is the things (in addition to love and compassion) that the family was *not* short on was the number of doughnuts, cookies and other sweets brought to the family. When one little veggie tray showed up it was devoured. I tried to share, I promise, but I was craving veggies. Comfort food is nice, but now it is time to diet. But the greatest comfort came through the love and support from family, friends and church.

*Thank you,*

*Daniel, Stephanie and Family*

### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **New Members**
- **Caring & Sharing**
- **School Supply Donations**
- **Promotion Sunday**

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# AUGUST 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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**24** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

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

**27** CYYA Meeting 9:00am-4:00pm

**28** Promotion Sunday

Elders Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm

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

Aidan U'Ren 9/5

Kristin Atwood 9/10

Loretta Luper 9/10

Rosanne Rowe 9/11

Michelle Condon  
9/12

Bill Halpain 9/13

Barbara Hudson  
9/14

JoAnn Goodner 9/15

Elena Morales 9/16

Trisha Thompson  
9/16

Wendy Wilkinson  
9/16

Tom Russell 9/17

Vincent Pinazza 9/20

Taylor Mugnier 9/21

Ron Wallace 9/21

Darlene Bayliff 9/22

John Trivette 9/23

Dalen Enevoldsen  
9/24

Elizabeth Millman  
9/26

Eunice Lassiter 9/29

Charles Mohr 9/30



**Birthdays  
Next Month**

# New Church Members

Please join together with a big WOCC welcome to the Farris family. Angela Farris and her three children, Anthony, Amelia, and Daphne, placed their memberships here on July 17, 2016. Their father and husband is Daniel Farris, who attends and shares his musical talents here at Western Oaks.

Angela and Daniel met while they were students at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. They both graduated there with bachelor's degrees. Angela later received a Master's of Music Education from SWOSU in Weatherford, and Daniel obtained his doctorate in choral conducting from the University of North Texas. Angela teaches music at Mustang Public Schools, and Daniel is a Vocal and Choral Professor at SWOSU in Weatherford. They celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary this year.

Angela grew up outside of San Angelo in a family of five. She has an older brother and sister. With her family, Angela attended the Unity of the Brethren church, followers of John Hus. They believe in open communion, open bible. Her favorite church activities are singing, outreach, and playing the piano and organ. We have all been blessed by her "favorites," since she has sung in the choir and has played piano and organ in our worship services many times already. Angela's hobbies are making quilts and jewelry and reading.



Joining with Angela are their children. Anthony Farris is 12 years old, in 7th grade, and attends Western Oaks Middle School this year. His favorite subjects are Math, Science, and Social Studies. As extra-curricular activities, Anthony likes swimming, playing clarinet, singing, and basketball. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games. At church, his favorite activity is the youth group.

Amelia Farris is 10 years old, in 5th grade, and attends Lake Park Elementary. Her favorite subjects are Math and Reading while her favorite extra-curricular activities are singing, swimming, and playing piano. In her spare time, she loves reading and making jewelry.

Daphne Farris is 9 years old, in 4th grade, and attends Lake Park Elementary. Her favorite subject in school is Math, and she, too, enjoys singing, playing piano, and swimming, as extra-curricular activities. Her hobbies include playing video games and making jewelry.

Again, please give an official welcome to this vibrant family who has already integrated themselves into and greatly contributed to the life of this congregation.

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Anniversary: August 10, 1996  
Dates of Birth: Angela: February 10  
Daniel: March 16  
Anthony: March 14  
Amelia: September 22

# Caring & Sharing

Our summer meeting was brought to a close with a presentation given by Charlene and Margo, stressing Gods guidance in our daily lives, all the while providing helpful ways. One of the ways to continue our independence is with the help of the Independent Transportation Network. The ITN has an affiliation in Oklahoma City; for more information on driving or riding you may call 602-1558.

## SEPTEMBER EAT OUT SCHEDULE

September 14	Nina's	5001 N. Portland	5:00pm
September 28	Olive Garden	6330 SW 3rd	5:00pm

The next meeting at Western Oaks will be September 21st from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. The guest speaker will be Reverend Julia Gillett.

# Gratitude is our Attitude

"Thank you for all the prayers for my nephew. He is doing much better, and his kidneys are starting to function more normally now."

—Tobi Frank

## 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 God's presence be felt as we share cool water with those who work 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



Fellowship Committee will be collecting school supplies to donate to local schools until September 12. There will be a "Back to School Bash" dinner on Sunday, September 11, with hot dogs, hamburgers, all the fixings, baked beans, cole slaw, and potato chips. Please bring a dessert and school supplies to donate. See you there!

## Children's Ministries

### **Come One, Come All to the Annual Promotion Sunday Breakfast Sunday, August 28, 2016**

Let's celebrate the new school year as our children and youth proceed to a new grade. We will meet in the youth room during the Sunday school hour. We will discuss plans for Sunday School, youth groups and starting Junior Youth Fellowship. We are grateful to Life's Lessons Sunday School class for providing breakfast.



### **JUNIOR YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Projected start date: Sunday, September 11th.

Who: all children in kindergarten to fifth grade

When: the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month following the 11:00am worship.

Time: we will eat and meet from 12:30pm to 2:00pm

Please think of a time you might be able to prepare a simple meal for our children.

### **Children Worship & Wonder Meeting**

We will meet to discuss the fall schedule and have a question and answer time for our new greeters and storytellers on Saturday, September 10th, from 9:00am to Noon. Thanks to all for doing such a fantastic job thus far!!

*Blessings,  
Julia Jordan Gillett*







EAGLE



Life



Star



1st Class



2nd Class



Tenderfoot



Scout

# Troop 15

## Court of Honor



Matthew Gillett

Eagle Scout

Court of Honor

August 13, 2016

WOCC would like to extend our congratulations to Matthew on earning his Eagle Scout rank!!  
What a great achievement!



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **September 12, at noon**

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



**Whiz Kids is returning  
September 19th!  
Volunteer today!!**

Poster by Sandra Cook. *Thank you so much, Sandra*

Date	ATTENDANCE	
8/14/16	9:00 AM	54
	11:00 AM	89
8/21/16	9:00 AM	38
	11:00 AM	91

Date	GIVING	
8/14/16	General	\$6,081.49
	Blessing Fund	\$190
8/21/16	General	\$4,230.93
	Blessing Fund	\$240

## Church Staff

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

Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett — Associate Minister (Julia@woccdoc.org)

Hope Lairson — Interim Youth Director

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

Dr. Ronald Manning — Music Director (ronald\_manning@att.net)

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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