

AUGUST 25, 2015

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Priorities**
- **Picnic**
- **Craft Fair 2016**
- **CWF**
- **School Donations**

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WOCC Drug Problem

I think we have a drug problem, and not the pharmaceutical or narcotic kind, but rather the “drag your kid to church” kind. When I look back on my own childhood, there were certain things I had to do whether I wanted to or not.

I was drug to church on Sunday mornings for worship.

I was drug to Sunday School Class.

I was drug to youth group on Wednesday or Sunday evenings.

I was drug to Vacation Bible School in the summertime.

I was drug to children’s choir rehearsal every week.

Sometimes, I was drug kicking and screaming, because I didn’t want to go.

Sometimes, I drug others with me, because I didn’t want to miss it.

The things I was drug to like this taught me what was important in my life.

Interestingly, if we look at real drug problems among children, the National Institute on Drug Abuse lists three main protective factors to keep children from making bad decisions such as drugs. First, is a strong family involvement. Second, is school academics. Third, is community involvement such as church. Our children learn what to make a priority from what we make a priority in their lives.

Today, parents are run ragged trying to find the time to make each meeting, get their kids to every sport event or band practice, and still have time to be with their kids as a family. It all comes down to a question of priorities. The world is telling them that it should be a priority to get your kids to every event possible. Before you know it, there is something every night and no room for other things (like family time), and all you want is one evening home alone or a morning to sleep in. Even Dean Kamen, the inventor of the Segway, questioned the priorities we push on kids, “You have teenagers thinking they’re going to make millions as NBA stars when that’s not realistic for even 1 percent of them. Becoming a scientist or engineer is.” Or Will.i.am, a musician, started a campaign encouraging schools and children to focus more on academics rather than athletics. He asks parents to look at their priorities. What they are doing right now will influence their children’s lives in the future.

The same is true about our own Christian Education and Youth Group. These are things that shape the lives of our children. The impact is worth carving out an hour or two to make sure they are participating in something we all know is important.

Shalom,
Daniel



AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

26th Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ Nina's
 Family Restaurant 5:00pm-6:00pm

30th Benevolent Sunday
 Picnic in the Park 1:00pm-3:00pm

JOIN US FOR
PICNIC
 IN THE
 PARK

Bring Family and Friends!

PB&J Lunch is Provided!

Hiking, Nature Watching, and Stream Playing

Sunday, August 30th at 1 pm drive from WOCC to Martin Nature Park!

Cassidy Eastham 9/4
 Aidan U'Ren 9/5
 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**



We are now taking applications for our
WOCC 2016 Spring Craft Show!

WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 2016

TIME: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Inside Booth Spaces- \$35 / Outside Spaces- \$25.00

*For more information on booth rental, please contact
Kelli Fearing- 789-8407 (after 5:00)
or e-mail: getcrafty2012-show@yahoo.com*

YOUTH SOUNDBITE

Do you ever get that gut feeling that you need to take action in a certain situation? I sure do. Usually I try to ignore it, but that never works. It will just keep at me if I do not do what I feel it is telling me to do. Some people might call it their conscience, but I like to think it is God telling what I should do. I get these feelings whenever others need help. If someone is sitting by themselves during lunch, I have this gut feeling that I need to go sit by them. Sometimes, I feel it when people are being mean to someone else. It's a sign that I need to stand up for them. As the school year starts, I want to encourage you to take action. The world is full of bystanders. What are you going to do to take action and make a change in your everyday life? How can you make a difference for others?

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."- Philippians 4:9

Upcoming Events

August 30th:

Promotion Sunday -Pancake Breakfast during Sunday School

Picnic in the Park -Martin Nature Park (sandwich provided)

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson
Interim Youth Director*

Caring & Sharing Meeting

Rev. Parker Cross presented the story of Jesus walking on water and giving Paul a helping hand when his faith failed him, thus keeping him safe. The same is true in our lives today with Jesus giving us faith as well as friends to lend us a helping hand and we too, will survive.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OUR "EAT OUT" PROGRAMS @ 5:00pm

August 26th Nina's 5001 N. Portland

September 9th Jim's 63rd & Meridian (it's on the southwest corner)

September 23rd Zio's 2035 S. Meridian

The MONTHLY MEETING will be SEPTEMBER 20TH, from 4:00pm—5:00pm. Margo Thein will present the program.

Prayer Requests

- * Pray for Shawn Hensley, Tom Russell's brother-in-law, he had emergency surgery for brain tumor last Saturday.
- * Wildfires on west coast
- * Family of Alvin Lawson who passed away, Dean Lunsford's brother-in-law's twin & life-long friend.
- * Carolyn Bullock, Nance Cunningham's aunt
- * Anne Sharp, Christine Wagner's friend, lost her husband to a hit-&-run. He leaves Anne & 2 children, ages 8 & 10.
- * Pray for an Assoc. Minister for WOCC
- * Pray for Rev. Michael Canada & the new church.
- * David Dixon, friend of the Goodners, is out of the hospital, but will continue dialysis.
- * John Millman's COPD is not getting better; pray for his health.
- * Dennis Spencer, Karen Russell's brother, had a stroke.
- * Christine Wagner is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- * George Lawson, friend of the Lunsfords, has cancer.
- * Beverly Parker is recovering from hip replacement.
- * LaRue Ingram is still having a lot of back pain.
- * 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, has cancer.
- * 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.
- * 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

CWF Invitation to All

The time is fast approaching for the CWF to start the Fall season meetings. Tuesday, September 8th, will be the first Business Meeting at 10:00am, followed by a Covered Dish Luncheon around 11:30. Everyone come! Bring a friend! Enjoy!



Gratitude is our Attitude

“Thank you for your prayers for my granddaughter, Nicole. She is recovering from her surgery. God bless you all.” —Lisa Sloan

“Dear Church Friends,

Thank you, Elders and other friends, for your prayers and nice card that you sent. Frosty shared with me many times about your church and good memories he had there. Thank you for everything you did for him. God bless you!” —Terri Peak

“We wish to thank all of those who attended our 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration on August 1st for coming and allowing us to use your church and all the wonderful cards. We do miss WOCC so much.”
—Rita and Lonnie Walker

Next Fellowship Dinner

September 20th
6:00pm

Please join us for a fun evening. A Love Offering will be taken.
—Planned by Fellowship Committee



BEANS & CORNBREAD
with
COBBLER FOR DESSERT



BINGO
with prizes!

Back-to-School Donations

Sandra Cook and Charlene Newkirk delivered to Lake Park, Overholser, and Western Oaks Elementary Schools. Way to go WOCC! Thanks for your contributions!



“Kiss the Pig” Contest Update

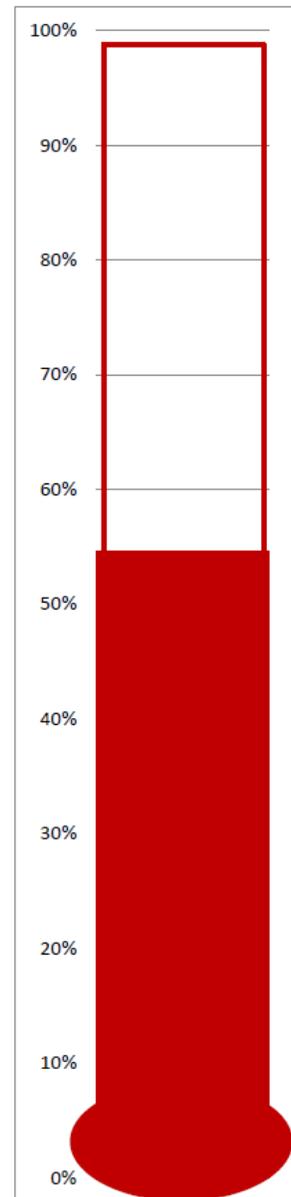
Currently the race clearly has Tom Jewell winning with a \$15 lead over Daniel, and Wendy trails Daniel by only a dollar! It is so close that it could go any direction! Remember to vote for whom you'd like to see kiss the pig. The kissing will take place on September 5th at our Neighbor Night Out event.



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, **Sept. 14, at noon**

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.

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	10,000
	5,000
	15000
	10,980
total	40,980
Target	75,000
Percentage	55%



Date	ATTENDANCE	
8/16/15	9:00 AM	51
	11:00 AM	88
8/23/15	9:00 AM	48
	11:00 AM	85

Date	GIVING	
8/16/15	General	\$15,227.41
	Capital	\$0
8/23/15	General	\$5,670.93
	Capital	\$160

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

Loving God and Serving Our Neighbor



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