

SEPTEMBER 28, 2016

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A Hard Farewell

My heart is heavy with bittersweet feelings as I write to all you wonderful people of WOCC. I have accepted a position to work in my hometown of Yukon at a veterinarian clinic.

I appreciate the opportunity you have given me to work here for the past 2 ½ years. I have loved working for the church members of WOCC. I am leaving with many dear friends in my heart. It has been a pleasure to serve you with the very best of my abilities. My last day here at Western Oaks Christian Church will be September 30, 2016.

A special thanks to the CWF for the beautiful quilt they gave me. Purple and pansies are my favorite! I have already wrapped up in it. :)

*Lots of Love,
Janey*



Church Garage Sale

CHURCH WIDE GARAGE SALE/BAKESALE:

TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH GOING TO
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR

When: Friday, Oct 7th & Saturday, Oct 8th

Where: Youth Room

**Time: Friday 9:00am—4:00pm &
Saturday 8:00am—Noon**



You may begin bringing donated items to the youth room anytime during normal business hours of the church or on Sundays. Thanks so much for your support!!

What is International Affairs? It is a weeklong study tour with the theme “Who Is My Neighbor” during Spring Break of 2017. Associate Regional Minister, Michael Davison, explains: “IAS 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. They build friendships with other Disciples youth and sponsors across the Oklahoma Region and the Texas Region.”

Running with the Deer

This last week, I spent an enjoyable week at the Christian Conference Center in Iowa among colleagues from across the continent to discuss the future of programs for children, youth and young adults in our denomination. The focus of our discussions was camps and how children and youth are at the heart of the camping ministries. This was a great opportunity to share resources and ideas on how we can best improve our programs in various regions to continue to make children and youth a priority.

This trip also brought for me things I miss from up North; such as, the deciduous forests and hills where you can walk for miles and miles in the woods. I jogged a 5k each morning and enjoyed the deer, rabbits, and various other wildlife. When asked what to worry about, they said they don't have rattlesnakes, so that was a huge plus. I built the campfires each evening. I was the last one back to the cabins, because just laying out under the stars and having a clear view of the sky with no light pollution is so relaxing.

There is just something about being out at camp that allows us the opportunity to be closer to God, more in touch with the Divine and to be comforted in the presence of creation. I pray that we continue to see the importance of sharing these experiences with young people.

*Shalom,
Daniel*

Children's Ministries

We had a great time at the JYF meeting! We welcome anyone who would like to join us Sunday, October 9th. We will meet at the church, have a Bible story, and play some games. We will practice our parts for Children's Sabbath Sunday, October 16th.

Let Julia know if you plan to attend JYF, in order for us have food for everybody. Call Julia's cell at 821-0108 or the church office at 789-8812. Thanks for your support!!

We also want to thank Daniel and Angela Farris for preparing a light lunch that the children loved!! Anyone wanting to help prepare a simple lunch on the 2nd or 4th Sunday for JYF, please let Julia know!!



**WHIZ KIDS BEGINS
NEXT MONDAY!
OCTOBER 3, 2016**

Please, contact Cathy
Routon, #641-4567
We still need help!!

Date	ATTENDANCE	
9/18/16	9:00 AM	47
	11:00 AM	76
9/25/16	9:00 AM	47
	11:00 AM	75

Date	GIVING	
9/18/16	General	\$5,099.50
	Blessing Fund	\$160
9/25/16	General	\$11,098.99
	Blessing Fund	\$265



Congratulations to Tony Pinazza who received his white doctor's coat in a ceremony this weekend. He is attending Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine in Tempe, AZ. He has two more years to complete.



We celebrated Eunice Lassiter's 90th birthday last Sunday.

Gratitude is our Attitude

"We are grateful for all the time and creativity that Nellie Green put into making the garden around the flag-pole look so festive. Loved the addition of the pumpkins!! Thanks, Nellie. "

—George & Dean Lunsford

"Thank you, God, for the rain. Thank you for the medical care for my brother, Bob, in Arlington, TX."

—Tom Russell

"Thank you to the members of "The Rejoice and Serve" Sunday School Class for the coffee fellowship in honor of my 90th birthday. It was very special and I indeed felt honored. I appreciate all the hard work that went into planning and the "clean up" afterward. You all are the greatest!"

—Eunice Lassiter

Prayer Requests

- * Mike Porter, Margo Thein's brother-in-law, had surgery for pancreatic cancer.
- * 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

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Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Aanika Gillett & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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