

OCTOBER 27, 2015

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Appreciation**
- **New Minister**
- **New Member**
- **Mission Opportunities**
- **Veterans**

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A Grateful Heart

The other day, I was eating dinner at Wednesdays at WOCC, surrounded by friends, when Aidan asked, "Dad, why did you pick this church?" "Aidan," I responded, "I didn't pick this church, God picked this church". I thank God for sending my family here to Western Oaks. I want to just say thank you to everyone. Words can't fully capture the appreciation I have for the love and kindness found here at Western Oaks Christian Church. Not just during the month of Minister Appreciation, but throughout the past year people offer compliments and praises for the things we do, the events we have, the meaningful worship we encounter, and service we provide reaching out to our neighbors. But none of this is ever possible without you, and all of these things are a reflection of you.

We are all called to be ministers. That means we find ways to be involved in the life of the church. Not all of us are ordained ministers, but we are all called to serve one another in kindness and with compassion. Some of us do it as teachers or singers, some do it by raking leaves or mowing the yard. Some do it by fixing a leaky faucet or collecting food for a neighbor. There are many ways we can use our skills and talents to serve our neighbors and to glorify God. I thank God for you, all of you. I also thank God I am here at Western Oaks, a beautiful place to call home. Thank you again for the many cards, comments, praises and well wishes.

Praise God!
Daniel

Anticipation

I am excited for December, and not for the usual reasons like anxiously awaiting Christmas, cold weather, or snow. I am excited, because I can't wait to welcome aboard Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett as our new Associate Minister of Christian Education! Julia's primary responsibility will be to oversee the Education Department and work with the children's area. She will also help some with Outreach and, of course, will do some visitations and be involved in worship.

Julia was ordained in 1991 after completing a Masters of Divinity at Phillips Theological Seminary. She also has a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education as well as a second Masters in Pastoral Care and Counseling. She comes to us with a wealth of experience, and she is also a trainer of trainers for the Worship and Wonder, a program we have used for Children's Worship. I know that you, too, are anxious to greet her and welcome her and her family into our midst.





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27th Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am

28th Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm

Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ Boomerang Diner 5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesdays at WOCC 6:00pm-8:00pm

31st Trunk or Treat 3:00pm-5:00pm

New Minister!

WOCC is so excited to have Rev. Julia K. Jordan Gillet join our staff as the new Associate Minister! Jane and Lonnie Maytubby and Mary and Ed Garrison have been hard at work preparing her office which was previously used as the Youth Intern office. Please give Julia a warm welcome when she joins us in December.



Caring & Sharing

Janet Jones brought an article called “Leaving Grief Unaddressed Can Have Prolonged Consequences” by Marla Mercer Cole. It was a question and answer session and very informative. **The next meeting will be on November 15th at 4:00pm**, and the guest speaker will be Carla Scull of the Alzheimer’s Association.

DINNER DATES:

Oct 28	5:00pm	Boomerang Diner	6315 NW 39th
Nov 11	5:00pm	Nina’s	5001 N. Portland
Nov 25	5:00pm	Charleston’s	5907 NW Expressway

New Member

Please join the Membership Department in welcoming our newest member, Michelle Jenkins, who joined our church on October 4th. Michelle grew up in Oklahoma City, and she graduated from Oklahoma State University. (As a matter of fact, Michelle traveled to Stillwater last weekend for homecoming and for her 50th class reunion at OSU.) After her graduation, she moved to Dallas for a career in the fashion industry for 33 years. In 1998, Michelle moved back to Oklahoma City, and she says she “loves it here!”

Michelle brings to our fellowship a strong Christian Church (DOC) heritage. Her mother first joined University Place Christian Church in 1934. Once her mother married and had children, Michelle attended First Christian Church with her parents and sister, now Jeanene Hulsey. After Michelle moved to Dallas, she became a member of Bethany Christian and later Northway Christian in the Dallas area. Michelle’s most meaningful church experiences are communion and Sunday morning worship.

After her move back to Oklahoma City, Michelle formed and still operates her own business, “Ms. Fix-It.” She assists people with their moves to retirement centers, decorates, and helps with real estate sales. She also works part time for Edward Jones Investments. Her hobbies include quilting, tole painting, and scrapbooking.

We are delighted to have Michelle as a new member of Western Oaks, and we encourage you to meet her and become acquainted.

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 Birthday: March 1st



Bereavement Luncheon

The annual Bereavement Luncheon hosted by the Membership Committee will be held on November 8th at 12:15pm. Those who have lost a family member or friend this year will have the opportunity to remember that individual in a candle-lighting ceremony. The brief service and meal should last about an hour. Invitations will be mailed soon.

Gratitude is our Attitude

“Praising God for leading Pastor Dan to us. He is a shining light for all to see.” —Ken Whitt

“We celebrate our daughter Becky’s 25+ years of serving as a youth sponsor at Southern Hills Christian Church in Ft. Worth.” —Tom & Karen Russell

YOUTH SOUNDBITE

As summer closes and fall comes into full swing, I think about all the great summer memories. I always think about camp when I think summer. One of the cool things about camp is the opportunity to come together with other people of faith to grow and take retreat. It is very similar to how church is supposed to work. But camp is somehow different, because we participate in creative and out-of-the-box activities together. We are constantly in fellowship as we swim together, play together, walk together, and worship together. About 8 years ago, I had the most wonderful experience at camp. I grew socially, mentally, and spiritually.

One of the activities we did together that year was a creative offering. We wrote our name on strips of fabric and then traded with people around us. We were supposed to keep the fabric in a visible place and every time we saw it we were supposed to pray for the person whose name was on our fabric. I tied the fabric around my ankle, where it remains today. Every time I look down at it, I say a prayer for Elise. For all these years, I have thought I was doing a kind thing for her. But today it hit me that she was really doing something for me. When my prayer life was not strong and I looked down, I prayed for her. When my faith was not strong and I looked down, I remembered the time of spiritual growth. When I was lonely and I looked down, I remembered the togetherness from the camp community. I guess that is why, after eight years, I still have not removed the fabric from my ankle. It was not about my guilt from removing her from my prayers. It was about removing a piece of me, removing something that has made my faith strong. So, I challenge you to find something that makes your faith strong and never let it go.

This one is for Elise: *“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.” —Ephesians 3:17*

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 28th: Wednesday at Western Oaks 6-8pm

Oct. 31st: Trunk-or-Treat 3-5pm

Nov. 1st: ROCK Sunday 5-7 pm

Nov. 4th: Wednesday at Western Oaks 6-8pm

Nov. 8th: ROCK Sunday 5-7 pm

Nov. 11th: Wednesday at Western Oaks 6-8pm

Nov. 15th: ROCK Sunday 5-7 pm

Nov. 18th: Wednesday at Western Oaks 6-8pm

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson
Interim Youth Director*

Mission Partners,

We are making progress in Macomb, Oklahoma! We still have the west side of the house to go. **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00am-4:00pm** plan to join us. Invite others to come join this rewarding mission opportunity. The address is 42786 Sing Rd, Macomb, OK. Let me know if you can join us one or both days.

Shalom, Tom (405)650-3335



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

- * Darlene Singleton
- * Tori Millman’s grandmother had a heart attack.
- * Tim Jackson, the Hills’ friend, is in ICU at South Integris.
- * The victims & OSU family
- * Greg Morse, Linda Cobb’s nephew, had surgery but recovery will be difficult.
- * Stella Sims, friend & employee of Ken Whitt, received a kidney. Pray for healing & no rejection.
- * Pat Gentis
- * Dorleen Gosnell, Cythnia Hill’s mom
- * Pray for Shawn Hensley, Tom Russell’s brother-in-law. He had emergency surgery for brain tumor.
- * David Dixon, Goodners’ friend, will continue dialysis.
- * John Millman’s COPD is not getting better.
- * Dennis Spencer, Karen Russell’s brother, had a stroke.
- * LaRue Ingram is still having a lot of back pain.
- * Sharon Roemer, Martha Buchanan’s friend, has multiple cancers.
- * Lloyd Gosnell, Cynthia Hill’s cousin, has cancer.
- * Renee Williams, Martha Buchanan’s friend, has cancer.
- * Joan Stamman, Jan Sills’ cousin, has colon cancer.
- * Sharon Lutke, friend of Jan Ketola, has cancer.
- * Dick & Lura Cayton
- * Danny Cartmill, Marlene Word’s nephew, has pancreatic cancer.
- * Dorothy Ferguson is undergoing chemo.
- * Millman family
- * Bill Parker is undergoing chemo.
- * Lou O’Brien

Veteran's Day

Please remember these individuals on November 11th as well as those currently serving our country. We cannot thank you all enough for protecting our freedoms. *"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."* John 15:13 *If you have a family member you'd like to add, let Janey know in the office, 789-8812.



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

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

Military Serving Our Country

- ◆ Evan Ferguson, U.S. Air Force
- ◆ Lita Watts (Brandon Watts' wife), U.S. Air Force Reserve enlistee
- ◆ Jennifer Wilkinson, U.S. Navy enlistee
- ◆ Senior Airman Brandon Watts (Suzanne & Bill Parker's grandson), U.S. Air Force
- ◆ 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, **Nov. 9, at noon**

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.



Since there is a chance of rain on Saturday during Trunk-or-Treat, we have a contingency plan to move it inside (Schwind Hall or Youth Room).

Wanted: Used bed sheets and/or cotton material to be used for quilt squares and backing for quilts made by the women of this church. Most of the quilts made this year will go to foster children through Citizens Caring for Children. Thank you!



Date	GIVING	
10/18/15	General	\$3,795
	Blessing Fund	\$1,585
10/25/15	General	\$3,589
	Blessing Fund	\$1,210.33

Date	ATTENDANCE	
10/18/15	9:00 AM	35
	11:00 AM	77
10/25/15	9:00 AM	44
	11:00 AM	85

Church Staff

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

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

Hope Lairson — Interim Youth 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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