



**The OAKBRIDGE**

Western Oaks Christian Church

8100 NW 23rd Street

789-8812

**December 2, 2009**

**AMONG OUR OWN**

♪ Congratulations to Dr. Becky Salter in the completion of her Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.)! ♪

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**Bereavement Dinner**  
**by Deana Smith, Membership**

Each year the Membership Department hosts a dinner for families who have lost a loved one during this past year. The dinner will be Tues. Dec. 15, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the church. It will be a time to remember your loved one in a candle light ceremony. If you are able to attend please contact the church office by Dec. 10th to RSVP.

## **Mobile Meals**

by **Dianne Maier, Coordinator**

TO MOBILE MEALS VOLUNTEERS:

I want to wish you all a great holiday season. Thanks to every cook, helper and driver. You have all been just wonderful. There's always plenty to do and you all come through. I still need one cook for the 1st and 5th Wednesday of the month. Any volunteers may call me at 789-0558 or send me an e-mail at [ladydiqb@cox.net](mailto:ladydiqb@cox.net).



## **Coffee Fellowship**

by **Danet Trivette, Coordinator**

**Thank you** to those who hosted Coffee Fellowship in the month of November: CWF ladies, Life Lessons SS class, Rejoice & Service SS Class, Jane Maytubby and Mary Garrison.

As you can see below, 2010 will be here before we know it. Consider signing up.

Scheduled to date:

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| Dec. 6  | CWF                                  |
| Dec. 13 | Life Lessons SS class                |
| Dec. 20 | Ruth Anne McAffrey                   |
| Dec. 27 | Marilyn Storm                        |
| Jan. 3  | CWF                                  |
| Jan. 10 | Deana & Bob Smith                    |
| Jan. 17 | <b><i>OPEN-Volunteers needed</i></b> |
| Jan. 24 | <b><i>OPEN-Volunteers needed</i></b> |
| Jan. 31 | <b><i>OPEN-Volunteers needed</i></b> |

## **CMF News**

by John Trivette

**Saturday, December 5**, at 7:30 a.m. the WOCC men will meet for breakfast at the Olde Orchard Restaurant on N.W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

For more information about CMF contact Vernon Cook (840-5758) or myself (782-0994). We look forward to seeing you there.

## **CWF News**

by Danet Trivette

Ladies, on Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the evening you are invited to join us at our Christmas Party hosted by Mary Pfeil and her daughter, Lynda & husband, Jim Gervais at their home at 3128 N. Lakeview Manor Dr. in Bethany. Please bring a snack and a \$5 gift to exchange. Guests are welcome.



**Notice** – CWF will **NOT** meet on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

**November Meeting** – Seven ladies attended the Central Area Disciples Women's meeting at the FCC in El Reno on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Tom Russell was our bus driver. Thank you, Tom. Our Thanksgiving Luncheon was delicious. We had 19 in attendance. Jenna Droke provided the turkey and dressing. She and her grandson, Jacob did the family style dining decorations. The rest of us brought side dishes and desserts. Thank you, Jenna and Jacob.

Rev. Ursula Lichtenberger was our speaker and Sue Gordon gave our devotional. Thanks to both of you.

## **Toys For Christmas**

**by Tom Russell, Chair of Community/Outreach**

If you haven't purchased a toy for a child, who might not have that **BIG SMILE** Christmas morning without your help, please act now! We need the unwrapped toys brought to W.O.C.C. by Sunday December 6th. We will be delivering them on Monday morning to Reaching Our City.

### **YOU CAN GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED**

R.O.C needs volunteers to set up the toys for distribution on Dec. 9th. If you can work 2 or 3 hours or more, please call Laura Poff at ROC 440-9994. On Dec. 10-12 folks are needed to assist parents with the toy distribution. Two to three hours will be a big help on any of the three days. Call Laura Poff at ROC 440-9994 to sign up and bring the joy of Christmas to many children in our neighborhood.

## **Habitat for Humanity**

**by Tom Russell, Chair of Community/Outreach**

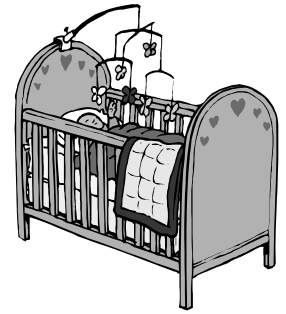
Habitat for Humanity is always looking for property to build homes on. If you know of any vacant or available property in the Bethany / NW OKC area that might be available, please contact me with the address and any information you know. Tom Russell 946-5909



## Baby Crib Recall

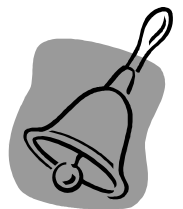
by Ursula Lichtenberger, Associate Minister with Children

Great News! The crib recall ordered last week did not affect any of the cribs in our nursery. Our children are safe and snug in the new cribs.



## Roland Fishel Memorial Bell Ringing

by Charlene Newkirk, Community & World Missions Commit-



It's not too late to sign up for the Roland Fishel Salvation Army Red Kettle brigade. The sign up sheet is in the east narthex. We are asking for just one hour of your time.

## Reaching Our City (R.O.C) December

by Evelyn Matlock

Reaching Our City (R.O.C) is a church agency on N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street that has a food pantry that our congregation supports. The R.O.C needs the following items this month: **Cake mix, Canned Cranberries, Canned Sweet potatoes, Pie Filling, Dressing, or any non-perishable holiday food.** If you would like to contribute please bring these items to the church and place them in the box outside the church office and Jason Bass will deliver them on Monday to the R.O.C.

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE & TITHES / OFFERINGS

Nov. 22	Combined Sunday	225	General Fund	\$ 7,781
			Capital Fund	10,690
Nov. 29	Contemporary Sunday	53	General Fund	\$ 2,710
	Traditional Service	<u>98</u>	Capital Fund	350
		151		

## PRAYER CONCERNS:

**Judy Elam** (sister of Shirley Ruedy); **Nadine Gies** (Christine Wagner's mother); **Clara Barker, Heidi Scherler** (Faith Lairson's sister); **Mary Nelson; Nancy Porter, Wilmoth Thomas; Marlene Word**

Those serving our Country: **Don Bowman, Jonathan Mai** (friend of Robert Wilkerson); **Lucus DeKinder, Don Mercer, Leland Beason**, (McAffrey's nephew); **Phillip Ferguson**, (Bob/Dorothy Ferguson's grandson); **Becky Chown** (John Lassiter's granddaughter) Peace Corps -Central South Africa; **Jordy Rossoll** (friends of Wendy Wilkerson);

## **From the Pastor's Perspective:**

**by Rev. John Regan**

Years ago a mail-carrier was walking along the street delivering the mail. He stopped on a porch and dropped the mail through a slot into a box. Sitting in a chair was a four year old boy who had a new baby sister. The mail-carrier asked the little boy about his new sister, "Can she talk yet?" "No," the boy replied. "She has some baby teeth, but her words haven't come in yet." Growing up we are always waiting for something to "come in." We want to hurry up and do all the things that adults are doing. The season of Advent is a lot like that. We don't want to sing Advent hymns...we want to sing Christmas carols. We don't want to hear about John the Baptist....tell us about the baby Jesus! We have no interest in filling valleys, straightening crooked roads, or flattening mountains. Can't we skip to the really good stuff?

Advent reminds us that the stars can only be seen in the darkness. Fulfillment comes in its own time. And God's time is a mystery, not something we can control or influence. We can only be prepared or unprepared to receive the mystery. Let the world hurry on ahead without you. Take a moment to step outside into the cold night. Breathe the cold air into your lungs. Look up into the sky and see the light. Some of this light began its journey from its source before Christ was born into this world. Maybe starlight is Advent light. The light that comes before the Light of the World.

May God grant you a slow...tedious...long...Advent!

Grace and Peace,  
John