



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH

January 7, 2020

Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Friday, January 24th
7-10 PM

Bring your favorite
games and snacks!

Babysitter Provided

Church-Wide Game Night

Bring Can Foods by Sunday, February 2nd

Can goods and donations will support the
Food Bank which will support the ROC



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Start the new year with Messy Church!

January 12, 2020 5:00 PM

This is a simple children's format that consists of a warm welcome, an hour of hands-on activities around a Bible theme, a short gathered celebration (worship time), and a meal around the table with others in our community during our fellowship dinner. Please bring a side or dessert to go along with the Chili Cook-off immediately following Messy Church.

Julia is looking for volunteers to facilitate the hands-on activities as well as advertising in our community by placing yard signs in your yard. Thank you for offering to minister to others as Christ has ministered to us! Please contact Julia Jordan Gillett at the church or cell phone 405-821-0108.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT COMING YOUR WAY:

Friday, January 24, 2020 from 6:30p.m. to 9:30p.m. We will have a game night for all ages!! Bring your favorite snack. The children will be able to participate in some games and then make a craft and watch a movie, while adults continue their game playing. A babysitter will be provided.

Contact Julia if you have any questions.



REPORT TO THE WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD

FROM THE PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

The Pastoral Support Team, comprised of Fern Melton, Charlie Conner, Kelli Fearing, Pat Brown, and Charles Mohr, met four times during 2019 with Rev. Daniel U'Ren.

We have provided nurture, support and guidance to our Pastor. We have heard and discussed issues – accolades, grievances, personal matters-- which have arisen at these meetings. We have also during this period served as a liaison for the transfer of information, resolution of conflicts, and solving problems that have arisen. At our last meeting on November 5th we celebrated Daniel's acceptance as a candidate for a Doctor of Ministry Degree and his enrollment in Phillips Theological Seminary. We also celebrated with Daniel when he was asked to write two articles to be published in the May and June issues of "Homiletics", a national journal offering inspiring sermon preparation, worship resources and commentaries for ministers, the same publication that shared his "Holy Humor Sunday," sermon with its readers. Also, Daniel has made a few brief appearances on local TV talking about healthy congregations. Most of his time, though, Daniel spends caring for all of us, his congregation, using his unique pastoral and technological skills in his ministry.

At our last meeting, we also offered accolades to Stephanie U'Ren, Daniel's wife, upon her successes at the Oklahoma State Department of Health where she serves as the Director of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. In this position she has worked tirelessly on the state tobacco policy "Comprehensive Clean Indoor Air" where she testified at a legislative interim study. She was the keynote speaker for the Oklahoma Public Health Association annual conference presenting on the social determinants of health. Stephanie was named to the board of directors for the Oklahoma Physician's Resource and referral network and received the Oklahoma Prevention Specialist of the Year award in 2019. She was interviewed on January 2, 2020, by KOCO news regarding the new age restriction on smoking and featured in a Tulsa World interview on the same topic.

This hearing/discussing liaison group encourages all members of the congregation to bring any issues to the Team whenever possible. Also, please note that in each issue of the Oakbridge, Daniel invites anyone who wishes to talk with him in private to contact Daniel for an appointment. Effective communication is one of the most important goals this Team and our Pastor strive to achieve.

This report is submitted pursuant to Article X (4) of the Western Oaks Christian Church By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

January 2, 2020