

OCTOBER 13, 2015

Oakbridge

WESTERN OAKS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Making a Difference

Big shout out to all those who answered the "Urgent Need" call to help with the Refuge Fellowship Church Dinner held September 28. WOCC prepared chicken with macaroni, peas, sour cream and cream of chicken soup, slaw salad, dinner roll and pre-packaged Danish rolls for dessert. Responders to cook were Tina Bayliff,



Charles Hogan, Beverly Parker, Mary Garrison, Pat Brown, Marilyn Chalk, Judy Walker, Roy Avants,

and Dixie Ledbetter. Those serving downtown were Recca Young, Marilyn Chalk, Roy Avants, Kathleen Miller, Charmaine Hipp, Andrea Teter, Gay Teter, Steven Teter, Nance Cunningham, Pastor Dan, Liam and Aidan U'Ren, Tom Russell and T. J. Johnson. Robert Wilkerson met us back at the church to help clean up the roaster



pans and stow them away. It was a successful evening; we saw the congregates make multiple trips through the serving lines! Dick Cayton gave the words of institution for the communion served, and Pastor

Dan gave the meditation for the evening. Thanks to all that made this event a rousing success! If you want to serve in this worthy mission, we will be traveling downtown again November 16. Mark your calendars.

Sunday's Recap

I was thinking of an old joke during my sermon that I should have shared with you. The riddle is, What do the Rich want, the poor have and is greater than God? Well, if "Henry" from the scripture followed the advice of Jesus, he might have nothing, but at the same time, he would receive a heavenly treasure. If you are wondering who "Henry" is, you can always listen to my sermon online at www.woccdoc.org

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Refuge Church
- Work Day
- Mission Opportunities
- Health Fair

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- 13th** Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am
Central Region Minister Meeting 9:00am-12:00pm
- 14th** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ Beverly's 5:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesdays at WOCC 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 17th** WOCC Work Day 9:00am-12:00pm
- 19th** Refuge Church Formation Service 6:00pm-7:00pm
- 20th** Admin Meeting 7:00pm-8:00pm
- 21st** Wednesdays at WOCC 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 24th** Marriage of Newkirk & Majetic 3:00pm-6:00pm

- 25th** Elders Meeting 12:15pm-1:15pm
- 26th** OakBridge Article Due 12:00pm
- 27th** Elders Prayer Breakfast 7:15am-8:15am
- 28th** Bridge for Fun 1:00pm-4:00pm
Caring & Sharing Eat Out @ Boomerang Diner 5:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesdays at WOCC 6:00pm-8:00pm
- 31st** Trunk or Treat 3:00pm-5:00pm

Gratitude is our Attitude

"I want to thank everyone who has shown great concern over me the last several weeks. I truly appreciate the wonderful display of care and affection." —Duane Wood

"Thank you to Lacinda Greene and everyone who helped to breathe life into the Health Fair this year. I heard many of the vendors state that they want to come back next year. This was an amazing opportunity to reach out to our community. We had a great turn out considering it was our first attempt, and it was scheduled at the same time of the OU vs. Texas game. With great appreciation," —Daniel U'Ren

New Member

Western Oaks Christian Church welcomed a new member on Sunday, October 11th. Michelle Jenkins has been visiting for several weeks now, and she recently joined the CWF here as well. Her picture and bio will be in the next edition of OakBridge.

Put Love in Action

WOCC WORK DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015
9:00 – 12:00

Calling all Western Oaks folks for a fall work day! Come one, come all!! Something for everyone and, hopefully, we will have good weather to get some outside tasks done. Listed below are the jobs we are looking at, but others may come up later. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

- 1) Rake leaves – bring a rake if you have 1, not sure how many we have stored.
- 2) Trimming of bushes as needed.
- 3) Washing windows.
- 4) Replace exit lights.
- 5) Replace roping on playground equipment.
- 6) Replace Christian flag at pole.
- 7) Wipe down freezer in main kitchen with bleach – mold around door.
- 8) Look at carpets, etc. in preparation for our Thanksgiving Dinner.
- 9) Any other items which may come to light.

Jack Graham, & Jane Maytubby, Property Co-Chairs

Macomb Work Project
Friday, October 23 & Saturday, October 24
9:00am—4:00pm

We need volunteers for both days or come work one day, if you can! Bring a lunch and drink. Please respond and let me know if you can help both or either day. We will send a list of tools to bring (if you have them). We will be taking off old, broken siding and installing new siding on two sides of the house. Share this information with others in newsletters, emails, phone calls, Facebook, etc.

Shalom, Tom Russell (405) 650-3335

P.S. Money for materials and supplies are also needed.

Health Fair

Thanks to EVERYONE who made our 2015 Health Fair at Western Oaks Christian Church possible. To all our medical and health care providers, we had approximately 17 booths and 20 different organizations represented:

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| Alzheimer’s Association | American Diabetes Association |
| American Heart Association | American Stroke Association |
| American Red Cross | Arthritis Foundation |
| Full Circle Development Center | Integris Medical Center |
| Ocean Dental | OK Alliance On Aging |
| OK Blood Institute (Blood Donations) | OK Institute of Allergy & Asthma |
| Walgreen’s Pharmacy (Flu Shots) | Bethany - YMCA |
| OK Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services | |
| OK State Dept. of Health, Center for the Advancement of Wellness | |
| OKC Senior Activity Centers and OKC Park & Recreation Programs | |
| Phoenix Home Health Agency (Blood Pressure Screenings) | |
| Salvation Army Central OK Area Command | |

Thanks go out for our excellent PR efforts led by Norma Janssen, Pat Brown and Rev. Daniel U’ Ren. Also to our “healthy” concession stand organizer, Hope Lairson, and the invaluable assistance of Vincent Pinazza, Lissa Foster, and Phillip Burkhart. Thanks to Wendy Wilkerson and family for organizing our flu shot registrations, and Jodi Conner and Reeca Young for maintaining our blood glucose screenings. Our booth and door prize coordinator was Kelli Fearing, and our greeters were Judy Walker and Cathy Routon. A SPECIAL THANKS for all the valuable donations that gave our health fair a special flair this year –the U’Ren family for the very nice, durable and re-useable shopping bags with the WOCC logo, and to our breakfast crew -- Marlene Word, Norma Janssen, Lacinda Green, and Marilyn Chalk for providing the continental breakfast of coffee, juice, muffins and fresh fruit for our booth participants. We wish to extend our appreciation to EVERYONE – the approximate 110 individuals who walked through our doors – YOU made it happen and are so very much appreciated!

--The Outreach Committee and Lacinda Green, 2015 Health Fair Coordinator



- * Stella Sims, friend & employee of Ken Whitt, got a kidney. Pray for healing & no rejection.
- * Pat Gentis
- * Alana Millman at her job.
- * 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.
- * Greg Morse, Linda Cobb's nephew
- * 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

YOUTH SOUNDBITE

A few weeks ago, I saw two young women playing volleyball in the church parking lot. They were passing the ball between each other and having a meaningful conversation. I walked outside and asked if they would like to have a bottle of water. They came in and sat down, while I brought them water. As they started to drink, we began to converse about our lives. They talked about how much homework they had, and how much time they spent practicing their favorite sports: soccer and volleyball. They talked about how much respect they had for their teachers and their parents. They discussed social issues-poverty, alcoholism, equality, education, and conservation. They talked about their dreams for the future, their career, and their families. Mostly, they talked about how to better the world. After about an hour and half of conversation, we went our separate ways.

I think their conversation really had more of an impact on me than it did them. I thought I was being inviting by offering a cool place and water, but they invited me into their world. It was an amazing place to be. Our future is so bright with these young women. This is truly why I love my job. I love working with young people, because they truly inspire me. Most of the time, it is not about what I teach them, but what they teach me. They have so much to offer, we just have to lend a listening ear and a supportive heart.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but instead set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in integrity." - 1 Timothy 4:12

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 14th- Wednesday at Western Oaks 6:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 18th- NO YOUTH (Fall Break)
- Oct. 21st- Wednesday at Western Oaks 6:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 25th- ROCK Sunday 5:00-7:00pm
- Oct. 28th- Wednesday at Western Oaks 6:00-8:00pm
- Oct. 31st- Trunk-or-Treat 3:00-5:00pm

*Peace and Blessings,
Hope Lairson
Interim Youth Director*



Silly things about October:

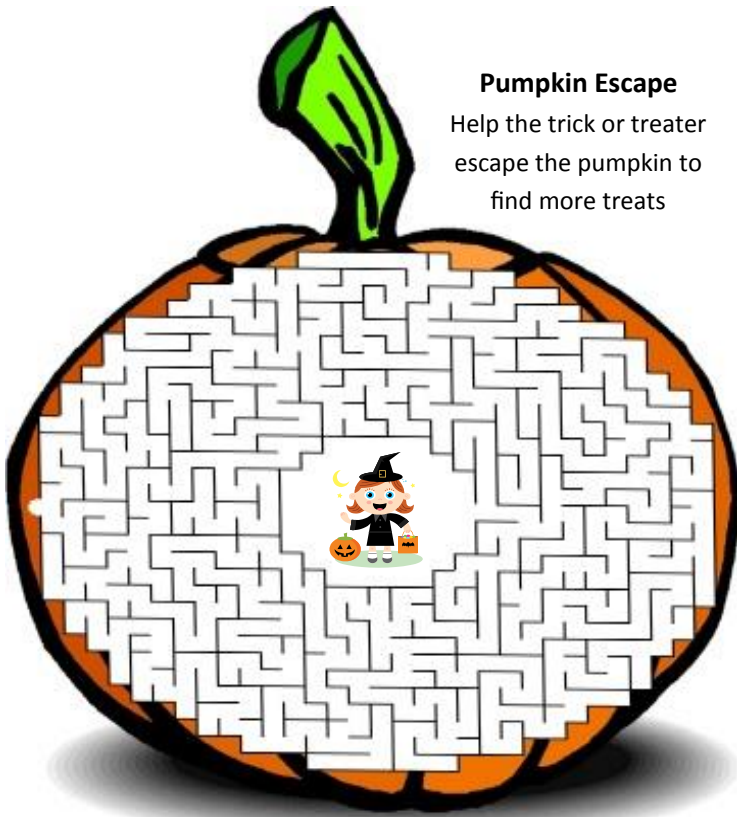
October was originally the 8th month, "Octo" means 8. Canada celebrates Thanksgiving on the 2nd Monday of October. No fighting— October 2nd is the International Day for No Violence. It's also National Art Month, so get out those crayons and be creative. Cookie Monster loves October because it is National Cookie month!

All Hallow's Eve Word Search

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Pumpkin Escape

Help the trick or treater escape the pumpkin to find more treats



BLACK BOO CANDY CAT COSTUME EVE
 HALLOWEEN HALLOWS HERO JACKOLANTERN
 LIGHT MASK MOON ORANGE PUMPKIN SAINTS
 SCARECROW SCARY SPIDER TREAT TRICK WEB

Trunk or Treat



Lots of Treats without the Tricks
Saturday, October 31st
 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Invite your friends, EVERYONE welcome!

Q. What do goblins and ghosts drink when they're hot and thirsty on Halloween?
 A. Ghou-aid!!!

Q. What is a Mummy's favorite type of music?
 A. Wrap!!!!

Q. Where does a ghost go on Saturday night?
 A. Anywhere where he can boo-gie.

Q. What instrument does a skeleton play?
 A: Trom-BONE.

Q. What do ghosts eat for breakfast?
 A. Boo-Berries.

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WELL HOW WOULD YOU GO ABOUT MAKING
 FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT COSTUMES?

October is Vacation Month

Did someone forget to tell me October is the month to go on vacation? It was not until Sunday, in worship, that it dawned on me that at least 5 families had told me they were going to be on vacation to places like France, Italy, and Iowa. You can guess which ones I would have liked to have tagged along. These vacations go from a week to a month-long escape. I pray for safe journeys to all who are traveling and hope you have wonderful trips.

Vacations are usually about three things: rest, relationships and memories. The rest part sometimes I question when there is a strict itinerary that keeps you running from site to site. Although, sometimes being able to escape the daily grind and responsibilities which demand so much energy can be relaxing in itself, so long as you can fully let go. The relationship aspect is that we usually do not vacation alone, either we go with someone, family or friend, or we meet someone there. We are social this way as we want to share the experience thereby making it more meaningful. But also, trips can build and strengthen relationships. When we create those shared memories, we develop a special bond. Some trips are about making new memories, while some trips are re-living old memories. Either way, memories are what help make trips special.

The Bible is full of people taking journeys, though most are not vacations. From Abraham to Moses, Jonah and Jacob, to the Disciples heading to Emmaus, when we set out on a journey we have the opportunity to see God in new ways and experience the divine in wonderful and amazing ways. So, whether you are taking a trip or planning a trip, or just desiring a vacation now, remember, wherever you go, you have a home to come back to at Western Oaks. But also, no matter where you go, God is there with you.

*Shalom,
Daniel*



Articles for the next OakBridge will be due Monday, Oct. 26, at noon

Please remember, articles must be 500 words or less.



Date	GIVING	
10/4/15	General	\$8,394.60
	Blessing Fund	\$55.65
10/11/15	General	\$5,665.55
	Blessing Fund	\$596.98



Date	ATTENDANCE	
10/4/15	9:00 AM	52
	11:00 AM	82
10/11/15	9:00 AM	42
	11:00 AM	75

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Todd Newell — Praise Band Leader

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Vincent Pinazza — Sound Technician

Lawrence Johnson — Custodian

Samantha VanOsdol — Nursery Supervisor

Cynthia Mize & Kiersten Hamill — Nursery Attendants

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