

Spring is Here

Excerpts from "Spring Has Sprung," a poem by Patricia Fleming

There is nothing that can quite compare
To the fragrance of the fresh spring air,
Floating on the softest breeze,
Stirring the world from its frozen sleep.

The merry, twittering early birds
Now usher in the dawn,
Filling the quiescent silence
With a panoply of song.

The naked, drooping sullen trees
And the brown and barren earth
Begin to show those subtle signs
Of their glorious rebirth.

The greenest green of grassy lawns
Begin to sprout and grow,
Creating deep plush emerald quilts,
Replacing mounds of crystalline snow.

Neatly tended flower beds
Filled with splashy, bursting buds
Lift their heads as they proudly swoon
Beneath the dazzling sun.

Spring has sprung and hope renewed
As people open up their doors.
Those gloomy days and that frigid air
Won't stop them anymore.

As I walked into church this morning I was reminded of how much I love it here, where I can listen to the birds sing their morning song, and thought about sharing the hope and wonder I feel on this cool, crisp morning at WOCC. As spring reminds us of the hope found in the tender buds blossoming to return color to our world, and the melodious music of the birds serenading along with the morning dew, we discover life anew. Sure, in Oklahoma, spring brings storms, but I have seen some of the most beautiful rainbows after those storms. It is my hope and desire that you find something this Spring to put the bounce into your step, inspire wonder in your awe, and that you discover the hope found in the Easter season and new life sprouting up all around us.

Shalom,

Daniel



Gun Violence & Mental Health

The Intersections of Violence, Trauma, Response, and Community Wellness

Webinar · 5/3/2023 · 2 pm ET / 11 am PT



Joselyn Spence



Rev. Terri Hord Owens



Greg Jackson



Rev. Cheryl Briner



Raquel Farrell-Kirk



Register Online at
NBACares.org

In the last few years, gun violence has increased at an alarming rate and has impacted our communities greatly. For Mental Health Awareness Month 2023, this conversation will focus on the intersection of gun violence, trauma, ways that we can respond to gun violence, and ways to care for our mental health and the mental health of our communities.

20²³ Phillips
Theological Seminary
Commencement
Daniel is Graduating
May 20 — 11 a.m.



Metropolitan Baptist Church
1228 West Apache St.
Tulsa, OK 74127

Rev. Allison Longman will be preaching here on May 21st.



Charlene	Majetic	5/3
Kay	Jewell	5/3
Dean	Ferguson	5/7
Liam	U'Ren	5/11
George	Goodner	5/18
Sean	Hassell	5/25
Monica	Compton	5/27
Jennifer	Wilkinson	5/29

The **MAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER** has been canceled, but will be rescheduled for a later date.

More details coming soon!!



2024 Sign up TODAY!
Assembly at Sea



Western Caribbean Cruise to Cozumel, Mexico

Sailing from Galveston, TX

July 11-15, 2024 on the Carnival Breeze



We are so excited to offer something new, exciting, and unique for our Oklahoma Regional Assembly! You can get reservations now to join other Disciples from Oklahoma at sea by registering here:

<https://okdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly-at-sea/#>



Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



VBS Meeting Sunday May 7th 12:30p.m.

Meet us in the parlor, following Coffee Fellowship.

We will hand out curriculum, if you haven't already received it, as well as give out the schedule. The meeting will be brief. Thanks for your participation! Contact Julia if you have any questions.

Time to Sign Up for Church Camp!

Regular Rates are now in effect with a May 15 Deadline

Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-8): June 5-9

Regular Rate \$475

CYF Conference (grades 9-12): June 19-24

Regular Rate: \$500

Discovery Camp (grades 2-3): June 23-25

Regular Rate: \$225

Junior Camp (grades 4-5): June 26-30

Regular Rate: \$380



Senior Sunday is May 7th

We will celebrate the graduations of James Frank from high school, Nevonna and David Schroeder granddaughter Sara Fitch from high school in Vicenza, Italy, and Jacob Foster from college. Congratulations to you all.



If you have a family member you would like us to recognize on Sunday, May 7th, please let Julia Jordan Gillett or Cindy Cannon know in the church office ASAP!

**Coming
June
12 - 15!**

Vacation Bible School

VOLUNTEERS: Let Julia know if you would like to lead a group, fix meals, help lead recreation, singing, or be a part of the market place.

Sip & See Baby Shower for Jasper (Alorah, Adele, Genova and Gavin's baby brother). The sip and See will be on Sunday, April 30th during Coffee Fellowship after the 11a.m. service.

Items baby Jasper could use: diapers size 2 or 3; baby toys; baby gym play-mat; bibs; baby bottles (tommee tippee) bottle accessories or baby books. If you have questions, you can contact Julia and Kari .



MISSION TRIP UPDATE - Julia and 5 youth are going on the mission trip to Fort Worth, Texas in July. We will participate in a **rummage sale** with New Covenant Christian Church at the beginning of June . The proceeds will help pay for food and gas for the vans. Please donate gently used clothes, shoes, books, kitchen items, & furniture. Please do not bring mattresses or VHS tapes.

Bring your donations Wednesday at 1, & Thursday, June 1 & 2 to New Covenant.



Church Staff

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Daniel U'Ren
 Associate Minister: Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett
 Music Director: Andrew Orr
 Pianist: Rosa McCroskey
 Praise Band Leader: Ben Frantz
 Praise Band: Natalie Griffin and Zach Jones
 Nursery Attendant: Janet Harper
 Admin Assistant: Cindy Cannon
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A Bridge to Giving

Living Fund Pledge: You may contribute to this fund if you are no longer a member or attendee of WOCC, either because you've moved or are no longer able to attend for other reasons and you want to continue supporting your church. The "Living Pledge Fund" allows the donor to continue to give the full or partial amount of a pledge for a fixed amount of time to ease the loss of the donor's pledge to WOCC.

If you relocate, you will pay your pledge as usual. If your relocation is to your heavenly home, you will have provided for its payment through your will or trust. For more information, contact the church treasurer or Financial Policies chairperson.

Attendance	Vimeo Live	Facebook Live	Facebook Live	Daniel's YouTube	TOTAL online Worship	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL on campus Worship	Giving	General	Blessing Fund
4/9/2023					**	31	72	103	4/9/2023	\$1,516.	\$30
4/16/2023	10	31	31	3	75	21	52	73	4/16/2023	\$1,931	\$30

*Online attendance taken from respective website reports of number

** Technical difficulty prevented online worship.

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