

August 29, 2023



In Our *Prayers*

Please remember these friends in prayer:

Ukraine
Hald Dawes
Marilyn Storm
Rae-Jean Burke
Duane Wood
Jan Sills great granddaughter
Linda Patzack

Hawaii – fires
Suzanne Parker – death of Bill
Lisa Sloan
Kelly Griffin
David Moore family
Melanie Ellis & daughter Amy



For Our Home Centered

Suzanne Parker
Dean Lunsford
Deana Smith
Duane Wood
Dwaine Bradley
Eunice Lassiter
Hald Dawes
Katherine Jordan

LaRue Ingram
Lonnie Maytubby
Lyeal Amos
Margaret Blackerby
Rhea Todd
Shirlee Ruedy
Vera Ruffner
Verona Burke

Anticipation

Sometimes the best part about arriving to the movie theater is the opportunity to watch the previews for upcoming movies. Granted, I wish movies started closer to the time listed, but I do enjoy the coming attractions. Those previews stir something in us to get excited about something new on the horizon and gets us talking about the things we hope to see coming to a theater soon. Sometimes it is just a teaser of an exciting movie that is still in production and won't be released for another year, but I can still remember the goosebumps of anticipation for a long-awaited movie.

The same thing seems to happen with Black Friday sales. I have heard of people camping out a day before, waiting to be one of the first to get through the doors for a long-awaited sale. Or the long lines of people waiting to purchase a concert ticket to a musical production that they have been longing to see. Or what about those lines to get on a rollercoaster ride at an amusement park? Or the anticipation a child experiences as they count the days till Christmas?

Recently, I encountered something else to get me excited with anticipation. It was the cabinet meeting of WOCC! Now, most of us would agree that another meeting does not typically stir the same kind of emotion as an exciting movie coming soon to a theater near you, but let me tell you about the cabinet meeting and why it was exciting for me. At the meeting, there was a giant post-it note on the wall for each month of the year and each committee chair was there to write down the upcoming events that they were planning for the church. This gave us a glimpse of the Fellowship dinners, always with a fun theme. There are going to be some fun and games opportunities to bring us together. A Zoo trip is in the works along with plans for Trunk or Treat. We also have a variety of worship events in the works including Reconciliation Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and who can forget, Advent is coming! The choir is already starting to work on their Carols and Lessons and we discussed so many different activities in the works. Even the Stewardship campaign, "What Shall I Bring" sounds like something to anticipate.

We have some amazing committees here at WOCC who are all doing exciting work that makes WOCC a wonderful place to be. All of this is because of the remarkable laity that have leading these groups and planning the life of the church. I am thankful for all of them and I hope that you are excited as I am for the great things happening at Western Oaks Christian Church. Some of the best things are worth waiting for, and WOCC is the best.

Shalom,

Daniel

Proud Dad moment: Aidan U'Ren not only made the High School Swim team for Yukon High School, but he also was one of 6 Freshmen to receive a special invitation to be a part of the Academic Quiz Bowl team at the high school.





Check out the new WWW.WOCCDOC.ORG website! It is still under construction and we will be tweaking some things as we go. There is a new look and feel thanks to the volunteer work of Aspen with Aspire Design & Brand!

Back- to- School Fellowship Dinner and Virtual Field Trip

Sunday, September 17th

Virtual Field Trip to Greece and Italy Starts at 4:00 p.m.

THEN...

Spaghetti Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

The WOCC Fellowship Committee will provide Spaghetti, Bread, and Drinks. Everyone else can bring their "Family Favorite" salad, side dish or dessert.



Aidan	U'Ren	9/5
Bill	Halpain	9/13
Barbara	Hudson	9/14
JoAnn	Goodner	9/15
Wendy	Wilkinson	9/16
Darlene	Bayliff	9/22
Eunice	Lassiter	9/29

Choir and Hand Bell Rehearsals Begin this Week!

Join us on Wednesday nights beginning **August 30**.

6 pm for Bells of Praise

7 pm for Chancel Choir

No experience needed! We have easy instructions for both ministries.



WOCC is hosting the PC West Football team dinner on Thursday, September 28 ahead of its game the next day. If you are interested in helping provide and/or serve this meal to about 170 robust Patriots, please contact Pat Brown, 405-833-2811 or pathbrown43@att.net.

The last time we served, the adult guys in the room had fun tossing oranges to the players, which was kind of a modified food fight. Come join the fun.



We would like to acknowledge two of our community partners who contributed to the Back to School Bash but were inadvertently omitted from the previous Oakbridge article. First Bethany Bank and Trust's generous gift funded the grand prize drawing for three lucky students, and All American Pizza gave gift cards to six students who signed up.

CBF - Christian Women's Fellowship

We make quilts for children going into foster care. We use lots of colorful fabric as well as denim fabric or jeans cut into squares. Currently jeans are our biggest need.

If you have jeans that may have some rips or tears but still have lots of good fabric, would you consider bringing them to the church? Or maybe you can purchase jeans on clearance at the thrift store. Questions? Talk to Sandra Spillman.

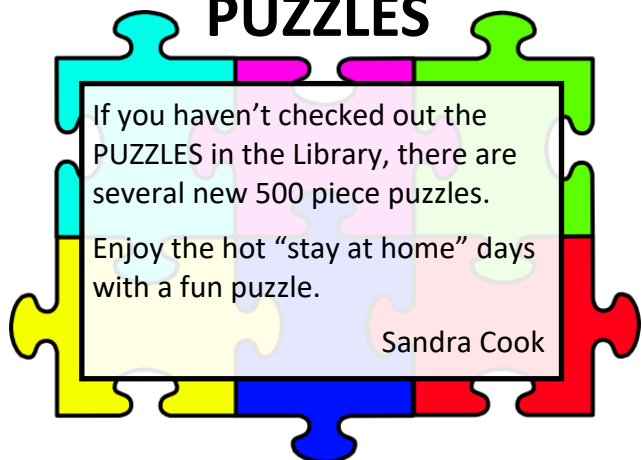


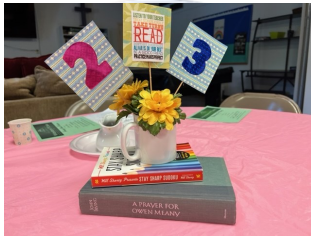
PUZZLES

If you haven't checked out the PUZZLES in the Library, there are several new 500 piece puzzles.

Enjoy the hot "stay at home" days with a fun puzzle.

Sandra Cook





Back to Sunday School Launch

Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Our Nursesey Class



We are thankful for Tobi Frank our Chair of Education!



Jamie Mattox is our wonderful Pre-K to 2nd grade teacher.



Gay Teter is our wonderful enthusiastic 3rd to 5th grade teacher.



Those in the Chi Rho and CYF group.

PROMOTION SUNDAY BREAKFAST THANKS

A big thank you goes to the Life Lessons Sunday school class who coordinated the food for the breakfast. We also want to thank Bob and Fern Melton and Charlie Conner Kelli Fearing for preparations of the food and set up of tables etc. We want to thank Tobi Frank and Pat Brown for their serving the meal. It takes a village for any event as well as fellowship that happens during the preparation and tear down of the event! Blessings to you all.

Julia

Interfaith Youth Tour 2023

First American Museum (In-person tour)
Time: 1-5p.m. Cost \$15 per person

Registration ends: Sunday, September 3rd

This year the communities who will be sharing with middle/high school (6th to 12th grade) youth are:

- First Americans Museum
- East Sixth Street Christian Church
- Masjid Mu'mim

Adult sponsors going: Andrea Teter (We are in need of one more adult sponsor)

Let Julia know which youth would like to attend!

Kadan Frank has enlisted in the Navy!

Kadan will attend basic training in Great Lakes and school in Pensacola, Florida. He ships out on July 10, 2024. We, his WOCC family, are incredibly proud and excited to see Kadan fulfill his life long dream.

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
 Sound Technician: Aidan U'Ren
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Happy 69th Anniversary

George & JoAnn Goodner

Thank you for your love, prayers, and cards over the last few weeks. I am slowly getting better and I appreciate all you have done for me. I would ask you to double your prayers for me because I now have a hard time thinking and I get lonely and depressed. I miss you all and hope to be back soon.



Love,
 Lisa Sloan

Attendance	Vimeo Live	Facebook Live	Facebook Live Daniel's	YouTube	TOTAL online Worship	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL on campus Worship
8/13/2023					**	29	37	66
8/20/2023	2	7	69	4	82	20	55	75

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
8/13/2023	\$4,720	\$30
8/20/2023	\$6,701	\$30

*Online attendance taken from respective website reports of number *** Financial info counted in following week
 ** Technical difficulty prevented online worship.

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