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No matter how old you are or how much money you have, the government will get more of your assets if you do not know how to protect your nest egg!

In this presentation, you will learn the strengths and weaknesses of several popular financial planning tools. You also will learn how you can make a gift to your church or another charity and reap financial benefits for doing so. Rev. Hawley is not selling anything; he is, however, giving away a lot of valuable information.

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WOCC Back to School Event

When WOCC had its beginnings almost 60 years ago, the surrounding neighborhood was thriving, growing, and building. Now, however, the demographic has changed tremendously, and there is little growth and building. We have become a more diverse community, and the income level of residents has decreased.

Simply put, there is much need in our community. Statistics show that 95% of its students qualify for free lunches at the schools. With each change, our church has become more aware of and more responsive to its community's needs. We have communicated frequently with principals and counselors and teachers at the three schools along 23rd Street, **PC West, Western Oaks Elementary School, and Western Oaks Middle School** regarding their needs. Food insecurity of course is the greatest problem. Clothing, school supplies, and various other supplies and services also figure into the great needs of these students.

Because of all this, we requested a grant from the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation in 2019 to help sponsor a back-to-school event which would also be a community-building event. The Disciples Foundation responded generously. Covid did not, however, and it shut down our plans for years. This year we are a GO!

Please mark this date: Saturday, August 5, 1-4 p.m.

This event is designed with the full support of principals and counselors from each of the schools, and with another generous grant from the Foundation. We have done a lot of work, but all during July, we have even more to do to make our event a success. And we need you so that we can be ready.

Among the community partners joining us with informational booths are YMCA, Girl Scouts of America, Putnam City Foundation, PC Schools Community Health and Resources, Bethany Library, the Food Bank, Oklahoma Educators Credit Union, Friends of the Library Book give away (with Dolly Parton book club information), and more.

Students will have access to hair cuts, school supplies, and hygiene supplies. We continue to seek organizations which can help with immunizations and physicals, and we believe we are making headway in securing those services. The Foster Shoes program is providing 100 pairs of shoes.

We have received either in kind or cash donations from McDonald's, First Bethany Bank, First Fidelity Bank, Wendy's, Church's Chicken, and other individuals who've heard about this event. We haven't even begun to canvass our 23rd Street neighborhood merchants to ask for their participation, but we will be doing that during the entire month of July.

WOMS Pom Squad, the Girl Scouts, PC West theatre group, and others will bring student performances throughout the afternoon. PC West basketball, football, and soccer students will mentor and mingle with the younger students and give demonstrations. Some of the teachers will bring outdoor STEM games they've designed for the kids to play. We'll have face painting and sidewalk chalk art. Elsa and Anna of Frozen will be here all afternoon!

To familiarize younger students and families with PC West, the PC West National Honor Society and Patriot Partners will help PC West faculty/staff conduct tours of PC West beginning at 2:30.

As each day passes, the enthusiasm and the scope of help to be given grows.

We hope that our congregation will help in two ways. First, just be there on August 5 to say, "we love you" and "we're glad you are here," and that's it. Second, please help. We'll have clip boards on each remaining Sunday in July with dozens of activities that need volunteers. We need you to sign up and help own this event.

Use the church directory to contact Pat Brown or Dave Brown for more information.

In conclusion, we offer the following thoughts regarding the concept of community and our calling to respond to its needs.

“It is in community that we come to see God in the other. It is in community that we see our own emptiness filled up. It is community that calls us beyond the pinched horizons of our own lives, our own countries, our own races, and gives us the gifts we do not have within us individually.” Sister Joan Chittister.

More importantly, Christ has called us. “Love your Neighbor as yourself.”

Pat Brown, Co-Chair, ad hoc Committee -Back to School Event – August 5, 2023, 1-5 p.m.

General Assembly 2023 July 28-August 2nd

Later this month Disciples from across the nation and Canada will be gathering in Louisville, Kentucky to discuss the future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This General Assembly takes place every other year and is an opportunity for the denomination to practice unity and to discuss business issues of the church. This year we have several items on the business docket that will require voting.

Pat Brown is the congregational elected voting representative of the church. Daniel and Julia have voting privileges basing on clergy status, as do all ordained, licensed or commissioned clergy in the denomination. If you would like to check out some of the topics open for discussion and voting please check here: <https://ga.disciples.org/business/> and let those who are going to the Assembly know your opinion on some of the topics being voted on.

Among the many issues being voted on we will discuss and vote on resolutions involving the treatment of Palestinians, another calls for the church to oppose Christian Nationalism, and another suggests amendments to the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We will also have an election to re-elect Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens to a second term as our General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Blessings,

Daniel



Mobile Meals delivers a meal for “July 4th”. Gretchen and Henry Dolive were dressed for the occasion along with Max Hart (not pictured)!



Servants loving our neighbors.

Special Speaker

Bobby Hawley from the Christian Church Foundation will be here on July 9th to teach and preach. He will be offering a special Sunday School Class to discuss financial planning at 10am. We welcome Rev. Hawley and the wonderful information he is bringing to WOCC. Watch for more information in coming weeks.



Beautiful Boy

To our Western Oaks Family of Faith, we are blessed beyond words by your generosity shown to our family at the Baby Shower for Adam Haynes Orr back on June 25.

It was so special to celebrate with you, and we can't tell you how much we appreciate all of the time and energy each one of you put into making our family feel loved.

Thank you also for your thoughtfulness and gifts. Due to your help, our Nursery at home is thankfully set and ready for the big arrival. We are so thankful for the safe and loving environment we have found at WOCC to raise our children in. We love you.

Peace and Joy,

Andrew, Sarah, Drew, and Adam Orr





Join us to splash and cool off on
Thursday, July 20th.

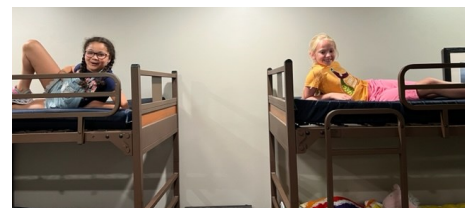
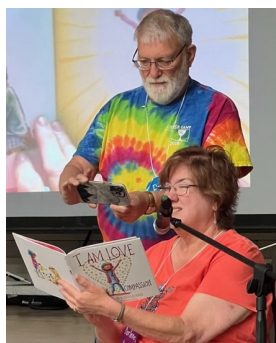
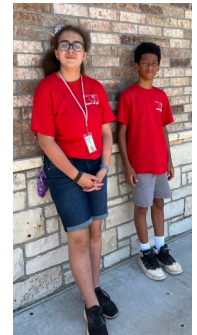
Meet at Western Oaks at 2:30p.m. to go to the splash park in Mustang. Let Julia know if you are able to drive.

Western Oaks Christian Church

**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**



Camp season ended on June 30th. It has been a wonderful time and I thank each of you for your prayers and financial contributions which allowed more youth than WOCC has had in several years attend summer camp. I encourage you to ask the youth about their experiences, tell them about your experiences when you were younger. It is a great way to join the generations of WOCC together. Church Camp is a wonderful way to enrich the faith development of our youth and to spiritually grow the next generation of the church! Rev. Michael Davison reminds us each year, that some young people feel the call to ministry while they are at church camp.



I missed seeing each of you on July 2nd. This Fourth of July holiday week will be an exciting time as I celebrate my birthday and celebrate our nation's birthday on the Washington D.C. Mall. Mark and I will join Matthew in DC and attend Independence Day activities.

I will return to OKC on Friday, July 7th in order to prepare to leave on Sunday, July 9th, after worship for the Youth Mission Trip with New Covenant Christian Church and Crown Heights Christian Church. Aidan, Liam, Alorah, Bailey, Jaidan, and I will join several other youth and travel to Fort Worth for the week to work with Disciples who run the Be the Neighbor program.

Julia

Church Staff

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Daniel U'Ren
 Associate Minister: Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett
 Music Director: Andrew Orr
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office@woccdoc.org

Current Directory information

Can't find a current address in your old directory?
 You can always look up the latest updated info on the ShelbyNext app, Cindy can help you set that up.
 Or if you would like a new printed copy, Cindy can email or print a copy for you.
 You are always welcome to call Cindy any time for new changes.



We have extra dishes in the church kitchen!

If you are missing any serving or cooking dishes, stop by this Sunday and check out the variety of dishes/containers that have been left in our kitchen over the past few months.



Attendance	Vimeo Live	Facebook Live	Facebook Live	Daniel's Facebook Live	YouTube	TOTAL online Worship	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL on campus Worship	Giving	General	Blessing Fund
6/18/2023							12	81	93	6/18/2023	\$1,908	\$30
6/25/2023							15	37	52	6/25/2023	\$1,030	\$30

*Online attendance taken from respective website reports of number *** Financial info counted in following week

** Technical difficulty prevented online worship.

“Loving God, Serving our Neighbor”



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