



June 6, 2023

In Our *Prayers*

Please remember these friends in prayer:

Ukraine
LaRue Ingram
Marilyn Storm
Rae-Jean Burke
Margaret Blackerby
Jasper Wage

Cathy Routon's family
Mary Francis Hedrick (Prayers are much appreciated.)



For Our Home Centered

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

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

What is New Beginnings?

First, let me tell you about who the Disciples Church Extension Fund is. The Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) was founded in 1883 to help Disciples of Christ congregations and mission stations secure land and construct new buildings. Together with their investors and partners, they offer mission-driven capital planning and funding services to ministries across the Disciples family. In more recent years, the DCEF noticed a need for congregations to explore the idea of missional transformation to better engage their community. Thus began two new programs, New Beginnings designed to help congregations to begin conversations about their future and the Epiphany project to help congregations transform their presence within and outside the church building. Both programs help congregations to honor their history as they develop and live into a new vision for what it looks like to be church in the future.

The Administrative Committee decided in 2022 to initiate the New Beginnings program offered through the Hope Partnership of the Church Extension office of our denomination. New Beginnings is a process that will help congregations find clarity and embrace a new vision for their future ministry. Over 1,000 congregations have engaged in the New Beginnings process since its inception. This is a 6-8 month process to help congregations find clarity in the context of their church community and to begin the conversations and explore the options for the church's future and our direction.

We have already had the assessor come out and explore the area around the church and gather information about the rich and wonderful history of Western Oaks Christian Church. The next step is the dinner this Friday night that will include conversations led by Rev. Dave Moore who will be talking to us about the house meetings that participating members will be invited to attend. Then on Saturday, we will have a training opportunity for the people who have volunteered to host these meetings to prepare them about how spiritual practices have changed in North America and why Mission-driven churches are "changing the scorecard." Those selected as House Meeting Leaders will understand their role as facilitators and discover how they can guide church participants through the House Meetings.

Following this, the house meeting leaders will be inviting small groups of individuals who attend WOCC on a regular basis to begin the conversations and to reflect on the information provided from the assessor's report and the information provided by Church Extensions. Some of those conversations will focus on discerning what the small group believes God is calling the church to do and to be. This will help us to begin the story of who God is calling us to be as God's faithful.

I hope to see you at the dinner Friday at 6pm, **please RSVP by calling Cindy** and I am glad you are a part of this journey.

Blessings,

Daniel

CWF Quilt Raffle

Pastor Daniel drew the winning ticket for CWF's quilt raffle. Gay Teter was the lucky winner. CWF members appreciate all the tickets purchased by church members and friends. Funds will be used to purchase fabrics for the quilts made for foster children and distributed by Citizens Caring for Children. A huge thank you goes out to Carmen Burger! She is CWF's friend that made the quilt won by Gay.

Citizens Caring for Children's Spring Fling

Three members of CWF were invited to attend the fundraiser at Jones Assembly on May 8th. Charlene Majetic, Sandra Spillman and Betty Singleton enjoyed hearing CCC's Board President speak about future plans for the organization. Mayor David Holt and Rachel Holt spoke to the attendees. Lynne Roller, Executive Director of CCC, closed the evening with current information about CCC and during her comments she thanked our group for the 3000+ quilts donated for foster children.



Next steps with New Beginnings

The Church Extension Office of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be sending David Moore to be our leadership trainer as we continue the program "New Beginnings." David will be here at the church on Friday, June 9th. Anyone from the congregation interested in learning more about the house meetings is invited Friday evening.



A light dinner will be served Friday at 6 pm followed by a discussion led by Mr. Moore. On the following Saturday, Mr. Moore will be meeting with people who have agreed to lead small groups who will be leading us through the New Beginnings process. We encourage everyone from the congregation to participate in one of these small groups once they are established, so please be watching for more information.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Don't Forget! Elders are meeting for prayer breakfast are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

New Audio/Video Technician NEEDED

Rich has so graciously volunteered his time and energy to help with morning worship by running the power points for worship and overseeing the youth helping to run the soundboard.

However, he has decided not to continue and so we are seeking someone new to help out with technology during worship.

Please contact Daniel for more information on how you can help with this valuable ministry.

Baby Shower

Let's celebrate the arrival of

Adam Haynes Orr

June 25 12:15pm
(after congregational meeting)
Coffee Fellowship Area

Gift suggestions are listed on the Orr [Amazon Gift Registry](#)

or you can contribute to a Money Tree from the church family to help Sarah and Andrew prepare for the arrival of Adam Haynes Orr.





Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Vacation Bible School

June 12 – 15 5:45 - 8:15 PM Meal begins at 5:45 PM

Join us in Babylon, where we'll explore what life was like for Daniel and his friends, captives in a strange land. You'll craft cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Daniel, and eat some interesting food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Supplies Needed for VBS:

- Paper sacks - Magazines and newspapers
- Stuffed Lions (all sizes) for Decorations
- Round Oatmeal Containers, Lrg Plastic Tubs with Lids, Coffee Cans - to make drums

Bring supplies to the basket by the church office.

MISSION TRIP & RUMMAGE SALE

Good news Western Oaks and New Covenant youth raised approximately \$2300 through the rummage sale on Saturday, June 3rd!! We appreciate all who donated items and those who came to shop!! Our youth rose to the task of helping people get items from their vehicles, sorting, marking and putting things on the tables. They were also very helpful as people bought items to aid them to the vehicles and even following some around holding items as people shopped!! The clean-up was extremely smooth due to youth and adults working so well together. The rummage sale was over at 3p.m. We had packed the truck from Children's Miracle Network with left over items, vacuumed and made the room ready for New Covenant's fellowship dinner on Sunday by 4p.m.

Church Camps are Here! How exciting to have 9 campers and 2 counselors at Church camp this summer! Here are dates and addresses. We have 5 new campers and letters will be appreciated!!

Cho Rho Camp June 5th -9th

Oakridge Camp and Conference Center
20007 State Highway 9, Anadarko, OK 73005
Campers: Bailey and Jaidan Morris, Alarah Ross, Aidan and Liam U'Ren



CYF Conference June 19th -24th (New camp site.)

The Disciples Center at Camp Tawakomi
8492 SW Tawakomi Rd, Augusta, KS 67010-8111
Counselor: Julia Jordan Gillett

Discovery Camp June 23th -25th (New site)

Camp Christian Conference Center
275 Camp Christian Lane, Chouteau, OK 74337
Campers: Aaliyah Boyd and Genova Wage
Counselor: Aanika Gillett

Junior Camp June 26th – 30th

Camp Christian Conference Center (see address above)
Campers: River Rayburn-Joseph and Adele Ross
Counselor: Julia Jordan Gillett

Hot Diggety Dog



A big thank you goes Kelli Fearing and Fern and Bob for their excellent hot dog wrapping skills, and the delicious baked beans and slaw and the entire Fellowship committee! Our parents and the campers helped set up and decorate the tables, serve the drinks, and clean up!! Thanks to Andrea Teter as our actioner.

We made \$550 for camp scholarships and to help meet some immediate needs as our children and youth get ready for camp. A great time was had by all and the children enjoyed singing Fruits of the Spirit for everyone which matches the theme for all the camps this summer!



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:

office@woccdoc.org



Kelly	Kabir	6/3
Samuel	Compton	6/5
Pairis	Ferguson	6/7
Tobi	Frank	6/12
Jim	Ellis	6/13
Mason	McDown	6/15
Ben	Frantz	6/16
Irene	George	6/17
Nance	Cunningham	6/21

Raychel	Bradley	6/23
Henry	Dolive	6/24
R.J.	Ferguson Jr.	6/25
Seth	Nevel	6/26
Noah	Mars	6/28
Sarah	Mars	6/29
Cindy	Hill	6/30
Daniel	U'Ren	6/30

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
5/21/2023					**	17	43	60	5/21/2023	***	
5/28/2023					**	21	51	72	5/28/2023	\$21,430	\$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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