

May 9, 2023



In Our *Prayers*

Please remember these friends in prayer:

Ukraine
LaRue Ingram
Marilyn Storm
Rae-Jean Burke
Margaret Blackerby
Melanie, Wayne Nivin's sister
Jasper Wage

Andrew Orr's father & uncle
Mary Francis Hedrick (Prayers are much appreciated.)
John & Latricia Pratt
Tom Johnson, son of TJ Johnson
Burke Nivin

Simple Things

There is a story told about a man named Rafael Solano. He and several others were living in an impoverished area of Venezuela, and he himself was living with only the clothes on his back. But he had heard of an area where diamonds had been found, and so he joined many other treasure hunters as they sifted through rocks and pebbles of a dried-up riverbed that supposedly had diamonds. Not a single person had any luck as they searched and searched through the sand and pebbles. One by one, everyone who came with dreams of striking it rich, left the site with shattered dreams and exhausted bodies.

After a long time searching, spending weeks sifting sand and pebbles, Solano sat down on a nearby rock and announced he was done. His body couldn't take it anymore, he was exhausted and had nothing to show for the work he had done. One story describes him in this moment saying that he had personally inspected 999,999 pebbles in this river bank and as he bent down to pick up a handful of dirt to emphasize his point he noticed one of the pebbles in his hand looked oddly different from the rest. Could it be?

Sure enough, Solano found what could only be described as a diamond in the rough. It was a "one in a million" chance to uncover what had been mistaken for an ordinary pebble at first only to discover what Harry Winston, a New York Jeweler, valued in the thousands. The year was 1942 and Winston paid \$200,000 who then cut it and polished it and named it the Liberator Diamond, which is considered to be the largest and purest unmined diamond in the world.

We often find the truest gems in our lives in the unlikeliest of places. Sometimes we feel like we just want to give up because we don't see the difference that we are making. Sometimes we feel tired and worn out. However, the message of that diamond in the rough is to never give up. You never know what you will find hidden right in front of you. Matthew 13:32.

May you discover the wonders and joy that your faith brings to fruition even in the smallest of ways. Tiny acts of kindness can feel like hardly perceptibly ripples to us, but can become waves of love washing over those receiving that little act of compassion.

Shalom,

Daniel



Hot Diggety Dog



Help send our children to camp!

Sunday, June 4th 12:15 pm

Fellowship with us on Sunday, June 4th in Schwind Hall after the 11:00 service, as our children and youth help to prepare and serve Hot Dogs with all the fixins’.

No Need To Bring Anything!

But be ready to bid on some fun and unique gift baskets.

Proceeds will help fund the camping experience for our WOCC campers.

The Fellowship Committee will assist in this All Church “Hot Diggity Dog” Event.

We hope to see you on Sunday, June 4th!

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.

The WOCC women went to the Disciple’s Women Fellowship regional meeting at West Point Christian Church on April 25, 2023.

We had the opportunity to meet with many old friends, including Rev. Don & Sara May Gibson.



Rev. Gibson pastored at WOCC in 2013.



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

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



Vacation Bible School is fast approaching!

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 we need for VBS

**Paper sacks from grocery stores - Magazines and newspapers
Stuffed Lions (large and small) for Decorations**

We will have a basket by the church office to collect these items for our VBS activities.

Church Camps are fast approaching!

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, Alorah 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



MISSION TRIP & RUMMAGE SALE

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 on **Saturday, June 3, 8am to 3pm**. 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 to New Covenant Church located at 12000 N Rockwell Ave, OKC, OK 73162. Donations are accepted between 2-7p.m on Wednesday, May 31 or Thursday, June 1.

Please do not bring donations to WOCC.

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

in
Loving
Memory

John Pratt

April 28, 2023

3128 SW 137th CT
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

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
4/23/2023	3	14	60	3	80	17	55	72	4/23/2023	***	
4/30/2023	10	26	81	3	120	22	53	75	4/30/2023	\$2,195	\$30

*Online attendance taken from respective website reports of number *** Financial info not available at this time
 ** Technical difficulty prevented online worship.

“Loving God, Serving our Neighbor”



8100 NW 23rd Street
 Oklahoma City OK 73127

«Name»
 «Address»
 «City»