

September 12, 2023



In Our *Prayers*

Please remember these friends in prayer:

Ukraine
Hald Dawes
Marilyn Storm
Rae-Jean Burke

Hawaii – fires
Linda Patzack
Lisa Sloan
Duane Wood



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

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What Are You Doing?

A long time ago the ground was broken and stones laid to begin work on a magnificent building. As the building progressed, there was someone who had watched the progression of the building and was drawn to go talk with those working on the project. He approached a worker hard at work and asked him, “What are you doing?”

The worker looked up, tired and exhausted and replied, “I am working my fingers to the bone trying to chip away at these stones to get them just right so we can fit them together how the boss wants them. But this heat makes it so much worse. It is sweltering, my back is killing me, and I get paid next to nothing for all my hard work. And for what?”

Walking away from the distraught worker another worker was approached and asked the same question, “What are you doing?”

The second worker responded by sharing, “I am carefully shaping each stone to fit the architect’s specifications. I know their plans will pull everything together to make something wonderful. I make good enough money to support me and my family. Sure, it could be more, but it’s a job and after all, things could be worse.”

Somewhat encouraged, a third worker, doing the same work was approached and asked the same question, “What are you doing?”

The third worker looked up from his work, beaming with pride and joy as he waved his arm at the stones being carefully placed one upon the other and stated, “Why, can’t you see? I am helping to build a beautiful cathedral!”

Perceptions are everything in all we do. Sometimes we get stuck in the hardships and only focus on the negatives. Other times we are simply happy to be content with the way things are. But then there is the opportunity to embrace what can be and consider the wonderful ways we can be a part of bringing about something amazing.

What are you doing?

Blessings,

Daniel



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.



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.

Pat Brown



We are needing two or more volunteers for coffee fellowship after the 11:00 service on the first Sunday of each month.

We would really appreciate your help.

Thank you,

Kari Simmons

Membership committee



WOCC Disciple Women's Fellowship

September 21st at 6:15

Just Women is the official Bible Study resource for Disciples of Christ Women's Ministries. It is comprised of bible studies and articles that provide relevant information and sustainable tools of faith and ministry for our group. Writing contributions are sourced from denominational staff, lay and clergy-women across the denomination, and ecumenical partners. As a transgenerational resource, this study is a powerful way to grow spiritually and increase our faith base.

Please consider joining us for this time dedicated to Bible study and fellowship.

For more information and the monthly lesson contact Julia or Fern. fernmelton2@icloud.com



WOCC Youth Attend

Oklahoma Faith Network's Interfaith Youth Tour

Seven WOCC youth and adult sponsors attended the 2023 Interfaith Youth Tour on Sept. 10. They visited worship spaces for Native American Indigenous faiths, Christians; specifically Disciples of Christ, and Muslims. We learned about the influences of the nature in Native faith systems at the tall mound at the First Americans Museum. It was a hot day and a long hike but everyone lived to tell about it.

Then we headed over to East Sixth Street Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Reverend Jackson shared our unique beliefs about as Disciples, like our focus on sharing communion and our inclusion of everyone at the table as well as our commitment to social justice & service. Their choir shared beautiful praise music and we learned their congregation was founded in 1919! Their youth shared information about a podcast they had started on of teen lifestyles and the Christian faith called "Ask the Girls" with World Consulting LLC on Spotify.

Our final destination was Islamic mosque, Masjid Mu'min, where we learned great pronunciation skills for some common words in Arabic as well as the pillars of Islam. We learned how they are different, like reading left to right versus right to left, and how we are similar in many respects, like believing in our one shared God. Their youth shared a common reading from the Koran and many visiting youth asked very thoughtful questions.

This was a wonderful opportunity to broaden our own faith by learning from, about, and with others. We even got to say hello to Emma Wagner who attends at First Methodist in Yukon now. We look forward to participating in this rewarding event again next year!



OKC ZOO DAY

Saturday, October 21

Zoo Day for our children and families and those young at heart is coming Saturday, October 21st.

The September issue of the Curbside Chronicle magazine has a free OKC Zoo general admission ticket for one person to go to the zoo. The tickets are valid through December 31, 2023. You may purchase the magazine from vendors who have a green vest at street corners. The cost is \$2 and you can give a tip if you like. Curbside Chronicle is sponsored by Homeless Alliance.

The first \$10 of sales goes to help continue the publication and all the rest of the money made from the sales of the Curbside Chronicle magazine goes to the individual.

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
office@woccdoc.org

Sunday, Sept 17 Back to School Spaghetti Dinner 5-6pm
 Fun & Games 4-5pm

Thursday, Sept 21 Disciples Women Fellowship 6:15pm

Sunday, Sept 24 Reconciliation Offering

Thursday, Sept 28 PC West Football Dinner

Sunday, Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
 Pledge Drive Starts

Saturday, Oct 14 **Empower and Equip** all church leaders
 at New Covenant Christian Church

Attendance	Vimeo Live	Facebook Live	Facebook Live Daniel's	YouTube	TOTAL online Worship	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL on campus Worship
8/27/2023	5	15	76	4	100	32	40	72
9/3/2023	6	18	42	3	69	16	38	54

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
8/27/2023	\$1,310	\$60
9/3/2023	\$4,000	\$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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