

September 26, 2023



In Our *Prayers*

Please remember these friends in prayer:

Ukraine
Hald Dawes
Marilyn Storm
Rae-Jean Burke
Bobby Beck Family

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

The “Be” Team

Everyone always wants to be on the A-team. They are the ones who are typically considered to be the best of the best. The A-team is where you typically find the first-string quarterbacks and the greatest players. These are the ones that are typically called on to go out first to win the game. Some people might describe the difference between an A-team and a B-team is really the same as being great vs. being good at something. Everyone typically wants to be on that A-team for the recognition of greatness.

Interestingly, I think Jesus would encourage us not to put such a great emphasis on trying to be a part of the A-team. I think Jesus would encourage us to strive instead for the B-team, or rather, the “Be-team.” In the Gospel of Mark, the disciples were caught arguing over which one of them were the greatest as though it were some competition to be the best disciple. Jesus sits them down and explains to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and be a servant of all” (Mark 9:35). So, let’s consider what Jesus’ “Be-team” might look like.

To begin with, our “Be-team” requires a “to be” perspective, and maybe our appeals to God might be more like this:

Help me to be a servant to others.

Help me to be a reflection of Your love, oh God.

Help me to be a manifestation of peace today.

Help me to be an example of kindness.

Help me to be patient when things are not going my way.

Help me to be understanding when others see things differently than I do.

Help me to be more merciful in dealings with others.

Help me to be faithful in prayer, worship, and practicing my faith daily.

Help me to be a good steward with my resources to glorify you, God.

I am certain that you could add more to this list concerning ways that we can strive to be better in our daily walk in faith. When you look at it this way, being on God’s team is really all about being on the “Be-team.” When we drop “greatest” from the idea “to be great,” and remember God asks us instead, simply “to be,” everything else seems to fit into place in life. If you ask me, the “Be-team” is starting to sound like the place to be when we are on God’s team. No longer is the emphasis on being the greatest, but is instead a reminder of who we should be as faithful servants of God. Psalm 73:28: “But for me it is good to be near God;”

Shalom,

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!

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



Thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, and love shown during my illness.

I am feeling much better.

Prayers and Love to all,
Linda Patzack



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



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.



- NEEDED -

Audio/Video Technician and Nursery Attendant

Do you know of anyone who might be interested in either of these positions? Have them contact the church office with a resume.

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. He is now stepping down and we are seeking someone new to help out with technology during worship.

We are also now seeking a nursery attendant to work on Sunday mornings during worship at 9am and 11am and during Sunday school.

Trunk or Treat



Western Oaks Christian Church



Trunk or Treat – come join the activities!!

Saturday, October 28th from 3-5p.m.

Candy is needed to help fill the children's bags! Bring the candy to the designated spot by the Office by Wednesday, October 25th.

Love to have more trunks decorated and Julia has some games if you would like to have an activity. Please contact her at 405-821-0108.

Coming November 5th



Advent preparation for families.

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
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Thursday, Sept 28 PC West Football Dinner
Sunday, Oct 1 World Communion Sunday
 Pledge Drive Starts
 Reconciliation Offering
Saturday, Oct 14 Empower and Equip - all church leaders
 at New Covenant Christian Church
 Bean Supper / Fun & Games 4-6pm
Sunday, Oct 15 Disciples Women Fellowship 6:15pm
Thursday, Oct 19
Saturday, Oct 21 Zoo Trip (Intergenerational) 11am-3pm

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
9/10/2023	8	15	40	2	65	16	44	60	
9/17/2023	1	5	59	1	66	18	43	61	

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
9/10/2023	\$1,716	\$0
9/17/2023	\$1,480	\$0

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

** Technical difficulty prevented online worship.

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