

## Walking in Cadence

In 1980, I spent some time at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi as a DoD civilian training alongside my military counterparts. I lived in the NCO quarters with them, my roommate was military, and I ate at the Mess Hall with them as well. It was during this time that I began to put on weight, and to really appreciate the lives of my colleagues. One of the privileges I had at this time, was marching with my colleagues to the hanger where we were assigned to develop software programs as a team, and doing so, keeping pace in cadence. Our walks were not made in lockstep, but in rhythm with sound added.

The Apostle Paul once suggested that: “If we live by the Spirit, let us walk in cadence (stoicheó) with the Spirit.” (Gal. 5:25 my translation).

So, how do we keep pace with the Spirit? How do we walk in cadence with the Spirit? How do we march to the beat of the Spirit? You know the drill, don’t you: “I don’t know but I’ve been told ...” and you fill in the blank... the marching cadence. “One two three four ... Sound off, One Two, Sound off, three four, bring it on down ...” These chants are similar to what younger seminarians are labeling “call and response.” The leader first explains to the congregation what they will be doing: People, you say “love” when I say “people need love,” or you say “hope” when I say “people need hope,” or you say “redeemer” when I say “people need a redeemer.” Then, the leader leads us through the various chants in real time. Some modern congregations hire singers to begin worship with a chant, or begin singing a well-known song that others pick up and also begin to sing. These singers are mood-shapers for worship.

Call and Response methods are often used to build up the congregation to receive the message, and hear the Word. The Spirit is poured out in the congregation through the Word in a dynamic relationship: The chants, the songs, encourage us in the Spirit: as if to say, “Once we put our hands to the plow, we do not look back.” Or to say, “once we are free, we do not go back into slavery.” To truly be free, we must not only take the person out of slavery, but we must also take the slavery out of the person. As we begin the move toward Winter here at WOCC, let us also join the chorus and entertain the rhythm of the Spirit!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Randy

Fourteenth Discussion Question on Common Reading: Chapter Five:

Mark Deymaz (w/Harry Li) The Coming Revolution in Church Economics:  
Why Tithes and Offerings Are No Longer Enough, and What You Can Do About it

“Business-minded people within a church or who are otherwise sympathetic to it can and should become valued partners in any effort to ensure sustainability.” P. 132

- 1) Can you think of any “valued partners” within WOCC or sympathetic to us?
- 2) If not, how can we invite business-minded people to “partner” with us?

## CVF Christmas Quilt Raffle

This year we have a gorgeous Christmas Quilt that is 53" x 33-1/2". You can buy tickets from any CWF member on sale Oct.27th at the Fellowship Luncheon 12:15 pm through Nov. 17.

The drawing will be the week before Thanksgiving on November 24.

One ticket \$1

Six tickets \$5



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## All Saints Day

In honor of All Saints Day we would like to recognize family members who have passed away this year. Please let us know if your family member should be included by contacting Cindy in the church office, [office@woccdoc.org](mailto:office@woccdoc.org) or 405-789-8812.



## A Big Thank You to WOCC!

Susan and I would like to thank everyone here at Western Oaks Christian Church for the gifts we received and the honor you bestowed on us for Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. From the Fall Mums to the lavish spread of food and drinks, to the many cards and notes, to the personal handshakes and messages of appreciation, we (and I especially) are grateful! You have welcomed us with open arms and sincere acceptance. I am especially delighted to be your interim pastor during this critical time of transition. These last 8 months have passed so quickly it seems! Looking forward to what lies ahead as the search committee gears up for the search ahead.

Thank you so very much!

Interim Pastor & Spouse  
Randy & Susan Hill

It is with a heavy heart that I share this sad news that Jim Booher passed away on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at age 94. Jim, his wife, Jo, and their four children were all active members at WOCC, especially during the children's elementary through high school years. Jim was a corporate accountant by profession, and worked part-time as our accountant for around 20 years.

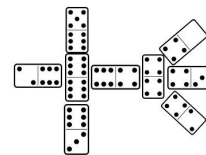


WOCC sends its sincere condolences to Jim's family. His memorial service is scheduled for Friday, Oct 25th at 1:00pm at Crown Heights Christian Church, 4020 N. Western Ave.



**Chicken Foot Dominoes**  
Coffee Fellowship  
October 27, 12:15 pm.

Rejoice & Serve Sunday School Class is hosting the coffee fellowship with Sloppy Joes to be served along with chips and dessert. Chicken foot Dominoes will be played also. Mark your calendars for fun and games!



Veterans Day is coming and we would like to have a current list of veterans and active duty military personnel in our church.

Please contact Cindy in the church office by email [office@woccdoc.org](mailto:office@woccdoc.org) or phone 405-789-8812.

Coming Sunday, October 27th we will begin play practice, by handing out parts. The meeting will be after the 11a.m. worship service.



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# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Zoo Day on Sunday, November 3rd after worship. We will go through the Christmas play and be on our way!



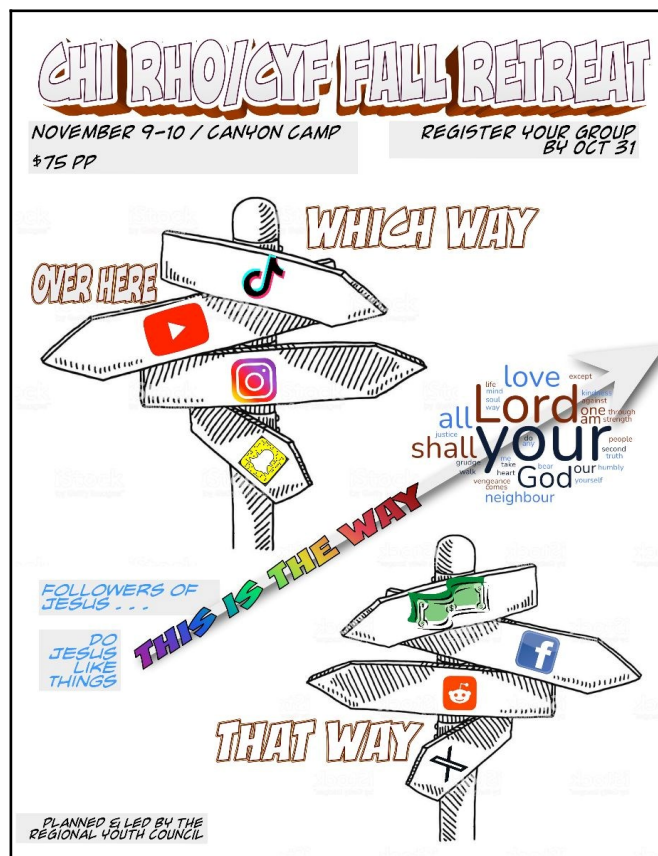
If there is cold weather, plan to stay at church and play games!!

I wanted to let you know how much I was touched with Clergy Appreciation Sunday! The hugs and heartfelt comments of support and love for me and my family is always touching and this year as we close in on ten years. I love seeing how our children and youth have grown in maturity and spirituality. It has been a blessing to watch their growth through the various activities: Christmas Plays, Trunk or Treat, Youth Valentine Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt to church camp etc. It brightened my day when I read all the wonderful cards and looked at the special gifts I was given along with the gorgeous yellow mum!!

I and my family have appreciated your love and support for this past year. You all have shown what being a part of a church is by the love and concern you shared with my Mom's fall, surgery and 99<sup>th</sup> birthday as well as always the interest you visibly give to my children. Many wonderful moments and sad moments have happened as we have shared in ministry on our faith journeys at Western Oaks.

All these moments continue to make Western Oaks Christian Church a kind and loving place to be a part.

Blessings on our continued journey,  
Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett



## Looking Ahead:

Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to  
Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

THIS IS THE WAY: CHI RHO & CYF Fall  
Retreat Canyon Camp

# Trunk or Treat **October 26** Saturday 3- 5p.m.



Please let Julia know if you are able to do a trunk and if you need a game for the children to play. **Please arrive at 2:15 pm to set up your trunk and games.**

Please continue to bring candy even on Saturday. What game will you have for your trunk this year?

**Church Staff**  
office@woccdoc.org



**Interim Minister: Pastor Randy Hill**  
**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: Skylar Frank**  
**Admin Assistant: Cindy Cannon**  
**Sound Technician: Tobi Bessinger**

**Saturday, Oct 26** Trunk or Treat 3 - 5 pm  
**Sunday, Oct 27** Stewardship Pledges Begin  
 Fellowship Dinner 5:00 pm  
*Rejoice and Serve SS*  
**Sunday, Nov 3** Time Change - Fall Back  
 All Saints Day  
**Sunday, Nov 17 & 24** Thanksgiving Offering

**Upcoming Sermons**

October 27, 2024 Scripture: Mark 10:46-52  
 Sermon Title: It happened on the road to Jericho  
 Theme: Alms coming to life; what we give lives on beyond us.  
Series Theme: "Blessed to be a Blessing" (Gen. 12:2)  
 November 3, 2024 Scripture: 2 Cor. 1:1-11  
 Sermon Title: Week #1, "Comfort Abounds"  
 Theme: We have a story to tell with an abundance of comfort inside of it.  
 November 10, 2024 Scripture: 2 Cor. 4:1-18  
 Sermon Title: Week #2, "Immortal Gifts in Earthen Jars"  
 Theme: What do clay pots and valuable treasure have in common?

Attendance	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL Worship
9-29-2024	27	53	80
10-6-2024	13	38	51

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
9-29-2024	\$6,250	\$30
10-6-2024	\$2,890	\$30

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