

Birthing Order

Historically, and specifically in October, we have celebrated Christopher Columbus as the first to discover the Western Hemisphere (Bahamas, 1492), but there were others who equally made claims, such as John Cabot (Newfoundland, 1497), Giovanni da Verrazzano (Cape Fear, 1524), Jacques Cartier (Quebec, 1534), Erik the Red (Greenland, 980) and the Irish monk, Brendan (500). The question of 'who was first, who is first' continues to plague us and hang around our necks, often like an albatross. Native Americans precede all the European 'discoveries' (crossing the Siberian bridge some 15,000 years ago) and, understandably, dispute the claims of the 'doctrine of discovery' (1492 – Pope Nicholas V and 1823 Chief Justice John Marshall). Our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly repudiated the doctrine in July 2017; the Vatican on March 30, 2023.

Who has not questioned their birth order? Why was I born too late or too early? Why am I a Jacob holding tight to the ankle of Esau in the rush of the embryos to be first? Why was I not a middle child or an only child? Why does the youngest always seem to get the best from the parents? Why does the eldest get the most respect? The apostle Paul also had these questions, calling attention to himself as "one untimely born (1 Cor. 15:8)" with respect to the other apostles. Was it not the mother of the sons of Zebedee (Mt. 20:21) who asked if her sons might be seated to the right and left of Jesus in the ultimate birthing order of heaven?

Jesus gives us a hint—God sets every birthing order (Mk 10:40). The larger principles are these: Better to build your house on the rock rather than on the sand (Lk. 6:48). What can be shaken will be removed from both heavens and earth, and only the unshakable will remain (Heb. 12:27). Christ is the Solid Rock (1 Cor. 10:1-4), the cornerstone of the foundation which, although rejected by many, remains unshaken and the basis for all our hope. And, we can hear the words of Jesus echoing in our midst: it is much better to be last, servant of all, than to be first.

This October, in our faith community and in our larger community, let's put aside the shakable for the unshakable, the sand for the rock, and embrace the birthing order of God's love and wisdom for all peoples.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Randy

Thirteenth Discussion Question on Common Reading: Chapter Three:

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*
Principles behind giving (tithing):

a) an act of gratitude and worship, b) an act of dependence, c) an act of provision for pastoral ministry, d) an act of mercy and compassion, and e) an act of faith with a promise of blessing.

- 1) Can you map your own giving under one of these principles?
- 2) Can you think of any others not listed here?



Pastor Randy gave Dave and Nevonna Schroeder a candle as they prepare to move to Hesston, Kansas.



On behalf of the Bells of Praise and the Chancel Choir, Kay Jewell recently presented a new robe to Music Director, Andrew Orr. Constructed of fine fabric, the breathable material will be welcomed by Director Orr. The choirs' membership made this gift possible.

Todd	Newell	10/2	Terry	Spreier	10/18
Gay	Teter	10/4	Joni	Burch	10/19
Steven	Teter	10/7	Steve	Lairson	10/24
Kay	Lehman	10/9	Marilyn	Chalk	10/25
Katherine	Jordan	10/9	Jane	Maytubby	10/25
Sandra	Cook	10/10	Robyn	Straughan	10/26
Taylor	Simmons	10/11	Charlie	Conner	10/28
Kelli	Fearing	10/13	Janet	Harper	10/29
Tom	Steele	10/18	Lyeal	Amos	10/31

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CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

October 15 Business Meeting at Whipped at 10:00 am. Marlene's Sister will share experiences from her trip to Africa.

We will deliver 51 quilts to CCC today. This group is amazing.

Those that help with this project include:

Martha Buchanan - finding great sales and tacking
 Sandra Cook - Making quilts and finding great sheet sales

Charlene Majetic - Making quilts

Okie Merry - Tacking

Max and Linda Patzack - cutting all those denim squares

Betty Singleton - Cuts squares and tacks

Sandra Spillman - Making quilts, tacking,

Terry and Betty Spreier - Cutting squares and tacking

Danet Trivette - Tacking

Debbie Tunnell - Making quilts

Marlene Word - Cutting squares and tacking

Carmen Burger - Sends quilts whenever she can

Thank you one and all for the great work you do in keeping this project alive and well!

Please Join Us



At a Birthday Party

Katherine Jordan's
 99th Birthday Celebration

Saturday October 12th

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Western Oaks Christian Church

8100 NW 23rd

Oklahoma City

Can't join us, Please send a card to:

Katherine Jordan

PO Box 2081

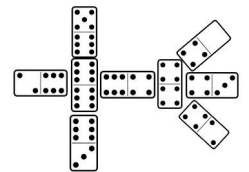
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Chicken Foot Dominoes
Coffee Fellowship

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 and joins us for fun!



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



Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Zoo Day on Sunday, November 3rd after worship.

We will go through the Christmas play and be on our way!

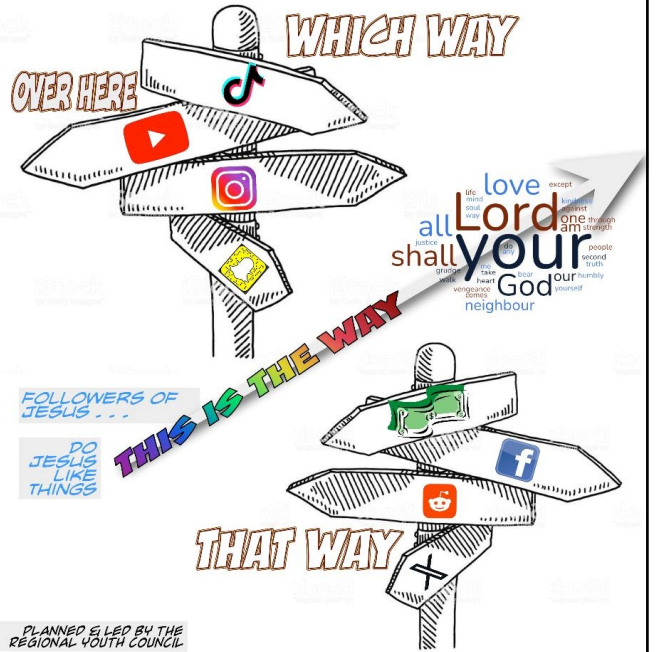
If there is cold weather, plan to stay at church and play games!!



CHI RHO/CYF FALL RETREAT

NOVEMBER 9-10 / CANYON CAMP \$75 PP

REGISTER YOUR GROUP BY OCT 31



PLANNED & LED BY THE REGIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL



Welcome Drew Orr. We are so happy to have you as one of our new candle lighters.

Let's Go to the Pumpkin Patch



October 20
Sunday

Place is to be announced!



Come by and see as the nursery takes on a face lift and Tobi Frank puts together another great bulletin board by the office!



October 26 Saturday 3- 5p.m.

Please bring candy beginning Sunday, October 6th
Please let Julia know if you are able to do a trunk and if you need a game for the children to play.

What game will you have for your trunk this year?

Church Staff
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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

Upcoming Sermons

October 13, 2024 Scripture: Mark 10:17-31
 Sermon Title: A Needle's Eye
 Theme: Exploring the riches of dwelling in the Word

October 20, 2024 Scripture: Hebrew 5:1-10
 Sermon Title: Born From Above
 Theme: Mediating the presence of God in community

October 27th 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.

Stay tuned for a 4-sermon series in November related to stewardship

Attendance	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL Worship	Giving	General	Blessing Fund
9-15-2024	34	48	82	9-15-2024	\$2,895	\$30
9-22-2024	20	52	72	9-22-2024	\$1,240	\$60

“Loving God, Serving our Neighbors”



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