

Multiplying Love

Wow! I am truly impressed! We did really well with our Valentine Fundraiser Supper here at WOCC! This will help fund scholarships for our Summer camping program in the Oklahoma region. I also noticed where the Canadian County Disciples are applying their Lenten Series offerings to the camping program as well. We are in good spiritual company with them! (Calumet, El Reno, Mustang, West Point, Yukon) Congratulations all, on the success of our outreach! Let's keep the ball rolling.

Dr. Don Colbert, M.D., tells the story of Christian Huygens, a 17th century clock maker, who invented the pendulum clock. One night, while admiring his clock collection, he discovered something very important about swinging pendulums. Even if each pendulum is set to a different rhythm, they will all rather quickly set themselves in sync with each other, so that they are swinging in unison. Although he did not know why, it would be explained years later, that the largest clock with the strongest rhythm will pull all nearby pendulums in sync with itself, a process called entrainment. This discovery has an application beyond itself, and specifically in the human body: The heart has a magnetic field surrounding it that is 5,000 times stronger than the brain, and an electrical field 40-60 times stronger. The good doctor calls it a biological oscillator! When we take care of our hearts (Proverbs 4:23), when we express thanksgiving, the heart is able to hijack the brain; the motion of gratitude overwhelms the brain's emotions of fear, worry, anger, bitterness, grief, depression, etc. The physics of the heart change the biology of the body. Isn't that amazing? Mind over matter becomes heart over mind. Love rules the day! Even muscles must follow.

Let's get some collective gratitude started here at WOCC! Let's build our magnetic force and electrical field out of a multiplying love! (Jude 1:2) We are "made" alive together in Christ Jesus when we love-in-action together in thanksgiving and grace. The word "Eucharist" literally translates into "Giving Thanks Well." When we "practice communion," we are changing the world with our heart-field! Alleluia and Amen!

Grace & Peace,

Interim-Pastor Randy

"You are not alone! Keep the faith!"



Check out all these pictures containing buses. Just WOCC loving and sharing its parking lot with our neighbor, PC West.

Just a reminder for the Easter Special Offering to be collected on Palm Sunday (March 24) and Easter Sunday (March 31).



This special offering supports the General Ministries of the Disciples of Christ. A list of these ministries may be found on the Disciples.org website: <https://disciples.org/general-ministries/> Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors, chaplains, and so much more.

Pastor Randy



Andrew and Jim with their certificates for faithful service during this time of transition.

Dear Western Oaks Christian Church Family of Faith, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the heartfelt recognition and celebration of my service alongside Reverend Jim Ellis on March 3. Receiving the beautiful Peace Lily, the Certificate of Recognition, and the warm reception truly touched my heart.

Your thoughtful gestures and kind words mean more to me than I can express. It is an honor to serve such a wonderful congregation, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to contribute to our shared journey of faith.

Thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement. Let us continue to uplift and inspire one another as we walk together in faith and fellowship.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Andrew Orr



Sunday Lenten Community Breakfast



Join us for the Community Lenten Breakfast each Sunday in March from 8 am to 9 am. Three neighbors have joined us for breakfast & worship so far, with one neighbor returning to visit again. We hope that more of our WOCC church family & our WOCC neighbors will join us as we continue this Outreach Fellowship opportunity. Please sign up to volunteer on the clip board outside Schwind Hall. Volunteers are still needed for March 17, & March 24. Thank you!

Pastor Randy's Upcoming Sermons

Sunday, Mar 17th

Sermon Title: A Whole Heart and A Willing Spirit
Scripture: Psalm 51:1-12; 119:9-16

Sunday, Mar 24th (Palm Sunday)

Sermon Title: A Seismic Arrival
Scripture: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sunday, Mar 31st (Easter)

Sermon Title: Seized by Surprise
Scripture: Mark 16:1-8


To all of you of WOCC, I thank you for the Peace Lily which will remind me of your all's generous and caring hearts. It was nice to be noted for something that you made so easy to do. For you all, I'd do it again.

Thank you,
Jim Ellis



Your love in *action*



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Blanket Sunday Offering

We need lots of filled Easter Eggs

Bring filled eggs back by Sunday, March 24th.

Pick up empty Easter Eggs In the Narthex or by the church office or purchase eggs to be filled.

Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



BINGO SUNDAY & TACOs

April 7 12:30 pm

Lunch and Bingo with prizes and a craft

Taco's and toppings will be served. You may bring chips and or desserts.

All are welcome. We want to celebrate with our children this special day!!



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Senior Sunday

May 19th

We will recognize our seniors during worship.

If you have a senior in high school, college, or graduate school, please tell Julia or contact Cindy in the church office. We want to brag on our graduates!

We would also like a picture of your graduate if possible.

Senior Sunday



LET'S ENJOY THE SPRING BREAK!!

Tuesday, March 19th 2:30pm to 5pm

Join us at the church for lots of fun. We will play games and have snacks outside and/or inside depending on the weather!

Come join the fun!!



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Annual Easter Egg Hunt is early this year!

Saturday, March 30 11a.m. to 12:30p.m.

We will have Egg Hunts by grade levels, crafts, cotton candy, hot dogs, games and more!!

Your help is needed to distribute eggs at the Easter Egg Hunts and the various activities!

We appreciate your help!! All the children enjoy the various activities!!

We will meet @ 10:15 am to set up for the Easter Egg Hunts.

If you are able to help with any of the activities, especially distributing eggs, please contact Julia Jordan Gillett.



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

Sunday, Mar 17 Blanket Sunday Offering
Sunday, Mar 17 & 24 Community Lenten Breakfast 8:00am
March 24 & 31 **Palm Sunday**
 Easter Offering
Thursday, Mar 28 **Maundy Thursday** Worship 6:00 pm
Sunday, March 31 **Easter Sunday**
 Easter Sunrise 7:00 am
 Easter Offering
 Benevolence Sunday

| Attendance | 9:00 am | 11:00 am | TOTAL on campus Worship |
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| 2/25/2024 | 40 | 44 | 84 |
| 3/3/2024 | 32 | 44 | 76 |

| Giving | General | Blessing Fund |
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| 2/25/2024 | \$1,550 | \$30 |
| 3/3/2024 | \$3,150 | \$0 |

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