

## The Color of Love

Recently, a research team using a super-computer tried to determine the average color of the universe, the result of combining all the different wavelengths of visible light (labelled the cosmic spectrum), to determine the color God would see when looking down on the universe from above, at the time the galaxies first emitted their light waves. The color they came up with is called “cosmic latte,” which is a shade of beige, close to an off-white color. So, when the Spirit of God first swept over the “face of the waters,” (Gen 1:2) and God said, “let there be light,” the result was a type of ‘milky-way’ light, the color of an Italian latte, one might say. Is it any wonder that God might create in the color of milk? The Apostle Paul, a self-described nurse (1 Thess. 2:7), offered his counseling in the color of milk. Paul once wrote to the church in Corinth that, “... as infants in Christ, I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for solid food (1 Cor 3:2).”

In my opinion, God does not have a preferential color. God creates in the colors we can see, even though there are many invisible colors in creation that we will never be able to see. God creates in the color of love. God’s creative colors attract us, give us joy and draw us into Godself ready-to-believe, not -inclined-to-disbelief. Life’s traumas guide us away from what would be our natural inclination to believe. In fact, we are surrounded by daily news that radiates moral injury at massive levels that keep us overwhelmed in sorrow, dazed by a constant grief. I think the role of God’s church today is to mediate the angry colors of our injury with the salvific colors of our Christ, to surround us with the good news of healing love, gracious space, and moral comfort.

This month of April 2024, let us remember our role as followers of Christ to greet each other with the healing colors of Christ! Alleluia! Amen.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Randy



2024 Regional Assembly  
(On Land)  
Business Meeting

April 20, 2024 • 10am  
First Christian Church Stroud

Biennial Event  
of the  
Regional Church

[okdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly](http://okdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly)

The poster features a central graphic of a cross formed by hands of various colors (green, blue, red, black, white) reaching upwards. The background is a gradient of blue and green. Text is in white and blue. A logo for the Oklahoma Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is in the bottom right corner of the poster area.



WOCC tree trimmings were converted into mulch with Charlie Conner’s chipper. The work was a team effort by Jimmy Ille, Charlie Conner, and Bob and Fern Melton. Thank you all for doing this yard work!

**Dear friends at Western Oaks Christian Church**

I want to thank all of you for your recognition and celebration of service for my service alongside Cindy Cannon, our Administrative Assistant and Ben Frantz our praise band leader and musician at the 9a.m. worship on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Your continued love, friendship and support has been amazing as together we have worked side by side during this interim period. I am touched with your gracious words as we have maneuvered new terrain.

Thank all of you for stepping up and saying yes to participate in the many varied areas of church life. I want to lift up the leadership of our Administration Committee that has quietly, but creatively and tirelessly worked to make the juncture between Daniel’s departure and Randy Hill, our interim Minister’s time smooth.

The love and support for my ministry and for your encouragement of my family has always meant a great deal. I look forward as we continue to work side by side sharing in our joys and concerns in this faith community and as we open our doors to the needs of this community and our world.

Thank you again for your very gracious words of encouragement as we continue to bolster each other up in our new ventures as a faith community.

In appreciation of your love and support,

Pastor Julia Jordan Gillett

**Upcoming Sermons**

April 14, 2024 Pastor Randy

Sermon Title: Broiled Fish & Honeycomb

Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48

Theme: Memes of resurrection (Anastatis) that inspire us to do more

April 21, 2024 Pastor Randy

Sermon Title: Soul Repair

Scripture: 1 John 3:16-24

Theme: God is greater than our moral injury and moral conscience

April 28, 2024 Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett

Sermon Title: Branching Out

Scripture: John 15: 1-8

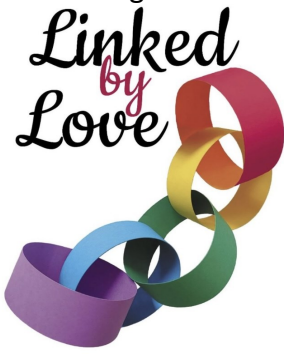


*Western Oaks Christian Church gratefully acknowledges the following memorial gifts.*

**In memory of Cathy Routon:**  
CWF

Marge	Evans	4/5	Tyler	Bradley	4/21
Margaret	Blackerby	4/5	Max	Patzack	4/22
Dean	Lunsford	4/6	Jenna	Droke	4/22
Mike	Fadum	4/17	Donna	Nevel	4/25
Lissa	Foster	4/19	Sandra	Spillman	4/25

**CHURCH CAMP** Registration is now open.  
 Deadline is April 24<sup>th</sup>. (this deadline makes it possible for us to get the discount.)



Tawakoni

Discovery Camp: June 21-23  
 Camp Christian

Junior Camp: June 24-28  
 Camp Christian

Family Camp: August 31-September 2  
 Camp Christian

2024 Camp  
**Dates**  
 Chi Rho Camp:  
 June 3-7  
 Oakridge Camp  
 & Conf Center  
  
 CYF  
 Conference:  
 June 17-22  
 Disciples Center  
 @ Camp

Western Oaks Christian Church



## Senior Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>



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!



Thank you Mark Gillett for calling the games and Kelli Fearing and Mike Jacobs for preparing of our meal. This is a busy season of the year and we appreciate all you participated and I think everyone won a prize!!



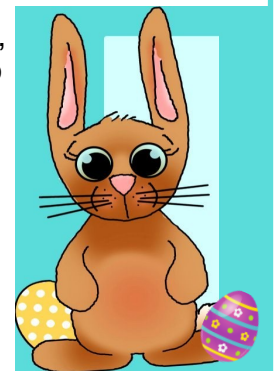
A big **thank you** to all who helped with our various activities for the Easter Egg Hunt: Pat Brown and Donna Nevel for moving traffic, Gay Teter for giving instructions for the games, Adele Ross and Andrea Teter for making many, many, many cotton candy sticks, Sandra Cook and Bella Gabrielle for painting many, many children's faces, Kari Simmons and Monica Orr and James Walker for putting Easter tattoos on children's hands and arms, for Kelli Fearing (who was lead in getting our crafts together) as well as Nance Cunningham, Lissa Foster, Tobi Frank, Fern Melton and Reeca Young for helping children with their crafts!!! Thanks to Roslyn Boyd, Jimmy Ille and Andrew Orr for helping to announce the Easter Egg Hunts.

Thanks goes to Charlene Majetic, Tony Majetic, Linda and Max Patzack and Sandra Spillman for making the hotdogs and feeding everyone at the event!! A big thank you to those who hurried to put out eggs for our four age divisions: William and Sam Compton, Mark Gillett, Bailey Morris, Allorah Ross and Rich Wilkinson. Thanks also goes to those who aided in the clean-up: Roslyn Boyd, Jimmy Ille, Sam and William Compton, Jim Ellis, James Walker, and many others!!

Thanks to all of you who have gone unnamed yet stuffed countless eggs with candy and special toys.

Thanks again,

Julia



**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, April 14**

“Souper” Sunday Fellowship Lunch noon

**Tuesday, April 16**

CWF Business Meeting at Whipped  
 Interim Pastor Randy Hill will speak  
 about Men’s Discipleship Council (MDC)

**Sunday, May 19**

Pentecost Sunday  
 Baptismal Sunday  
 Senior Sunday

Attendance	9:00 am	11:00 am	TOTAL on campus Worship
<b>3/24/2024</b>	24	50	<b>74</b>
<b>3/31/2024</b>	35	57	<b>92</b>

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
<b>3/24/2024</b>	\$4,635	\$30
<b>3/31/2024</b>	\$3,640	\$60

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