

Happiness Doubled by Wonder

In the Fall of 2016, something occurred that is described as nothing less than miraculous in the annals of major league baseball. The Chicago Cubs, after 108 years of losing at baseball, broke through that thin veil that separates reality from aspiration, and won the World Series. It took seven nail-biting games, but they finally prevailed over the Cleveland Indians and reigned as champions. After the game, fireworks lit up the sky, cars were honking cheer, and grown men and women were weeping for joy in ways that they had not done before and likely will not do again for many years to come. The Cubs manager, Joe Maddon, in a moment of special inspiration, proclaimed that the proverbial curse had finally been lifted. He finally noted, at the end of his remarks, that something very different from the usual was happening in the dugout at the end of that wonderful and strange day of baseball. "It's a lot of gratitude, it's the same refrain from everybody. For the most part, they don't want an autograph or a picture. They just want to shake your hand and say thank you." It had been a team effort; no one player stood out from the rest very much, not enough to surround any one player with cheering autograph seekers. The entire team glowed with gratitude.

G. K. Chesterton once wrote: "Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." I think the Chicago Cubs set the model that day in 2016 when they celebrated a team effort that had taken them to the brink of failure and success and landed them on the other side. Just when they might have wanted to give up hope and lose yet one more time, a pitcher, a catcher, an outfielder, an infielder, breathed deeply and doubled their efforts together at the right time to win. And, at the end of the day, silent gratitude spoke the fullness of joy. As we begin our search for a new 'settled' pastor, I hope that we will take a long grateful moment and give thanks to God for our past and our future.

Priya Parker writes in *The Art of Gathering*, "that what we build together should be both memorable and transformable," and "has to start with a real need," and "has to feel like us." Real power does not lie in the power of large organizations, or the power of empires, or the power of nature, or the power of nuclear fission or fusion. Real power lies with God and always has. We are badly deceived if we think that it lies anywhere else. Real power does not lie in arrogance or recklessness, but in humility, love and compassion. This power is not self-referential, but other-minded. This is the "quantum" power that transforms planets and solar systems and galaxies with the healing power of Christ.

Grace & Peace

Interim Pastor Randy

YOU DID IT!

Congratulations

Leah Maier

University of Central Oklahoma

Bachelor of Arts Degree, in Sociology and Human Services with a minor in Music.



Leah is the granddaughter of Randy and Susan Hill.

Mandie Shea Howry

Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC)

Associate of Arts in Psychology



Mandie will attend UCO in the fall and plans on becoming a therapist, specializing in marriage and family counseling.

Matthew Gillett

**The American University,
 School of Public Affairs**

Master of Public Administration



Matthew is exploring political opportunities in Washington DC after graduation.

Matthew is the son of Mark and Julia Jordan Gillett & grandson of Katherine Jordan

Joshua Martin Mars

Piedmont High School, Valedictorian

Joshua Martin Mars is the son of Joe and Sarah Mars, grandson of Tom and Kay Jewell



Joshua has been accepted in the honors program at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas, attending on a full scholarship. And playing for the Builders football team in the fall.

Kelly	Kabir	6/3
Samuel	Compton	6/5
Tobi	Frank	6/12
Jim	Ellis	6/13
Mason	McDown	6/15
Ben	Frantz	6/16
Irene	George	6/17
Nance	Cunningham	6/21
Raychel	Bradley	6/23
Henry	Dolive	6/24
Seth	Nevel	6/26
Noah	Mars	6/28
Sarah	Mars	6/29
Cindy	Hill	6/30



**HAPPY
 Birthday**



Current Directory information

Need a current address? Do you have an 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 printed copy, Cindy can email or print a copy for you.

You are always welcome to call Cindy any time for new changes.



Ken Whitt

July 28, 1944 - December 15, 2023

His Memorial Service will be held in The Chapel at First Christian Church, 201 E 2nd St., Edmond, OK on Saturday, June 15 at 10:00am.

If you would like to attend and need a ride, please contact Cindy in the church office.

Cards may be sent to Linda Whitt at:
 15015 20th St E., Parrish, Florida 34219.



George Goodner

May 16, 1929 - May 13, 2024

His Memorial Service will be held at Western Oaks Christian Church on Saturday, May 25 at 1:00 p.m. with a reception in Schwind Hall for friends and family at noon.



Suzan (Teeter) Carney

March 14, 1945 - May 7, 2024

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Coming June 10th -13th

All are welcome and bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors!

VBS begins with a meal at 5:45p.m. We will meet Lu the firefly as we have a summer camp adventure with God!

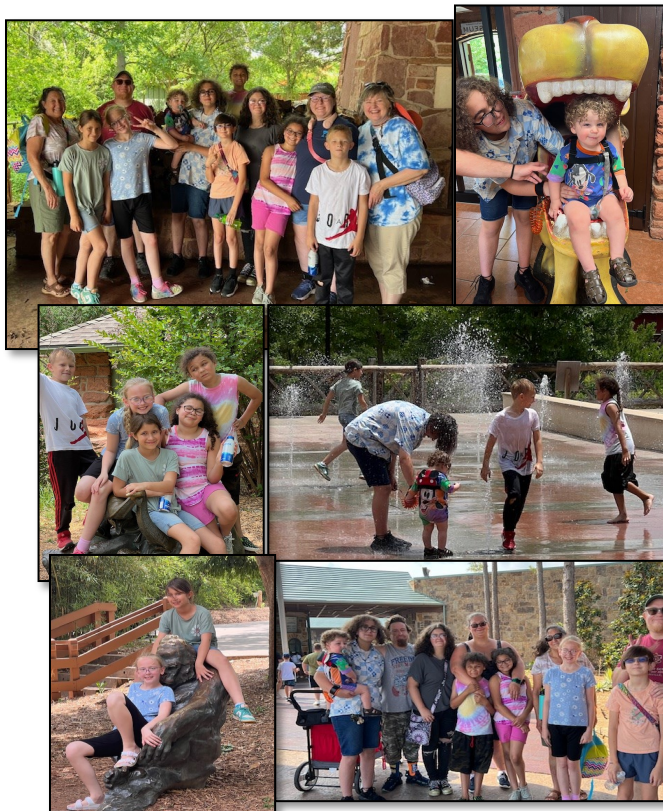
NEEDED: 40 empty 2 litter soda bottles for a science project during VBS.

ZOO DAY!



A great time was had by all!

We had 5 adults and 11 children walk the zoo! The weather was warm, but spirits were bright as we walked from one end of the zoo to the other to see the elephants, tigers, chimpanzees and more! Thanks to Roslyn, Sasha and Jerry, and Will for chaperoning! We also had lunch at the same pavilion as First Christian El Reno, where Aanika Gillett is a



Western Oaks Christian Church

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Church Camps are fast approaching! We are excited to have 8 campers and 2 counselors going to Church camp this summer! We have 4 new campers and letters will be appreciated!! Here are dates and addresses:

Chi Rho Camp June 3rd - 7th

Oakridge Camp and Conference Center

20007 State Highway 9, Anadarko, OK 73005

Campers: Adelyn & Ryan Davis, Adele & Alorah Ross

CYF Conference June 19th- 24th & is at a new site.

The Disciples Center at Camp Tawakomi

8492 SW Tawakomi Rd, Augusta, KS 67010-8111

Counselor: Julia Jordan Gillett

Discovery Camp June 23th - 25th (New site)

Camp Christian Conference Center

275 Camp Christian Lane, Chouteau, OK 74337

Campers: Aaliyah Boyd, Jackson Gabriel, & Genova Wage

Counselor: Aanika Gillett

Junior Camp June 26th – 30th

Camp Christian Conference Center

(see address above)

Campers: Charlette Gabriel

Counselor: Julia Jordan Gillett



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

Monday, May 27 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Sunday, June 9 Father's Day
 Elder's Meeting 12:00pm
Sunday, Sept 8 60th Anniversary Celebration

Upcoming Sermons

Memorial Sunday, May 26th Pastor Randy
 Sermon Title: "Blessings of Peace" Scripture: Psalm 29
 Theme: Re-membering those who sacrificed to bring peace to our world.
 Sunday, June 2nd
 Sermon Title: Lord of the Sabbath Scripture: Mark 2:23-3:6
 Theme: Honor the Spirit of the Sabbath in all we do; worship, work, recreation
 Sunday, June 9th
 Sermon Title: A House Not Made With Human Hands
 Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
 Theme: How do we build our spiritual house here at WOCC?

Attendance	9:00 am	11:00 am	Worship campus on TOTAL
5/5/2024	35	52	87
5/12/2024	25	59	84

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
5/5/2024	\$3,210	\$30
5/12/2024	\$1,495	\$0

"Loving God, Serving our Neighbors"



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