

Shamrock Theology

When I think of March, I think of the shamrock. It has been one of my favorite plants to have in my yard in the “Irish” Spring. The ancient Celtic peoples thought it possessed a magical power citing the three dominions of earth, sky, and sea. Some even thought the shamrock could predict the weather—when its leaves turned skyward, a storm was brewing. It is known as the “badge” of Ireland because, at one point, the Irish used it as a symbol of rebellion. It has been the symbol of St. Patrick’s Day (March 17th) because legend tells us that Patrick used the 3-leaf clover as an evangelistic tool to explain the theology behind the Holy Trinity, that there are three faces to the one God. (When there are four (4) leaves to the clover, the fourth leaf represents God’s grace.) Legend also tells us that when Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland, he had a cross in one hand and a sprig of shamrocks in the other.

In Jeremiah 1:11, the prophet identifies in God’s vision a tree that is sometimes called the “Waker tree.” This tree is meant to be a call to ‘spiritual watching’ for the young Jeremiah as he awaits the ‘awakening’ of God’s Word. What is interesting about this tree is that the blossoms of this tree (i.e. Almond or Hazel Tree) actually appear before its leaves do. During Lent, this might be a warning not to get ahead of ourselves in our spiritual journey toward Easter, but it might also be an alert that God’s Easter Love always precedes God’s Judging Love. Like the young Jeremiah, we too are called to be ‘spiritual watchers,’ waiting for the shamrock’s leaves to turn earthward, and the Cross to fall into the Empty Tomb. My hope is that we will allow God to bury “Good-Friday-Deep” all our loneliness, anger, addictions, arguments, fears, sin, grief, despair, and guilt—that we will leave the empty tomb with a Hazel blossom and a four-leaf clover through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace & Peace

Pastor Randy

Twenty-fourth Question on Common Reading:

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*

“It is the type of good work that brings glory to God ... whenever abandoned property is brought back to life in an under-resourced community.” P. 141

1) Do we have “abandoned property” in our neighborhood? If so, how can it be “brought back to life” in a way that “brings glory to God” and benefits WOCC?

A Heartfelt Thank You

Thanks to everyone at WOCC for the support, prayers, and love you have shown our family, especially the last few months as I have been going through and recovering from surgeries. Thank you also for allowing Andrew to miss his duties during Worship to come stay with me at the Hospital immediately after my fall in January. It was much appreciated.

Thank you and God bless you,
Annie Orr



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Gold Ring and Pearl Earring

Please stop by the church office to describe and claim.



Spiritual Enrichment Event Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

You are invited to a Spiritual Enrichment Event on Palm Sunday, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, sponsored by WOCC Elders. We will serve a delicious lunch followed by a message from the Rev. Dr. Shannon Fleck of the Oklahoma Faith Network. Dr. Fleck was a youth leader intern here at WOCC from 2007-2010 and is fondly remembered by many of us. After her presentation there will be a question-and-answer session.

Dr. Fleck has information to share that we believe everyone will be interested in hearing. She suggests a pre-assignment of watching "Bad Faith" which explains Christian Nationalism. This documentary is streaming on multiple platforms such as Tubi (free), Peacock (free), You Tube (cost), Amazon Prime Video (subscription), etc. She suggests that we submit questions ahead of time so she has more time to study them. However, if you don't have time or the ability to watch this program, she will entertain any questions the day of the presentation.

Please sign up Sundays after each worship service or call the church during the week.

We look forward to this special day, and we encourage you to make time to attend.

Pat Brown, on behalf of the WOCC Elders



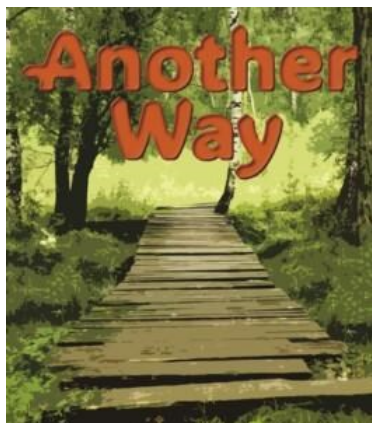


Jacob Sills and Alorah Ross giving the prayers for our lunch at 'Connect @ Empower & Equip 2025 on Saturday, March 1st, at Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City.

Western Oaks Christian Church



Youth Sunday is coming Sunday, March 30th
Practice for Youth Sunday will be on Saturday, March 29th, 10a.m.



Discount Rates Until April 23

- Chi Rho Camp: \$440
- Discovery Camp: \$180
- CYF Conference: \$485
- Junior Camp: \$325

Regular Rates April 24-May 15

- Chi Rho Camp: \$480
- Discovery Camp: \$210
- CYF Conference: \$570
- Junior Camp: \$375

Chi Rho Camp

[Canyon Camp](#) (Hinton, OK) June 2-6

Discovery Camp

[Camp Christian](#) (Chouteau, OK) June 13-15

CYF Conference

[Disciples Center at Camp Tawakoni](#) (Augusta, KS)

June 16-21

Junior Camp

[Camp Christian](#) (Chouteau, OK) June 23-27

A great week to sign up for camp!! We have four signed up so far! Question?? Call Julia.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt is early this year!

Saturday, April 19 11a.m. to 12:30p.m.

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

Let Julia know if you are able to participate with our Easter Egg Hunts, from crafts to hiding eggs to face painting!

Eggs to fill will be placed by the church office and in the narthex in front of the sanctuary.

Thanks for all the support in filling eggs for our community beyond the church!!

Julia Jordan Gillett.



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Interim Minister: Pastor Randy Hill
Associate Minister: Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett
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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

Thur. Mar 20 Disciples' Men's Meeting 6:30 pm
at First Christian Church, Yukon, Oklahoma
Disciples Women's Fellowship Meeting 6:30pm

Sun, Mar 30 Youth Sunday
Benevolence Offering
Ad Hoc Committee Meeting 12:15 pm

Sun, Apr 13 Palm Sunday
Fruit of the Spirit - Mini Celebration
Spiritual Enrichment Event & Luncheon 12:15

Apr 13-19 Daily Prayer Session

Thur, Apr 17 Maundy Thursday 6:00pm

Attendance	Facebook	YouTube	Online	9:00 am	11:00 am	In House Worship	TOTAL Worship
2/23/2025	5	1	6	28	45	73	80
3/2/2025	2	1	3	26	43	69	72

Giving	General	Blessing Fund
2/23/2025	\$2,145	\$30
3/2/2025	\$3,482	\$30

Upcoming Sermons

Third Sunday in Lent (Mar 23, 2025) Scripture: Philippians 2:6-11
Sermon Title: Paul: Greek Philosopher or Cilician Poet?
Theme: Will the real Paul please stand up? Rational Debater of Athens or Rhyming Wordsmith of Corinth?

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mar 30, 2025) – Youth Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Apr 6, 2025) – Rev. Dr. Tom Jewell preaching

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