

Wind-Talk

This past week is an anniversary of sorts, an anniversary of Pentecostal wind, if you will, on June 4th, in 2014, Chester Nez, the last of the original Navajo code talkers of World War II, died at age 93. Four months after Japanese bombs fell on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Nez helped form an elite, top-secret group that became known as the Navajo code talkers. Using the Navajo language, they developed an unbreakable military communications code, then risked their lives on battlefields across the Pacific to send and decipher messages critical to America and its allies in World War II.

In 2001, he received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress, from President George W. Bush during a ceremony at the U.S. Capitol. Originally there were 29 code talkers, but ultimately, more than 400 Navajos served as code talkers. During the battle on Iwo Jima, they conveyed and decoded 800 messages without error in the first 48 hours of the operation. "Were it not for the Navajos, the Marines would never have taken Iwo Jima," Maj. Howard Conner, the leading Marine signal officer at Iwo Jima, wrote in a memo. With each communication, the total effect of using the code was that full communications could occur in just a few seconds rather than the half-hour required by previous systems. And the multiple-level form of communication was more secure than earlier ones. You see, it was not just the Navajo language itself, but the unique tonal qualities, the vocal dynamics, that helped form this code that could not be broken. In a certain way of thinking about this, you might call this unique vocal aspect of their speech the spiritual component of their code-talking or their "wind-talking."

Much has been written about the prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah, as "truth talkers" and "hope talkers," calling Israel to rise above its doubts and despairs and its angers and fears.

But, on this Pentecost 2025, let us consider the spiritual component of our own speech, how to speak love and grace to everyone we meet.

Grace & Peace

Pastor Randy

Thirtieth 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

"[to] bring renewed faith, peace, hope, and love to the most impoverished, underserved, and under-resourced areas of a city .. Is your own church willing to help mend holes in the net." P. 125

WOCC is sponsoring again this year the Back-To-School-Bash for WO Elementary & Middle Schools on Sat, Aug 2nd to meet the needs of our local school children and youth. Are there other ways WOCC could help mend holes in the net?



Gather Us In

Called Regional Assembly

Voting on

New Regional Minister Candidate

Visit okdisciples.org

Noon - Check-in • Meet & Greet

1:00 pm - Business Meeting & Worship

Reception Following

June 28, 2025

First Christian Church Edmond

also Streaming on YouTube

The CWF quilters use sheets for quilt backs and squares. Anyone with sheets to donate can leave them in the closet. We appreciate your donations.

Anyone that has time to spare... 😊 ...we can also use volunteers to press the fabric we use for squares. This will save so much time for those cutting squares.

Thanks so much for your support. We continue to quilt for foster children.

Sandra Spillman/Betty Singleton



In preparation for the new church year that begins in July, we wanted to remind everyone the types of committees within our congregation. These committees help govern the church and provide ways for everyone to serve.

Administrative Committee, comprised of:

- * Chairperson
- * Vice-Chairperson
- * Treasurer
- * Secretary
- * Financial Chair
- * Board of Elders
- * Personnel Chair

Service Committees, comprised of:

- * Evangelism/Hospitality
- * Outreach
- * Worship
- * Membership
- * Fellowship
- * Property
- * Stewardship
- * Education (children, youth, and adult)



If you have any questions or if you are interested in serving within these committees, please contact Mike Merry or any other current Admin Committee member.

News Sources

The Disciples News Service distributes a weekly e-mail news brief of events and information about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Regular communications from the General Minister and President are also routinely sent to subscribers.



Discovery Camp Jackson Gabriel [Camp Christian](#)
 June 13-15 275 Camp Christian Ln, Chouteau, OK 74337
CYF Conference [Disciples Center at Camp Tawakoni](#)
 Bailey Morris-Jacobs, Jacob Sills and Coun - Julia Gillett
 June 16-21 8492 SW Tawakoni Rd, Augusta, KS 67010
Junior Camp June 23-27 [Camp Christian](#)
 275 Camp Christian Ln, Chouteau, OK 74337 Aaliyah
 Boyd, Charlotte Gabriel, Leighton Sharp, and Genova
 Wage Counselors: Jimmy Illi and Julia Jordan Gillett
**Please mail letters to campers the week before each
 camp so kids can get the letters the week of camp.**

Western Oaks Christian Church

**CHILDREN'S
 MINISTRIES**



VBS excitement is in the air.

As you read this newsletter, VBS will be in full swing. Here are some pictures of our preparations from VBS!

June 9th to 12th 5:45p.m. to 8:15p.m.
 Dinner - 5:45p.m.

Theme is Egypt: Joseph's Journey from
 Prison to Palace



Coming July 28th to August 2nd

Mission OKC for our youth and sponsors!

Keep everyone in your prayers
 as we make preparations!



Mission OKC



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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

June 9-12 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 15 Father's Day

Saturday, June 28, 2025 **Called Regional Assembly** at First Christian Church in Edmond for final consideration and vote by the Assembly on calling Rev. Davison as Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Oklahoma.

Saturday, Aug 2 Back to School Bash

Attendance	Facebook	YouTube	Online	9:00 am	11:00 am	In House Worship	TOTAL Worship
5/18/2025	5	1	6	25	46	71	77
5/25/2025	6	2	8	21	48	69	77

Current Giving	General	Blessing Fund
5/18/2025	\$3,888	\$30
5/25/2025	-	-

Upcoming Sermons

June 15, 2025 Scripture: John 16:12-15

Sermon Title: "Paraclete: Advocate of God"

Theme: This is the 3rd in a 3-series sermon on the Holy Spirit. In this one, we explore the theological implications of Advocacy (Paraclete).

June 22, 2025 Nance Cunningham

June 29, 2025 Third Sunday after Pentecost Scripture: Gal. 5:1,13-25

Sermon Title: Freedom Is Not Free

Theme: Discussing the various types of freedom and characteristics in our time.

"Loving God, Serving our Neighbors"



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