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Doors of Opportunity

The Apostle Paul has a unique image to share with us regarding opportunities that may come our way to share the Gospel. He uses the image of a door, wide (Grk. megale) and full-of-energy (Grk. energeis), a door of opportunity to teach many about the ways of Jesus and the hope of salvation (1 Cor. 16:9). He uses this image in several different letters as in: “pray for us that God will open a door for us,” (Col 4:3), or “God opened a door for me in Troas to proclaim the good news of Christ,” (2 Cor. 2:12). He also implies that with doors of opportunity come also many adversaries to bar our entry. Frank Laubach, a missionary to the Philippines (1915), used a similar image of a “window of opportunity” in a diary entry called “Open Windows” on Jan 3, 1930:

“[I resolve] to be as wide open toward people and their need as I am toward God. Windows open outward as well as upward. Windows open especially downward where people need the most.” Published in Letters by a Modern Mystic by Frank Laubach. Frank worked among Muslims in his remote location in the Philippines and developed “Each One Teach One,” a literacy program that was responsible for teaching over 60 million people to read in their own language, fighting against many barriers to literacy with programs to combat poverty and injustice in their world.

When we think about our own doors or windows of opportunity in the coming year, perhaps part of the courage it takes to open them is knowing that they are wide and full-of-energy (God’s promise and possibility. These portals open outward and downward as well as upward, they open into a place where “our deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet (Frederick Buechner).” Let’s gladly open our doors and windows to and for the love of Jesus Christ and the spreading of the Good News!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Randy



Mark	Gillett	2/3
William	Compton	2/3
Martha	Buchanan	2/5
Rita	Walker	2/5
Zadie	Isaacson	2/5
Okie	Merry	2/7
Pat	Brown	2/7

Bobby	Beck	2/8
Debbie	Clary	2/9
Wayne	Nivin	2/9
Jerry	Cobb	2/11
Suzanne	Parker	2/13
Donna	Houchin	2/14
Terry	Singleton	2/17
Jimmy	Ille	2/22

Nomination Committee In preparation of the next church year which starts on July 1, 2026, it is time we start to identify members to serve in various positions for that church year. But to begin this process, we must now form what is called a Nomination Committee, composed of congregation members who will canvas our congregation to search out members willing help out during the 26/27 church year.

Ideally, a group of 5+ members is needed for this Committee.

So please, if you have the time and are available for this effort, please reply to this email. We will then inform you of our first meeting which should occur sometime at the beginning of February.

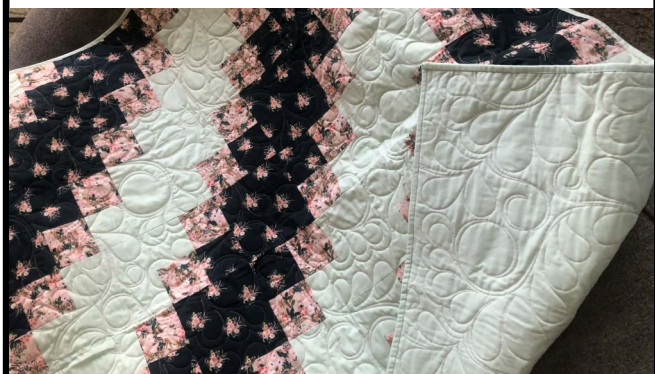
We appreciate everyone's effort. Thx Mike Merry 405 226-2659

Back-To-School We currently are in need of a volunteer to lead/direct the WOCC portion of the Back-To-School event held at Western Oaks Middle School this year. Previous leaders are willing to assist and advise in this effort but are unable to provide the overall direction/oversight previously provided. Thus, we now need someone new who will fill those shoes and begin working with the school in preparation of that effort. In addition, work will be needed to submit paperwork for grant money which is usually available from Region to help us put this program on with the school.

If interested and available, please either respond to this email or give Mike Merry a call at 405 226-2659.

Quilt Raffle...CWF will be selling chances on this beautiful quilt beginning Sunday, February 22nd. Tickets sell for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Carmen Burger...BurgerQuilts.com... made this beautiful quilt and donated to our CWF group. She does beautiful quilting.



Beginning Sunday February 22

FOR OVERALL AWARENESS

Second service's order will have a slight change beginning Sunday. An opening hymn will follow the Prelude. The rest remains the same until the Hymn of Invitation. After that hymn the invitations to Membership and to Communion will be made. There will be no Consecration Hymn.

The remainder of the service will stay the same.

We want the flow of the service to be smooth. Join us Sunday.

That is it.
Thank you.
Jim

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DESSERT AUCTION



It was a fantastic evening, the weather was perfect and the food was delicious at our annual Valentine's Day Dinner at WOCC on February 16th. Jimmy Illi is auctioneer extraordinaire making us laugh and getting the bids just a little higher!! We raised \$4,200! Over 9 tables were decorated with various themes!! The meal started with **salads made by Okie Merry** and distributed by our youth! **Tobi Frank and Mike Jacobs did a beautiful job making the dinner** and again the youth served the dinner to everyone, along with drinks.

The Education committee and Julia appreciate all who prepared desserts, set-up the tables, AND all those who cleaned up after the laughter subsided and our tummies were full from the wonderful food and delicious DESSERTS made by both adults and youth! We want to especially thank those who volunteered to decorate the beautiful and fun tables: Jacquie DeKinder, Kellie Fearing, Tobi Frank, Kay & Tom Jewell, Fern Melton, Adele and Alorah Ross, Andrea and Gay Teter!!!

Thanks for supporting our youth and children in their faith development through camps and mission trips!! Blessings on our continued faith journey!!

Julia Jordan Gillett

**EASTER EGG HUNT COMING
Saturday, APRIL 5TH 11 A.M.**



Church Camp 2026 The Commission for Children, Youth, & Young Adults is excited to announce the church camp dates for next summer. Plan to attend camp next June!

Chi Rho Camp @ Canyon Camp: June 1-5

Discovery Camp @ Camp Christian: June 12-14

CYF Conference @ Disciples Center at Tawakoni: June 15-20

Junior Camp @ Camp Christian: June 22-26

Let's Register for the Regional Assembly Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th!!

WHEN YOU HOST A BANQUET.....THE VERB MATTERS!

At First Christian Church, Edmond, Oklahoma

Youth may go to the concert on Friday and participate in the worship and help with Stamp Out Starvation!! We will then go to Main Event.

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



Thursday, Feb. 19 Disciples Women’s Fellowship 6:30pm

Sunday, Feb 22 Week of Compassion Offering
Congregation vote of acceptance for proposed senior minister candidate

Attendance	Facebook	YouTube	Online	9:00 am	11:00 am	In House Worship	TOTAL Worship
2/1/2026	13	1	14	38	30	68	82
2/8/2026	-	-	-	24	42	66	66

Current Giving Date	General Giving	Weekly Fund	Blessing
2/1/2026	\$3,885	\$30	
2/8/2026	\$3,256	\$60	

February
Weekly Budget Needs
\$4,874.75

First Sunday of Lent (Feb 22, 2026)
Sermon Title: Not By Bread Alone Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11
Theme: Let’s resist the temptation to divide ourselves! Lent is a time for overcoming the temptation to live to/for ourselves alone.

Second Sunday of Lent (Mar 1, 2026)
Sermon Title: Facing our Jeshimon
Scripture: Mark 7:24-30; Mt. 15:21-28
Theme: Jesus and the Syro-Phoenician woman face their Jeshimon together and learn from each other. What this means for us.

Third Sunday of Lent (Mar 8, 2026)
Sermon Title: Leaving the water jar behind Scripture: John 4:5-42
Theme: Exploring the story of the woman at the well for themes of Lenten guidance

“Loving God, Serving our Neighbors”



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