

Spaceship Earth

My first sermon, delivered as a youth at my home church in Wewoka, Oklahoma, was entitled Spaceship Earth. The single point of the sermon was that we, as Christians, needed to take a larger viewpoint of our many problems and wars from the standpoint of everyone sharing a single spaceship journeying through the cosmos. If we shared this single vantage point, we might be able to agree more often and take the necessary steps to protect our planet, the only home we might ever know in a lifetime of lifetimes. This theme resonated with me because I grew up in the heart of the Seminole [Muskogee] Nation, and in many respects, harbored a viewpoint of natural balance I learned from my Native American teachers such as my eighth-grade teacher Mrs. Shunatona and my Dad's friend, Tuskahoma Brown Miller.

This viewpoint is simple, yet complicated, at every decision point in our lives. It undergirds a religious point of view, asserting that there is a balance to the universe as well as to the earth which we should all do our best to preserve and defend. In my sermon, I pointed out that we needed to work out a plan for the steering of our spaceship through difficult galaxies. Some would need to defer while others would step up to leadership in the moment. Domination would be unthinkable. Demonization of others would not do its divisive work quite as well if those others lived in proximity to yourself. The image of a spaceship helped make this metaphor come alive. Yet, nowhere in this metaphor would anyone find space for polarized disagreement. As a wise elder of the tribe once put it, if the leader of the day led us on a journey of ten miles in one direction, and the leader of the next day led us in the opposite direction for the same distance, we would never make any progress and this balance would be non-sensical.

We often put the responsibility for natural balance upon God, the Allocator, rather than ourselves, assigning responsibility for peace to the divine. If the one who steers the spaceship keeps some in the dark longer than others, or gives more rain to one group than another, or provides more resources to one over another, then we blame God for not enforcing fairness on the spaceship. Let me suggest that, instead of blaming God, we share the responsibility for our climate and the natural balance of human relationships. When it comes to the exercise of fairness, or to steering the spaceship, biblical theology teaches us differently: God is no respecter of faces (Dt. 10:17), partiality or bribery (Rm. 2:11). Rain falls on the just and the unjust (Mt. 5:45). Keeping the peace, advocating for justice and equity, eliminating systemic favoritism for one group over another, sharing leadership and power: these are things left in our hands as our sibling's keeper (Gen. 4:9). Let each take up the banner of steering the ship properly in our time, with balance in mind and love in our hearts.

Wishing each of you the eternal balance of Spring in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pastor Randy

Help again!! Your church is in great need of WOCC members to volunteer to assist leadership and committee positions helping provide direction and oversight of the church over the next few years. Assistance is also needed to ensure our committees are staffed to continue their services to the members.

Of most current importance is someone to fill the vacant Vice Chairperson position. This member would serve in a leadership position on the Committee and Board and would then assume the Congregation Chairperson position at the beginning of the new church year, July 1, 2026.

Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Please refer any questions to Mike Merry or to any member of the Admin Committee.

Mike Merry

March 6-7, 2026

First Christian Church Edmond

(201 E. 2nd St., Edmond)

A Snap Shot of Regional Assembly

Special Musical Guest Singer/Songwriter Carrie Newcomer

This amazing Grammy award-winning songwriter & recording artist event is sponsored by Phillips Seminary. A Friday afternoon songwriting workshop (space limited) is followed by "An Evening with Carrie" concert. Concert tickets also available for the general public if not attending Regional Assembly.

Rev. Virginia White - Preaching for Dinner Church Friday Evening

Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister & President of the Christian Church (DoC) - Leading a Workshop, Preaching at Saturday Afternoon Worship, and Presiding at our Regional Minister's Installation

Friday

- Healthy Boundaries Training for Clergy (9:00 am to 3:00 pm)
- Afternoon Music Writing Workshop with Carrie Newcomer
- Dinner Church

An Evening with Carrie Newcomer (concert)

Saturday

- Morning Labyrinth and Prayers
- Workshops (choose one from 6 options)
- Stamp Out Starvation Hands on Mission Project
- Exhibitors
- RA Business Meeting to Vote on 2026-2028 Officers and the 2028 Regional Assembly Date and Location
- Worship with Rev. Terri Hord Owens and Installation of Our Regional Minister



I will be in Indianapolis, IN, for a Men's Discipleship Council meeting from Fri, March 20th through Sunday, March 22nd. Rev. Jim Ellis will be preaching in my stead at WOCC on Sunday, March 22nd.

Pastor Randy

EASTER EGG HUNT COMING

Saturday, APRIL 4TH 11 A.M.



Pick up empty Easter eggs to fill with candy or small toys and bring them back to the church by Sunday, March 29.

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.




Shirlee	Ruedy	3/2
Jodie	Conner	3/5
Rosa	McCroskey	3/2
Jamie	Mattox	3/7
Donna	Bradley	3/13
Stuart	Thorn	3/15
Mandie	Howry	3/17
James	Frank	3/17
Dianne	Beck	3/18
Phillip	Young	3/25

Putnam City West Theatre is producing the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic musical *Oklahoma!* as part of their 2025-2026 season. Performances are scheduled for **March 5-7, 2026**, promising a high-energy, classic take on the story of Curly and Laurey.

- **Performance Dates and Times:** March 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m.
March 7 at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Putnam City West Theatre
8500 NW 23rd St, Entrance is off Eagle Ln
- **Venue Info:** Part of the PCW Theatre's 2025-2026 season of productions.
- **Tickets are \$10 for adults \$5 for children**

You can check for updates and ticketing information on the official Putnam City West Theatre website.

This is a great way to support our school neighbors. PC West enthusiastically participates in our Back to School Event.



**PUTNAM CITY WEST
HIGH SCHOOL
THEATRE**

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



- Sunday, Mar. 8** Daylight Savings time - Spring Forward
- Monday, Mar.16** Admin Meeting 7pm
- Sunday, Mar. 29** Palm Sunday
- Thursday, Mar. 19** DWF Meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday, Apr. 2** Maundy Thursday
- Sunday, May 8** Youth Sunday
- June 8 - 11** Vacation Bible School

Attendance	Facebook	YouTube	Online	9:00 am	11:00 am	In House Worship	TOTAL Worship
2/15/2026	-	-	-	28	53	81	81
2/22/2026	-	-	-	35	47	82	82

Current Giving Date	General Giving	Weekly Fund	Blessing
2/15/2026	\$4,593	\$30	
2/22/2026	\$2,963	\$30	

February
Weekly Budget Needs
\$4,874.75

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mar 15, 2026)
 Scripture: Psalm 51:1-12
 Sermon Title: Sour Wine & Hyssop
 Theme: We anticipate the liberation of our captive spirits with a new heart born of God’s redeeming love.

“Loving God, Serving our Neighbors”



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