

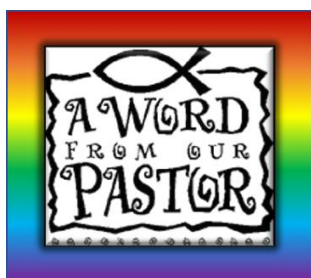


The Illuminator

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I did it. I could not wait any longer. I lit the carrot cake candle on the first day of September. This seasonal scent is one of our fall favorites. This time of the year brings with it all kinds of pumpkin spice flavored food and drinks, fall flowers and football.

September also signals a season of anticipation and celebration for SGLCC(DOC). This month two committees prayerfully reflect on the past year as they help make plans for the next. Carla Davis is leading the

Stewardship and Finance committee in gathering information and working on the budget for 2023. Beverly Wall and the Nominating committee are ready to receive suggestions for members of next year's General Board. This newsletter includes an important document to help with the nominating process. It contains guiding information from SGLCC's Constitution and By-Laws for nominating and electing members of the General Board.

Crunching financial info and preparing a ballot is not a matter of filling in numbers and names on paper. It is about careful consideration of our current context and the gifts our members have to share as we minister to all in the name and spirit of Jesus. This is all prayerful work – including the response of the individuals who are invited to help prepare the budget and/or serve on the General Board.

I encourage each member to find time to prayerfully consider the people you would suggest in the variety of leadership roles for next year. I hope each person nominated to a position will prayerfully consider your response. If you are unfamiliar with the tasks involved in what you are being asked to do, please ask for a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws where you will find responsibilities for each area of leadership. It's also a good idea to visit with someone who has served in the position before and gain insight from them.

Church life is full of delightful and difficult passages. General Board members are asked to be ready, with God's help, to be present in all the bumps and blessings of this journey as we go the road of life together. Pray on friends, as God blesses you in your discernment as a member of South Grand Lake Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Blessing of the Devices



Bring your phones, tablets, and laptops to receive a special blessing in worship on Sept. 18th as we celebrate the many ways tech can touch our lives and strengthen our connections with God & others!

Then, Linger Longer for lunch. You're welcome to bring simple desserts (cookies, cupcakes, brownies)

COMING SOON



- Sept. 12 Sr. Food Drive
- Sept. 14 Elders
- Sept. 15 Pastoral Relations
- Sept. 21 Worship Committee
- Sept. 24 Exec Committee
- Sept. 25 Nominations Due



The new Gibson Lodge awaits the return of the DW Retreat!

The women of SGLCC(DOC) have always enjoyed attending this event. Carla Davis recalls ...

"I have previously attended several of the Women's Retreat programs. I have always enjoyed the other women, received uplifting messages and just felt refreshed when I left. Camp Christian is a quiet, spiritual place to gather also. I encourage every woman to consider attending and bring a friend with you."

You may choose to spend Friday night at the camp or just come for the day on Saturday.

Sept. 30th
& Oct. 1st

register at:
www.neodw.org

Light of the World, Love of Others & Lead with Hope

Light
Love
Lead

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - \$65
REGISTRATION AFTER SEPTEMBER 16TH - \$75

SATURDAY ONLY
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION - \$40
REGISTRATION AFTER SEPTEMBER 16TH - \$50

Location:
Camp Christian

Guest speaker
Rev. Dr. Nancy Claire Pittman



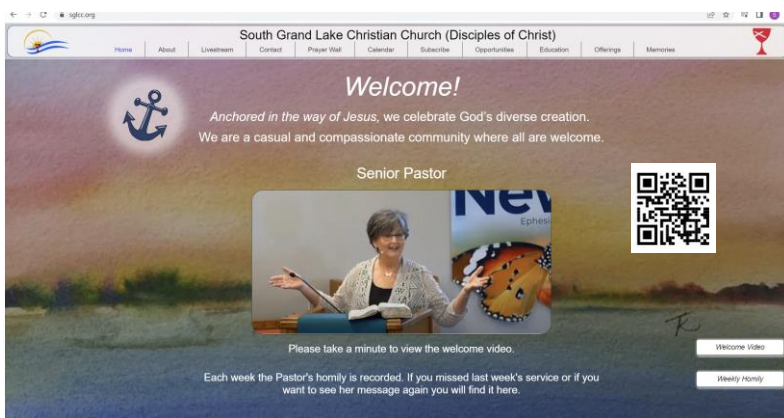
You're invited!

An exciting adventure is planned for Saturday, Oct 8th, when we will join members of the First Christian Church of Claremore to carpool to OKC to tour the new First Americans Museum. This inspiring and informational facility is the cooperative effort of the 39 Tribes of Oklahoma with the Smithsonian Museum. We continue to seek opportunities to honor and celebrate contributions of indigenous cultures that have inhabited this land.

Please feel free to invite guests to join the journey and let one of the pastors know how many will be making the trek!

Our Revitalized Presence on the Web & Social Media!

We're excited to unveil a dramatic revamping of our website at www.sglcc.org and our sglcclive facebook page. Many thanks to our team of Jim Owens, Lynne Kennedy, John & Shari Baird who've worked tirelessly on these projects!



you're in our PRAYERS

Shane Ailey, Michael Ailey, John Baird, Jill Brausuell, Louise Compston, Ted Coombes, Larry Farmer, Cindy Fest, Gary Fest, Christie Goldy, Jim Gray, Kirrin Greer, Karen Hendrix, Leroy Hughes, Gina Jackson, Steve Jones, Georgia Lewis, Debra Matthews, Brigitte Ratzlaff, Lou Saunders, Carolyn Sellers, Gary Sharpe, Jim Rogers, Sue Ryan, Jennifer Scott, Jim Shelton, Susan Stanifer Alena Thibert, Chris Tribble, Diana Williams, Patty Wolfe, Jeanne Woods, Mike Yancy, Nancy Zovadny, caregivers, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, addiction, mental illness and natural disasters.



13 Wendy Shelton
14 Joshua Grundy
15 Jean Treat
22 Ryan Lewis
27 Bobby Latimer



05 John & Shari Baird
08 Tony & Lynda Hixson
09 Forb & Meredyth Phillips
12 Chuck & Gina Jackson

August Financial Health				
	General Fund	Quarters	Designated	Total
08-07	\$3,382.00	\$270.51	\$200.00	\$3,852.51
08-14	\$3,608.00	\$17.05		\$3,625.05
08-21	\$2,877.00	\$15.54	\$577.42	\$3,469.96
08-28	\$3,152.00	\$16.40		\$3,168.40
08-31	\$3.12		Interest	\$3.12
			Grand Total	\$14,119.04

Blessing Quarters	
Balance Forward	\$476.51
August	\$384.89
Year to Date (for 2021)	Grand Total \$861.40

August Attendance				
Date	Members	Visitors	In-Person	Online
08-07	28	21	49	184
08-14	35	11	46	126
08-21	36	19	55	166
08-28	32	11	43	54