



The Illuminator

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(Disciples of Christ)



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Once upon a time, (about twenty-five years ago)
in a place surrounded by God's beauty (near South Grand Lake)
a church was born (South Grand Lake Christian Church (DOC)).

At first, the congregation worshipped in a local funeral home. Before long a stunning structure was designed and constructed atop a gentle hill three miles north of Langley, Oklahoma. Soon, there was the first worship service in the new church building. Before long, there was the first baptism, the first wedding, the first linger longer lunch, the first memorial service.

A few years later, the congregation built a Community Hall and opened its doors for its neighbors. The kitchen became the central site for several churches to partner in a Meals on Wheels program.

A few weeks ago, for the first time, on a Sunday morning, Catholic Mass was held in the Community Hall. The Saturday afternoon before, a Meals on Wheels volunteer from St. Frances Parish contacted one of SGLCC's volunteers and explained that the power was out at their church. Could they please hold Mass in SGLCC's Community Hall the next morning? A series of phone calls followed, and plans were put in place.

SGLCC(DOC) recently received this note and a monetary thank you:

Gina, Chuck, and all,

Thank you SO MUCH for opening your church to us at last minute notice. You all are appreciated greatly. May God continue to bless you.

St. Frances Parish and Father Valentine

SGLCC's story continues. The church building has experienced some damage due to water leaks around the steeple. In response as good stewards, on August 29, the silver structure was released and removed from the roof. Taking the steeple down was a sacred, sentimental, and sad experience for this family of faith. We hold this change gently in our hearts.

And now, for the first time in twenty"ish" years, without a steeple the church will worship, prepare meals with partnering churches, study the Bible, baptize believers, distribute boxes of food out the front door, host weddings and memorial services, linger longer for lunch, donate blood...

Thanks be to God for the faithful, hopeful, loving hearts who remain committed to God's ongoing story as South Grand Lake Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



Sep. 05 – Stewardship/Finance

Sep. 11 – Sr. Food Distribution, 11 am

Sep. 16 – Executive Committee, 10 am

Sep. 20 – Elders Meeting, 4 pm

Sep. 29 Disciples Women's Retreat

& 30 – Camp Christian

Oct. 01 – Linger Longer Luncheon

Oct. 21 – Executive Committee, 10 am

Oct. 29 – General Board



A few tears were shed as a gathering of members witnessed the removal of the steeple from our beloved building this week. Regretfully, our roof was showing structural damage from the weight of the steel over the years. We are grateful for the leadership of Property Chair, Ronnie Hardin, who coordinated the complex process of safe removal and roof repair. Special thanks are also due JB Miller who lent his labor and expertise to the effort.



Welcome!
Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnett
 as our guest preacher
 on September 10th.

As our pastors slip away for a few days to celebrate their 20th Wedding Anniversary, we're delighted to have Rev. Dr. Lisa Barnett fill the pulpit. Lisa currently serves Phillips Seminary as Assistant Professor of American Religious History.

SEPT 29 – 30 2023

NEODW FALL RETREAT

CAMP CHRISTIAN
 275 CAMP CHRISTIAN LN
 CHOTEAU, OK 74337

Cost:

\$85 Overnight (includes Dinner Friday, Breakfast & Lunch Saturday)

\$55 Saturday only (includes Breakfast & Lunch)

\$10 early bird savings by September 13th

*Scholarships are available

WOMEN WHO GET THINGS DONE
SERVICE PROJECT: BENEFITING IRON GATE

*bring hot/cold cereal & breakfast bars

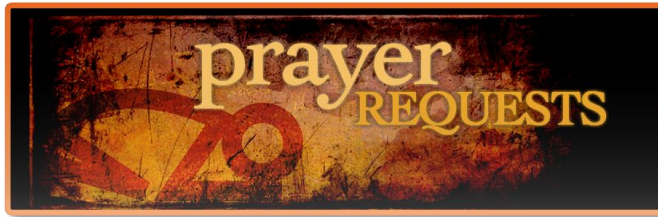
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. DR LISA DAVISON

presenting "Rowdy Women of the Hebrew Bible"

NEWS & NOTES

- * The Sunday morning Women's Discussion Group led by Mary Shell is expanding its membership to include men! Each Sunday at 9, ANYONE interested in exploring the Biblical Text for the day is welcome to attend.
- * The Wednesday Bible Study group resumes on September 6th. Bob Shell kicks off the fall study of scriptures from the "Faithful, Hopeful, Loving" theme.
- * We're looking forward to a special event marking the conclusion of our worship series on October 1st. We'll enjoy a Linger Longer Luncheon on that day as we celebrate our covenant with our God and our family of faith!





Caleb, Shane, & Michael Ailey, Stephen Andrew, Fran Barton, Louise Compston, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Roger Engel, Bill Gilpin, Christie Goldy, Dianne & Larry Farmer, Jennifer Haines, Karen Hendrix, Ron Jackson, Wes McKee, Patricia Miller, Marty Mitchell, Jim Owens, Kenny Robinette, Vickey Rose, Alena Thibert, Jean Treat, Chris Tribble, Beverly Wall, Patty Wolfe, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, those affected by acts of violence, war, addiction, mental illness, and natural disasters.



September	October	.
13 Wendy S.	06 Jim O.	14 Harold T.
14 Joshua G.	06 Phil W.	18 Carla D.
15 Jean T.	07 Shari B.	27 Ellen W.
22 Ryan L.	11 Debbie J.	29 Lois W.
27 Bobby L.	12 Kathy L.	



September	October
05 John & Shari	09 Matt & Jennifer
08 Tony & Lynda	15 Ronnie & Shirley
09 Forb & Meredyth	27 Bill & Joyce
12 Chuck & Gina	
24 Clint & Rex	

 **OBI Blood Drive gives thanks for 12 units!**



Date	General Fund	Quarters	Designated	Total
7/31/23	\$10,353.22	\$325.20	\$2,825.38	\$13,503.80
8/31/23	\$12,044.00	\$63.98	\$1,725.00	\$13,832.98

Blessing Quarters	
Balance Forward	\$435.54
July & August	\$389.18
Year To Date (for 2023)	Grand Total \$824.72

Attendance				
Date	Members	Visitors	in Person	Online Views
08-06	31	9	40	57
08-13	31	5	36	67
08-20	37	5	42	67
08-27	30	11	41	74