

## All Church News

### Minister's Message

**CONTACT: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow [cshorow@fcedmond.org](mailto:cshorow@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

Next Sunday we will conclude our worship series on the Orange curriculum we have begun using in our youth and children's ministries. Orange is a strategy for bringing together the strength of two—yellow and red—to create the brilliance of another, Orange, to fuel a life of faith in children. Orange equips us to combine the critical influences of the light of the church (yellow) and the heart of the home (red), synchronizing our efforts to teach children to have a vital relationship with God.

We have experienced the developmentally appropriate material in many ways. I know that sounds a little vague, so let me say it in plain language—the question that Orange addresses is—How do we live out our life of faith in Jesus Christ? Isn't that what we want to teach our children—and ourselves?

It is one thing to teach children about Jesus and his ministry. It is another to teach them to live that faith in the real world. How do we love our enemies? How do we reach out to the stranger? Of course, we all want to be a success in the world, and we want to equip our children to be successful as well. But what does success mean? I think Jesus summed it up simply—Love the Lord your God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself.

Jennifer Humphrey told me a story a couple of Sundays ago. She was in the hallway with the children on Sunday morning, escorting them from Sunday school to the sanctuary. 7-year-old Jake VanOsdol approached her and gave her \$11.00. He said that was his offering and he wanted it to go to God to help other people. Jennifer was touched and mentioned the gift to his parents. His mother, Lauren, smiled and said that was his decision, and he could do what he wanted.

Wow! Jake gave all his allowance to serve others. On his own. Isn't that the kind of love and generosity we want to cultivate? Loving God and loving others begins at a young age and continues throughout our lives. Together, our church and families can nurture an active and generous faith better than either of us could do alone. So, come be with us Sunday, as we teach, and learn together, about following the way of Jesus.

### Generations Learning Together

**Contact: Dr. Glee Bertram: [gbertram@uco.edu](mailto:gbertram@uco.edu) 405.974.5361 or Rev. Dr. John Regan [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

Older adults, would you like to share time one day a week bonding with the younger generation?

Join Generations Learning Together, an intergenerational program where various age groups learn and play together. Led by the University of Central Oklahoma and hosted at First Christian, Generations Learning Together promotes social development and community involvement. The program is from 10-11am every other Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall. The dates for Spring are February 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, and April 9 and 23.

You'll experience the joy and exuberance of children from our Child Care Center as mature adults, college students and children learn and play together. Dr. Glee Bertram, Ph.D., professor of Family Life Education, Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Central Oklahoma says "With our mobile society often, interactions among generations do not happen. Past participants have had so much fun!" Activities includes learning centers with opportunities for exploration in art, science, singing, and dancing. Come join the fun!

## Meet Jesus on Your Mat at Holy Yoga

**Contact:** Lauren VanOsdol, Faith Community Nurse [lauren.vanosdol@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.vanosdol@gmail.com) 405.517.2713

Join us on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the month as we introduce "Holy Yoga". We meet in the Sanctuary from 3-4 pm for a yoga experience with a holy "twist." Dana Theobald leads this ALL level practice. Please bring your mat if you have one, a bottle of water, and be sure to wear comfortable clothing. Namaste!

## Family Camp - The Mountains are Calling!

**CONTACT:** Susan Huffer [susan.huffer@outlook.com](mailto:susan.huffer@outlook.com) 405.623.2185

Family Camp is FCC's annual Estes Park, Colorado, trip for families. This year's adventure in the mountains is scheduled for June 23-29, 2019. Activities include hiking, mini-golf, tennis, outdoor chess and more! Pick up an information packet at the table in the Fellowship Hall. Just one room remains, so don't delay!

## Disciples Leadership Training School "Abide in Me"

**CONTACT:** Rev. Dr. John Regan, [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org) or 405.341.3544

The Christian Church in Oklahoma's 2019 Leadership Training School is set for Saturday, February 23. First Christian Church is hosting the event this year. The keynote speaker is General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Rev. Teresa Hord Owens. Workshop topic areas are Justice, Disciples Roots, and Inclusivity. Read details and view the schedule at [okdisciples.org/lts-2019/](http://okdisciples.org/lts-2019/) Download detailed workshop descriptions at: [okdisciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Final-LTS-Workshop-Titles-Leaders-1.pdf](http://okdisciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Final-LTS-Workshop-Titles-Leaders-1.pdf) If you would like to attend this amazing training, contact **Rev. Dr. John Regan** above or email him at [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org)

## Spring Sessions of Women's Bible Study "Connections" Beginning February 11

**CONTACT:** Monday Evenings – Jenny Wiechmann [unibrow1948@aol.com](mailto:unibrow1948@aol.com) 405.340.3816; Thursday Mornings – Tana Stufflebean [mstufflebean@cox.net](mailto:mstufflebean@cox.net) 405.341.4742

Our women's Bible Study "Connections" for Spring 2019 is "The Faithful: Heroes of the Old Testament." Join us to discover how God uses the lives of ordinary people for good, be inspired to live a bold, faithful life. Monday 7pm evening classes (Led by Jenny Wiechmann) will meet February 11 and 25; March 11 and 25; April 8 and 22. Thursday 9:30am morning classes (led by Tana Stufflebean) will meet February 14 and 28; March 14 and 28; April 11 and 25. Books are \$16 and available in the Pastoral Office.

## Experience Spiritual Renewal on the Walk to Emmaus!

**CONTACT:** Kay Sullins [sullins.kay@att.net](mailto:sullins.kay@att.net) 405.412.2238

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities, and workplaces. Emmaus is open to members of any denomination. You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. You will leave with an experience of Christian love in action, equipped for new levels of grace-filled service and leadership. The Men's Walk will be March 7-10 and the Women's Walk will be March 28-31, 2019. Both will be held at Oak Park Retreat Center in Perkins. For an application or more information contact Kay (above).

## Results of January Congregational Meeting

**CONTACT:** Rev. Dr. John Regan, Executive Minister [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544

A congregational meeting was held Sunday, January 27, to consider the 2019 General Fund Budget and Child Care Center Budget. Both budgets were passed by unanimous vote. The Congregation General Fund Budget adopted for 2019 is \$1,154,105, while the CCC Budget is \$1,705,476. Copies of both budgets, along with 2018 year-end financial reports, are available in the church library through February, or can be sent via email upon request to Rev. Dr. John Regan (above).

## Dates to Remember

**February 7, 21 & March 7** – Lunch Bunch, 10am games, lunch served at 11:30am in Room 131

**February 7, 12, 14, 19 & 21** – Tai Chi, 10am in Fellowship Hall North (7, 14, 21) or Sanctuary Hallway (12, 19); 6:30pm in Basement (B02)

**February 10** – Blood Pressure & Weight Checks, 8am-noon in Fellowship Hall North West

**February 12 & 26** – Generations Learning Together (UCO), 10am in Fellowship Hall North

**February 13, 20, 27 & March 6** – UNITE Wednesday Events @ [fccedmond.org/unite](http://fccedmond.org/unite)

**February 17** – Sulley & Sisson Reception, 10am in Rotunda

**February 17 & March 3** – Holy Yoga, 3pm in Sanctuary

**February 23** – Regional Leadership Training School, 9am to 5pm in Main Church Building

**March 3** – Troop 479 Boy Scout Baked Potato Lunch Fundraiser

**March 3** – Life After Loss, 4:30 pm in Room 130

## Worship News

### Saying Goodbye to Glenn Sulley & David Sisson

**CONTACT: Rev. Dr. John Regan** [jregan@fccedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fccedmond.org) 405.341.3544

Glenn Sulley & David Sisson have been a major part of the Worship Praise Team for the 9am Contemporary Service almost 15 years. Since that time, First Christian has been blessed with faithful leadership and amazing talent! Glenn's last day in his official capacity will be Sunday, February 17. Unfortunately, it will be David Sisson's last Sunday as well. We will also miss Jillian Sulley and her beautiful voice!

To thank these talented and beloved musicians for their long and faithful service, First Christian invites everyone to a reception in the Rotunda immediately following the 9am service on February 17. I hope you will take the time to express your gratitude to them all as we celebrate them together.

### On the Worship Schedule

Worship at First Christian – Sundays at 8:15, 9 & 11am

**February 10, 2019** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: John 10:7-10; *Children Worship & Wonder: Parable of the Great Pearl*

**February 17, 2019** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Mark 1:9-11; *Children Worship & Wonder: Parable of the Sower*

**February 24, 2019** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: John 2:1-11; *Children Worship & Wonder: The Good Samaritan*

**March 3, 2019** - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Matthew 6:7-15; *Children Worship & Wonder: Great Banquet/Lenten Puzzle*

### Watch and Listen to Sermons Online

Watch and listen to sermons from our worship services anytime! To watch live streaming of our services, follow the link at [www.fccedmond.org/live](http://www.fccedmond.org/live) To listen, visit our Sermons page at [www.fccedmond.org](http://www.fccedmond.org) Tell your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers about First Christian Church, point them to our website, and encourage them to watch and listen online!

Need Wifi? Be our guest! Public wifi access is available at First Christian Church. Use password "fcedmond".

"Like" our Facebook page - First Christian Church of Edmond - and stay up-to-date on all the latest events!

## Serve News

### Restocking the Pantry at Ida Freeman

**Contact: Shelley Regan** [sregan@fccedmond.org](mailto:sregan@fccedmond.org) 405.414.3544

Each week food from the Regional Food Bank is sent home with children in greatest need at Ida Freeman Elementary. The guidance counselor at the school has dubbed this backpack program the "Health Club" and supplements the backpacks

with fresh fruit and single-serving containers of applesauce, peaches, and pears. A generous donor delivers the fresh fruit, but about 70 containers of the self-serve fruits are used weekly. If you would like to help stock those items at the pantry, please purchase and bring to FCC. Our weekly Ida Freeman volunteers will deliver! Later this month we will be sharing a specific list of items needed to restock the pantry in time for our Road to Faith SS class to pack care packages for Spring Break.

## **Souper Bowl of Caring Supports Breakfast on Boulevard**

**Contact: Karla Mahan, Business Administrator, [kmahan@fcedmond.org](mailto:kmahan@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

Thank you to all those who donated funds during our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" collection. You provided \$943.78 to support our Breakfast on Boulevard food program which serves a hot breakfast and sack lunch to those in need. Thank you also to Kelly VanOsdol for leading this effort each year!

## Children's News

### **Children's Ministries "Save the Dates"**

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#### **Vacation Bible School:**

June 3-6 "Power Up VBS" – "God's Power gives us everything we need to live a Godly life." 2 Peter 1:3a. Registration opens in May, but you can learn more now at [www.fcedmond.org/vbs](http://www.fcedmond.org/vbs) including ways you can help.

#### **Summer Church Camp:**

June 3-7: Chi Rho Camp (Grades 6-8) at Oakridge Camp (near Anadarko)

June 17-21: Junior Camp (Grades 4-5) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

June 21-23: Discovery Camp (Grades 2-3) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

June 24-28: CYF Conference (Grades 9-12) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

July 9-11: Grand Camp (Grades K-3) at Camp Christian (near Chouteau)

Visit the Oklahoma Region's website to register at [www.okdisciples.org](http://www.okdisciples.org) or go to [www.fcedmond.org/camp](http://www.fcedmond.org/camp) for pricing and more!

### **Child Care Center February Happenings**

**CONTACT: Bonnie Miller, CCC Director [bmiller@fcedmond.org](mailto:bmiller@fcedmond.org) 405.341.2626**

Each year First Christian Church honors Edmond Police Officers with a luncheon to celebrate and recognize their dedicated service. This year, the Police Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 19 from 11am-2pm. This is a come and go event that officers attend at their convenience. The Child Care Center is excited to participate by having children make cards to express gratitude to the officers. Some of our students will attend the lunch, meeting the police officers, sharing hugs and high-fives!

Would you like to support the CCC's fundraising efforts? You can! February 19 is Cane's Night at the 2nd Street location. Mention "FCC Child Care Center" when you place your order and the CCC will receive 15% back! That's an easy opportunity to enjoy dinner out while giving back to the center.

## Student Ministries News

### **Student Ministries Calendar of Events**

**CONTACT: Rev. Mark Taylor [mtaylor@fcedmond.org](mailto:mtaylor@fcedmond.org) or 405.341.3544 ext. 102**

Join us each Sunday morning at 10 am in the Family Life Center for breakfast, announcements and Sunday School classes! Go to [www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms](http://www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms) for all Youth event details.

**Sunday, February 10, 1-5pm – Church Under the Bridge** - Join us as we worship with and provide a meal for our friends at Church Under the Bridge who are experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. Wear warm clothes - we will be outside!

**Monday, February 18, 10-12pm – Coffee with Mark** - Mark will be at Cafe Evoke from 10am to noon. Drop in and join us for coffee (or hot chocolate) and some good conversation. Come early and stay the whole time or just stop by and say hi. Bring some money for your drinks!

**Sunday, March 10, 3-7:30pm - Progressive Dinner** - Join us for delicious food and fun as we head to 3 different houses for dinner and games. This will be a 3-course meal, with each course at a different home, and games along the way. The cost is \$5. Register at [www.fccedmond.org/register](http://www.fccedmond.org/register)

**Sunday, March 31, 1-3pm - Youth Sunday Planning Session** - Youth Sunday is nearly here, and it's time to get ready! FCC Youth will have the opportunity to lead the 9 and 11 worship services on Sunday, May 5, and we need your help to do it!

**Sunday, April 28, 1-3pm - Youth Sunday Rehearsal** – Youth Sunday is nearly here, and it's time to get ready! FCC Youth will have the opportunity to lead the 9 and 11 worship services on Sunday, May 5, and we need your help to do it!

**Sunday, May 5, 8am-12pm - Youth Sunday** - Youth Sunday is here! We will lead the 9 and 11 worship services for Sunday, May 5. If you have a part in the service be sure to be in the Sanctuary by 8am.

*Here are some important 2019 dates to remember:*

**June 3 – 7: Chi Rho Camp** (Grades 6-8) at Oakridge Camp (near Anadarko)

**June 9 – 15: High School Mission Trip**

**June 24 – 28: CYF Conference** (Grades 9-12) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

**July 14 – 20: Middle School Mission Trip**

**August 18: Fall Kickoff**

## Care News

### In Our Prayers This Week

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER** Ed & Mary Walker

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO** Foster & Charlanne Johnson in the passing of their son, Perry Johnson, on January 2 in Waco, TX AND TO Ann Crandall & Family in the passing of her husband, Max Crandall, on January 13. Services held on January 17 at FCC-Edmond AND TO Dennis Hines in the passing of his grandfather on January 24 AND TO Bill Medley & Family in the passing of his father recently in Tucson, AZ.

**CELEBRATING A NEW BABY** Twins Carmen Emory Harp AND Carina Eliza Harp, born January 19. Grandparents are Chuck & Cindy Harp and Great Grandmother is Naomi Harp AND Kamryn Snoddy, born February 6 to Chris and Kelisha Snoddy (Assistant Director of the Child Care Center).

*Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Contact Pastoral Assistant, Iris Muno Jordan at [ijordan@fccedmond.org](mailto:ijordan@fccedmond.org) or 341-3544, ext. 110.*

### Happy Birthday FCC Friends!

**2/3** Robyn Ellison, Larry Griffin, Avery Hendricks, Joe McDonald, Lucas Peterson, Kingsley Sutch, Luke Wilkinson

**2/4** Angie McFall, Jennifer McGrew, Guinnevere O'Hagan

**2/5** Nancy Gaines, Lincoln Sutch

**2/6** Reagan McCormick, Audrey Stanley, Leonard Wallace

**2/8** Oliver Bowen, Sara Riester, Lawson Sutch

**2/10** Brad Burlison, Mary Foreman, Will Mecoy, John Regan, Misty Simon, Annamarie Webster, Jimmy Wood

**2/11** Colton Sulley

**2/12** Brenda Fritz, Kyle Vazquez

**2/13** Noah Campbell, Marisue Haigler, Grace King, Margaret Kysar, Sara O'Hagan, Carter Raines, Sara Raines, Zane Raines, Desi Stout

**2/14** Joel Denard, Hallie Hanna, Kathy Kerr, Alaina Morton, Linda Speegle, Bill Womble

**2/15** Helen Myers, Paul Stuke

**2/16** Laura Harris, Ann Smith

**2/17** Tommy Atchison, Jackie Carder, Trevor Gibson, Isaac Hast, Tana Stufflebean

**2/18** Kelsey Murray, Adaya Price, Lily Stuckey, Kacy VanOsdol

**2/19** Kai Bezdek, Al Jantz

**2/20** Lisa Carpenter Grant, Michael Grant, Jerry Hess, Terry Kerr, Sharon McKethan, Michelle Ward

**2/21** Martha Jacobs, Andrew Woods

**2/22** Shauna Becker, London Carrington, Jim Quade, Georgia Sparks

**2/23** Jaima Carder

**2/24** Carter Coleman, Mark Mades

**2/25** B. Ann Hauser

**2/26** Judy Freeman, Betsy Jones, Genevieve Larson, Sonja Loucks, Rita Ward, Zackery Williams

**2/27** Diane Ball

**2/28** Errol Myers, Presley Smith

**3/1** Letitia Anthony

**3/2** Heather Gorcey, Everett LoveCombs

**3/3** Phoebe Eaton, Thomas Fondren, Jacob Koch, Mac Mecoy