

2024 Regional Assembly (On Land)

Business Meeting



April 20, 2024 • 10am
First Christian Church Stroud

Welcome

to

**First Christian Church
Stroud**

Rev. AnDrea Walker-Skye

Regional Assembly (On Land) Biennial Meeting

Christian Church (DOC) in Oklahoma

April 20, 2024



Financial Report 2022-2023

Robert O'Kelley, Treasurer

Oklahoma Regional Finances (CCOK)

Northeast Area Finances (NEA)

Balance Sheet (CCOK)

ASSETS	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	Increase (Decrease)
Current Assets			
Cash Held by OGMP	154,008	230,516	76,508
Investments			
At Church Extension	400,366	410,521	10,155
At Christian Church Foundation	107,375	125,618	18,243
Fixed Assets			
Buildings	220,155	231,301	11,146
Furniture & Equipment	87,638	87,638	-
Rey de Gloria, OKC Building	28,000	28,000	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(307,793)	(308,164)	(372)
Total Fixed Assets	28,000	38,775	10,775
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 689,748	\$ 805,430	\$ 115,682

Balance Sheet (CCOK)

LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	Increase (Decrease)
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	3,156	6,161	3,005
Deferred Revenue	881	-	(881)
Total Liabilities	4,037	6,161	2,124
Net Assets			
Without Donor Restrictions	392,956	467,515	74,559
With Donor Restrictions	292,755	331,754	38,999
Total Net Assets	685,711	799,269	113,558
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 689,748	\$ 805,430	\$ 115,682

Income Sources (CCOK)

	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
Disciples Mission Fund	178,351	140,452	176,326
Christmas Offering	26,600	17,522	26,500
Pentecost Offering	5,898	6,050	5,716
Annual Fund (Individuals & Congregations)	109,000	82,567	95,000
Legacy Gifts	-	51,288	-
Endowments: Christian Church Foundation & Oklahoma Disciples Foundation	80,000	96,000	97,000
Interest Income	8,000	10,238	8,500
Rent	12,400	11,069	-
Miscellaneous	600	1,424	600
OK Conf. Of Churches	-	-	300
Total Income	\$ 420,849	\$ 416,610	\$ 409,942

Expenses (CCOK)

	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
Salaries & Benefits	286,269	300,334	301,640
Staff Professional Expense	27,600	25,224	28,200
Professional Services	22,700	22,200	23,552
Office & Administrative	15,600	19,448	26,800
Buildings & Grounds	39,980	27,146	4,000
Commissions, Programs & Outreach	15,000	4,086	12,000
Leadership Development	8,200	8,546	6,750
Fundraising	5,500	7,915	7,000
Total Expenses	\$ 420,849	\$ 414,899	\$ 409,942

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Total Income	\$ 420,849	\$ 416,609	\$ 409,942
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Surplus/Deficit		\$ 1,710	
Transfer Out		\$ 20,000	

Balance Sheet (NEA)

	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	Inc./ (Dec.)
ASSETS			
Cash held by (due to) OGMP	102,321	111,922	(9,601)
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS			
Liabilities	92	92	-
Total Net Assets	102,321	111,830	(9,509)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 102,321	\$ 111,922	\$ (9,601)

Income & Expenses (NEA)

	2023 Actual	2022 Actual	Inc./ (Dec.)
Income	24,000	27,503	(3,503)
Expenses	26,263	42,667	(16,404)
Beginning Net Assets	37,321	52,485	(15,164)
Net Surplus	(2,363)	(15,164)	12,801
ENDING NET ASSETS	\$ 34,958	\$ 37,121	\$ (2,163)

2023 Annual Fund Gifts

2023 Goal \$109,000

Gifts Received \$82,567

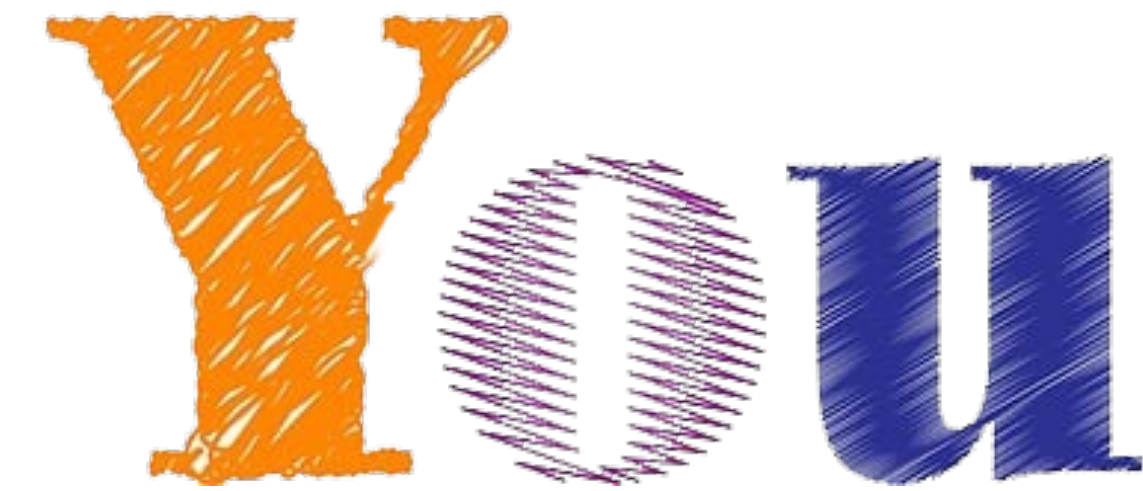
Donors

Individuals/Families 95

Congregations 27



Thank



You

Pamela & Randy Holt Retirement Endowment

Gifts Received \$9,655

Donors

Individuals/Families 26

Congregations 13

Pledges 1

Thank You Donors!





The Lodge

at Phillips Theological Seminary

Projected opening June 2025

- Short-term lodging on campus
- A “place of belonging” for students, visiting scholars, lecturers, artists & others
- Commitment to relationships & communication
- 30,000 sq. ft. of spacious, modern ADA-compliant design





The Lodge

- 26 regular rooms & 2 suites
- Conference/banquet room
- Shared kitchen/lounge
- Art gallery
- Fitness room
- Labyrinth & courtyard

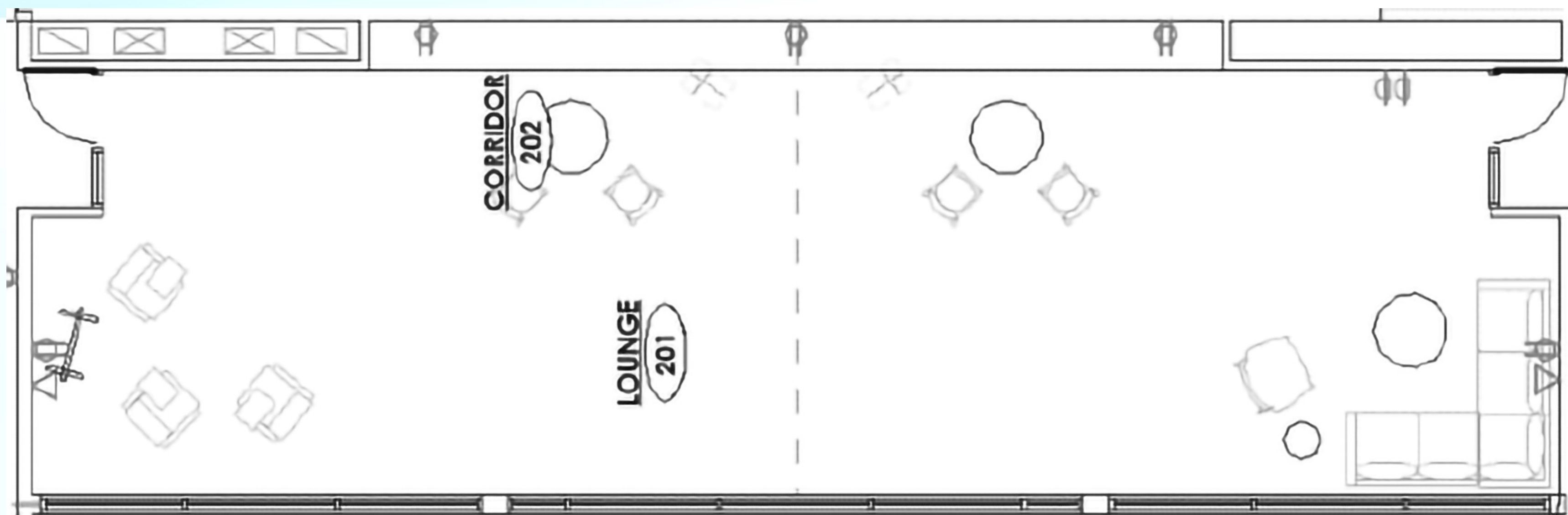




Regional Capital Gift to The Lodge

Regional Board approved
\$50,000 pledge over 3 years

Gathering Space Named for the Region



PLANNING FOR NEXT SUMMMER?

Come Sail With Us!

Join us for
2024
OKLAHOMA
Regional
Assembly
at Sea



Fun, Fellowship & Worship on the Water

Guest Speaker

Rev. Allen Harris

Regional Minister

Christian Church in Ohio



Theme:

Meeting Jesus on the Water

Allen will also lead two workshop experiences!



July 11-15, 2024 Trip Itinerary

Thursday

Depart Galveston

Friday

Day at Sea

Saturday

Cozumel

Sunday

Day at Sea

Monday

Arrive Galveston



Interim Regional Minister

Rev. Randy Kuss

Listener • Storyteller

Song-leader • Photographer

Fisherman • Woodworker



State of the Region

Interim Regional Minister Randy Kuss



Disciples Center (OKC)

Deconsecration 11/4/2023





2023 Camp & Youth Ministries

Chi Rho

Junior





CYF

Discovery



**Int'l Affairs
Seminar 2024**



Ministerial Practices Seminar

13 clergy seeking ordination or commissioning

- Importance of Covenant
- Worship & Communion
- Ethics
- Baptism, Weddings & Funerals
- Pastoral Care
- Networking & Fellowship



Clergy Retreats

Clergywomen, NE & NW



Clergy Meetings – Central Area



Congregational Fellowship

Central Christian Church, Enid, Loaves

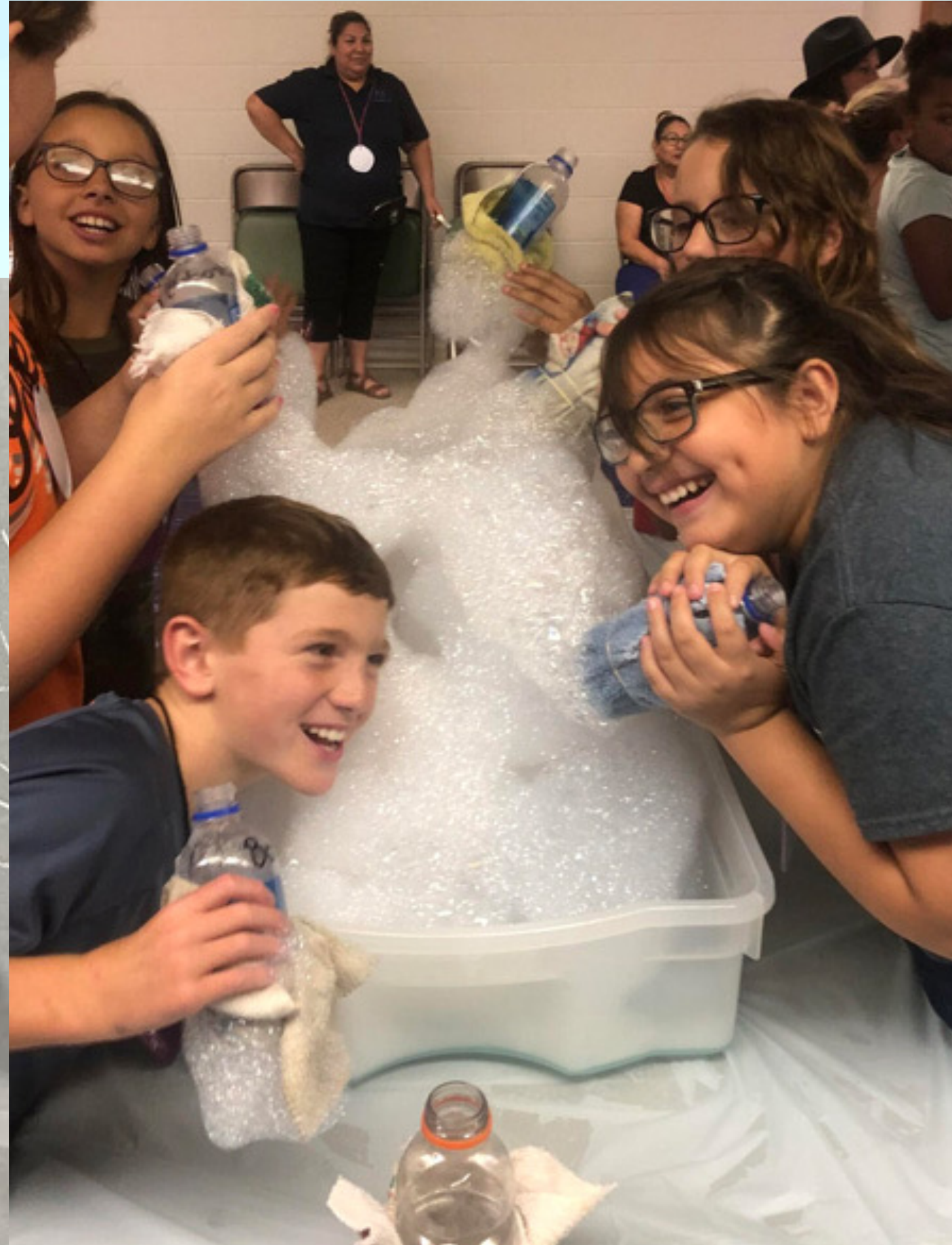
SE Area Praise 'n Pie

Canadian County Lenten Service



Faith In Action

Reconciliation Grants Supporting Children's Programming



New! Oklahoma Worship Resources

www.chaliceresources.com




Training for Laity & Clergy

EMPOWER
& Equip



2024 & 2025 – Save the Dates!



EMPOWER
& Equip

November 16, 2024

Tulsa - Forest Park Christian Church

March 1, 2025

El Reno - First Christian Church

Refugee & Immigration Ministries



Oklahoma Disciples Women Retreats & Area Meetings



General Assembly '23

Louisville, KY



Calling Oklahoma Disciples



2024

Assembly at Sea

Come Sail With Us!



Rev. Pamela Holt Retirement



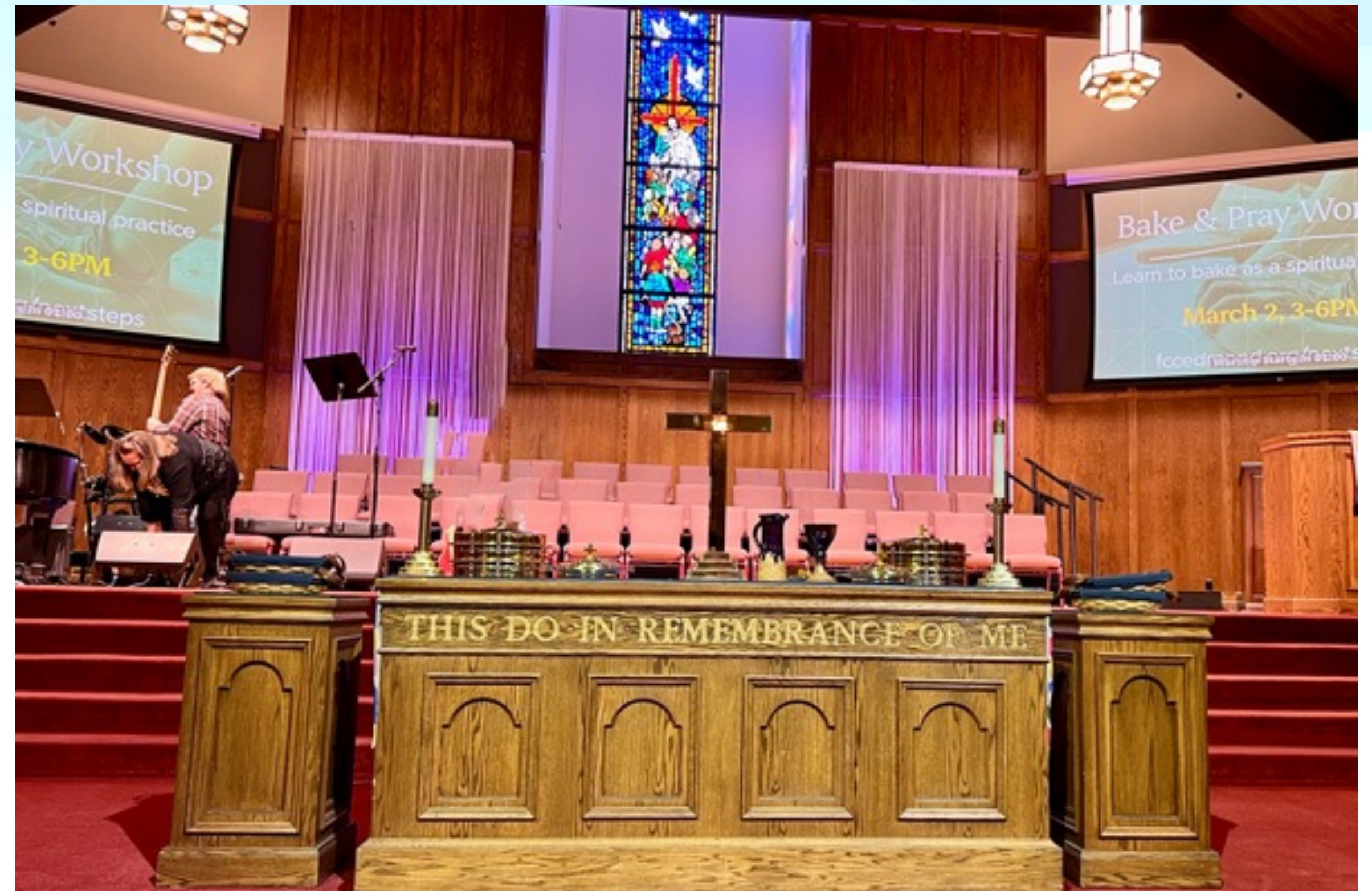
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General Board Report

Jacqueline Bass

General Board Representative



Regional Minister Search Committee

Stacy Minnick, Moderator Elect

Rev. Susan Payne, Chair

NE Area

Rev. Dr. Jerry Black

Central Area

Ms. Ruth Moore

Central Area

Pastor Milton Bowens

SW Area

Ms. Madi Showalter

Central Area

Rev. Jose Garza

NW Area

Ashley Gibson

NE Area

Thank You!

Outgoing Board Members

Election of 2024-2026 Regional Church Officers

Michael Oberlender, Regional Moderator

Elected officers serve 2-year terms

Nominations for Elected Officers

Moderator

Stacy Minnick

Norman FCC

Moderator Elect

Rev. Jesse Jackson

OKC, East 6th Street CC

Vice Moderator

Rev. Colton Lott

El Reno FCC

Secretary

Lanassa Scott

OKC, Wildewood CC

Treasurer

Robert O'Kelley

Duncan FCC

Nominations for Elected Officers

Personnel

Bart Hanna

Norman FCC

General Board Representative

Jacqueline Bass

OKC, Wildewood CC

Member-at-Large

Kathy Standridge

Sulphur FCC

Member-at-Large

Rev. Gary Mitchell

Midwest City FCC

Member-at-Large

Rev. Amy Rogers

Edmond, Southern Hills CC

Delegates Vote Now

Pursuant to the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee invites the Assembly to receive and elect these Regional Church Officers as presented.

- Yes
- No

Commissions

Clergy

Rev. Ronnie Hopkins

Woodward FCC

Laity

Rev. Julia Jordan Gillett

OKC, Western Oaks CC

Worship & Spiritual Growth

Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell

Perry FCC

Faith in Action

Rev. Shannon Cook

Norman FCC

Children, Youth & Young Adults

Rev. Bill Hemm

Tulsa, Forest Park CC

Refugee & Immigration Ministry

Rev. Mary Heath

Edmond, Disciples CC

Evangelism & New Church

Open

Area Moderators

Northwest Area

Rev. Paul Ragle

Enid, Christian Church of the Covenant

Northeast Area

Rev. Kelley Becker

Bartlesville, Disciples CC

Southwest Area

Rev. Kelsey Cobbs

Weatherford, Federated Church

Southeast Area

Pastor Elaine Howsley

Pauls Valley FCC

Central Area

Open

Other Board Positions

Officer-at-Large

Jenna Laird

Norman FCC

Disciples Women

Marilyn Bohlender

Lawton FCC

Disciples Men

Open

Regional Youth Council

TBA August 2024

Installation of Incoming Board Members

Rev. Michael Oberlender, Outgoing Regional Moderator

Rev. Randy Kuss, Interim Regional Minister

Date & Location of 2026 Regional Assembly

Stacy Minnick, Regional Moderator

March 6-7, 2026



**First Christian
Church Edmond**

Delegates Vote Now

The Assembly is invited to approve the date and location of the 2026 Oklahoma Regional Assembly to be held March 6-7, 2026 at First Christian Church Edmond.

- Yes
- No



Worship

We Call Ourselves Disciples

Chalice Hymnal 357

We call ourselves disciples, as pilgrims on the way.

We seek the truth in wisdom, and beauty in each day.

As women, men, and children, we serve Christ's path to clear.

In joyful expectation we see God's reign draw near.

The cup and cross before us, proclaim our hope above,
the sign of our Redeemer, the vessel of his love.
Once more the cross is lifted, the cup poured out for all.
When gathered at the table we hear our common call.

We're baptized in the Spirit, in waters God provides.
In Christ we rise to newness, for in him we have died.
Now dead to powers of evil, and free from hopeless fears,
we live with faith and purpose, creative through the years.

We join with all disciples to live the Word in deed,
to share the cup of water and bread with all in need;
to work till God's compassion and righteousness prevail,
till all this planet's people know justice without fail.

Call to Worship

L: God has given the land on which we lie, given to us and to our offspring. We are connected to the land and the land is connected to us all. As stewards of God's creation we are to care and nurture as we are cared for and nurtured in return.

P: **We know we belong to the land, and the land we belong to is grand.**



L: Know that God is with us and will keep us wherever we go, and will bring us back to the land. We join all of creation that calls us to pause and rest. To slip off our shoes and wiggle our toes in the dirt, grass, water, or mud. We watch as the seeds that lay beneath the soil find water from the rains and grow to break through the ground and find new life.

P: **We know we belong to the land, and the land we belong to is grand.**



L: The One who calls us together is the One who, through unconditional love, unites us as one. We gather to conduct the business of the church. We gather to worship and to fellowship. We gather to dine together. We gather realizing that if we could slip the bonds of gravity and see the land from the sky there is really just one land just as we are all one body of Christ.

P: We know we belong to the land, and the land we belong to is grand. We belong to a God who calls us to be one through love. We receive these beautiful gifts and do our best to pass them on.



Sermon

Recipes for Holy Ground

Rev. Dr. Nancy Pittman

Genesis 28: 10-22



Genesis 28: 10-22 (NRSVUE)

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place.

¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring,
¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring.

¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!”

¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

²⁰ Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, ²¹ so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, ²² and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

Response Song

Surely God is in this place

Holy Ground

(repeat)



Offering

Rev. Ronnie Hopkins




Offering Gifts

Week of
Compassion

The logo for 'Week of Compassion' is positioned in the center of the image. It features the text 'Week of' in a smaller font above the word 'Compassion' in a large, bold, black font. To the right of the text is a graphic element consisting of a red chalice with a silver cross inside, a globe of the Earth, and a rainbow arc.

Designated for Wildfire Relief



Communion


Rev. AnDrea Walker-Skye

Rev. Randy Kuss

All are welcome here



Do This in Remembrance of Me

The illustration is a colorful, abstract composition. In the center, a figure with arms outstretched is rendered in various shades of blue, green, and purple. Surrounding this central figure are several hands of different colors (green, red, orange, brown, blue) reaching upwards. The background is a light blue gradient with scattered musical notes, butterflies, and small pink petals. The overall mood is one of harmony and unity.

Peace Be With You