

ODW Retreat 2026
Oct 2-3rd Friday and Saturday Schedule and Information

You should already have registered; deadline has passed.

Saturday only should sign-in between 7:45-8am on Sat Oct 3rd. Note: Breakfast is at 8am and first presenter is at 8:30.

You are staying overnight in lodges with bunk beds.

You will need to bring sheets, blankets and a pillow.

You will also need to bring your own shampoo, hygiene items, and towels.

Dress comfortably. Some of us like to wear our faith-based T-shirts.

You will be walking to different buildings for different activities, mostly sidewalks;

The road through camp that you might need to cross is gravel.

After you unload, you may need to park in the parking lot on the north end of camp and walk back; allow time.

Service: We are asking churches to bring a centerpiece for the Dining Hall tables. Theme for tables is a birthday party. (These will be sold!)

Centerpieces should be small enough to fit on a 12"x12" square mat in the center of the table. Please keep centerpieces lower than 10" so we can see over them.

We will vote with money for our favorite. (Bragging Rights) Then we will auction off the centerpieces. All money earned benefits Camp Christian and their projects.

Only cash or checks can be made out to Camp Christian. No credit cards

Cinnamon Rolls will be on sale. They will be pre-cooked and frozen which is easier for travel. Pans hold six cinnamon rolls and will sell for \$20.

(The lowest bid in previous years has been \$20; this benefits Camp Christian.)

Therefore, no auction this year for cinnamon rolls just up for sale. No sale or auction of bread this year.

Note: Starting at breakfast, there will be a sign up list to buy Cinnamon Rolls after lunch; if more than 20, we will draw names.

Cash only or make checks out to Camp Christian

There will also be jams, jellies and pickled items on a side shelf for sale by Camp Christian. Bring cash!

Camp Christian

[275 Camp Christian Ln, Chouteau, OK 74337](#)

Note: There is a Love's Gas Station not far from Camp Christian near where Hwy 69 and 412 intersect.

You are 30min from Walmart by Hard Rock Casino, Tulsa; 25 min from Walmart in Wagoner and 15 min from Walmart in Pryor on Hwy 69.

Again, contact me if questions, Marilyn Bohlender [580-483-5110](tel:580-483-5110)

Link for ODW page with retreat information

<https://okdisciples.org/connect/adults/oklahoma-disciples-women/>

Refer to this schedule at retreat.

- Schedules will only be printed for posting at each building.
- Please read session descriptions ahead of time; you will sign up at breakfast.
- Schedules will be adjusted as needed; we will also make adjustments for rain.
- God's hand in this retreat will make it a meaningful experience!

Retreat Schedule

Friday check-in 4 to 6pm at Gibson Lodge

After 5:55pm, come to Dining Hall.

Please be patient with lodge, room and bed assignments. Anyone who can climb in a top bunk, please be willing to do so.

We have 60 women for Fri/Sat and 10 for Sat only. This means using both lodges that have showers and bathroom facilities inside of the lodge.

Gibson Lodge has 18 sets of bunk beds and Walter Scott has 16 sets of bunk beds. The bathroom facilities are inside in these two larger buildings.



If enough women are able to climb in a top bunk, we will not need to use



the small cabins that require walking outside to the bath house.

We were able to make it work last year and had friendships formed in the process!

We have some attending who are the only one from their church; be sure to reach out to all attendees and make them feel welcome!

6pm Dinner Program: Marilyn and Wendy

**** Break/make beds****

7:30pm Program

Presenter- Rev Jenna Seeley

(Joy for Jenna Ministries)

Labyrinth Walk -Rev Tara Dew (FCC El Reno)

Songs/scriptures while we take turns at labyrinth walk

Letting go ceremony Marilyn: ends at firepit*

Hot Cocoa -Wendy

*Firepit: conditions permitting

*Firepit is optional

After the ceremony at the firepit, you may stay and visit.

Sat Sign-In Dining Hall 7:45-8am

Inspiration Point Walk (opt) *conditions permitting

Meet at Gazebo w/flashlight 7am

8am Breakfast and program

Spotlight:Blessing Box Project-Marilyn

Presenter: Rev Maria Garza

*****Break*****

9:30am Small Group Sessions (30min)

Sign up at Breakfast Sign-In

*****Break*****

10:30am Rec/Main Hall: Assoc Regional Minister Rev Shannon Cook

*****Break***** Please take pics of yourself or your group with camp background!

Please text pics to me!

11:30 Lunch and Program

Spotlight Rev Donna Jackson, New Beginnings CC Tulsa

Bring cash or checks to raise money for Camp Christian:

*Vote for favorite table centerpieces

*Auction table centerpieces

* Purchase Cinnamon Rolls made by Camp Christian

*****Break*****

1:30 Small Group Sessions (30min)

Sign up at Breakfast Sign-In (se descriptions below)

*****Break*****

2:30 Rec/Main Hall: Last Session and Communion Rev Gina Jackson South Grand Lake CC, Langley

We will finish by 3:30pm Saturday.

Sign up for Small Group Sessions at Saturday Breakfast:

Morning Small Group Sessions 30 min(sign up for one)

1) Gibson Lodge- Clergy Women (including seminary students): Facilitator Rev Christine Pomaville, FCC Thomas

Clergy women will share their favorite book, idea or advice while meeting each other and creating a contact list.

2) Dining Hall- Mission Ideas with art aspect: Kathy Standridge, FCC Sulphur

3) Rec/Main Hall-Activities to take back to your church that build teamwork and cooperation: Sally Wheeler, FCC Duncan

Afternoon Small Group Sessions 30min (sign up for one)

1) Dining Hall- Arts & Crafts: Carolyn Spradlin (Chickasha) Make a Butterfly to reflect the theme and remind us we are made new in Christ. When we become a "Christ follower" we carry HIS light and His story within us and we will shine His light in all we say & do. We will make a "Light Carrier" to remind us to "Shine Jesus' light" (Limit 20 participants)

2) Rec/Main Hall- Stretching and Chair Yoga: Led by Jenna Seeley (Joy for Jenna Ministries) You may bring a yoga mat if you prefer to use it instead of a chair.

3) Gibson Lodge- Stages of Grief: Led by Aanika Gillett (Chaplain at OU Children's Hospital & seminary student) This session provides a basic introduction to the stages of grief; please note that it is not a counseling session.

4) Picnic Tables- Praying through the Camera Lens: Led by Rev. Beth Ann French (Tahlequah) The session begins with a brief introduction, followed by an activity requiring a digital or phone camera, and concludes with a group wrap-up with optional sharing. Please see the attached images for more details and inspiration.

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And thanks to many more who prayed for this retreat!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Contact me if you need any additional information, have a question or concern.

Prayers and Blessings,

Marilyn Bohlender

ODW President

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Pondering a waterfall

movement...motion...
mediocrity averted...
timeless treasure
moving pebbles...
moving boulders...
moving mountains...
singing symphonies...
soothing souls...

Go let your smile sing a
waterfall song that
speaks a mountain into
the center of a lonely
soul you meet on the
way...

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Contrast...

...can be a beautiful thing when dark
clouds highlight the aspen yellow of fall
or when the cool temps of fall come as a
contrast to summer...

Contrast can be a beautiful
thing when people with
different experiences and
ideas sit down together to
listen and learn and make the
world a better place.
Jump in, the water's fine and
the world needs to hear your
perspective.

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I hope your trail
leads to lush,
green, cool,
memory-making
opportunities.
Carpe diem!

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