



Vision

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This Sunday – April 1

It's not about going to Church. It's about coming to Life. We're not invited to fill a seat. We're invited to rethink, discover, and experience Jesus. While He was here on earth He defined God, demonstrated grace, and gave directions for an abundant life. His signature moment was His Resurrection. His gospel proclaims that God loves us 'as we are', but patiently, persistently, and purposefully pursues 'what we can be.'

Easter is a celebration of Hope. It is the soul's Independence Day. It is a declaration that the past can be forgiven and that today and tomorrow can be blessed with meaning and grace.

Pray for our witness. Come early. Greet everyone. Humbly, honestly, and with affection, draw near and worship the Risen Lord!

Maunder Thursday Communion Worship

In the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Reflection – Remembrance – Repentance – Rededication

**New
Wednesday
Night
Study**

Three Consecutive Weeks beginning April 4, each week at 6:00 p.m..

DISCIPLESHIP 101

Our church name {*Disciples of Christ*} implies a strong attachment to being a disciple. But what is meant by that term? What does it include or exclude? Come join the discussion as we look at the Scriptures and our movement's History.

Overflowing

Supporting the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), by giving to the Easter Offering is one of the many ways you share your response to God's generosity. The work of these ministries overflows 'from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.' Entities include: Disciples Women; National Benevolent Association; Disciples of Christ Historical Society; Disciples Home Missions; Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation; Oversees Ministries; Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. Find stories about these ministries at disciplesmissionfund.org. **A special offering envelope will be included in Sunday's worship.**

Our OUTREACH Ministry Team encourages you to participate in an ***April Card Shower***.

The focus is to provide a simple, but tangible expression of ***Caring*** for those who are: homebound – experiencing health problems – grieving – those you miss seeing. Cards will be available at the Main Street Lobby Welcome area starting **this Sunday, April 1**, through April 29. Please inform Outreach Chair Pattie Gay-Sittler, gparents99@sbcglobal.net, of people who could benefit from such encouragement.

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2018
Regional Assembly
& Leadership
Training School
APRIL
28
New Covenant Christian Church
12000 N Rockwell Ave, OKC
Event Sponsored By
Christian Church
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Region is excited to invite you to its **2018 Regional Assembly and Leadership Training School on April 28, 2018**. This new format combines two important events – our annual training event for laity and clergy and our biennial business meeting. It all begins at 8:30 am on Saturday, April 28th. The good folks at **New Covenant Christian Church in Oklahoma City**, 12000 N Rockwell Ave., are rolling out the red carpet and hospitality for us. Go to <https://okdisciples.org> to register and select the training workshop you are interested in.

Lynn's Observations

The challenge of every congregation is to remember WHY it exists and stay true to its calling. Time and distance complicate that. Priorities change. People come and go. The journey becomes more of an odyssey than a quest. *Mission Drift* occurs.

ONE DEGREE OF SEPARATION, that's all it takes. If I'm headed to a destination, and I'm off course by just one degree, I'll never make it there. After a mile, I'd be off target by 92 feet, which might not seem like a big deal. But if I started in San Francisco and went around the globe, I'd actually end up in either Orange County or Oregon. And if I took SpaceX to the moon, I'd miss it by over 4000 miles – nearly two times the moon's diameter! That one-degree makes a world of difference.

It doesn't take long to lose focus. My quest during this time that I have with you is to do my best to calibrate our focus. We have been given both a Great Commission and a Great Commandment. Historically we have been a people of The Book which the apostle Paul proclaimed *"is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives .. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work."* 2 Timothy 3:16-17 We can respect differing opinions but we have to be resolute about our confessional stance.

Some time ago one of my mentors reminded me to *'keep the main thing, the main thing!'* I hope you will join me in pursuing that 'main thing' with wisdom and humility and zeal. We may not know everything about our future course but we can be sure that God *honors* faith. To that adventure! **SDG LT**

Encouraging! March's attendance averaged **80+** in worship. Not always the same 80+. If we count everyone who attended in March it would be well over 100 people. General fund, non-designated, non-endowment income/offerings averaged **\$5,558** per week. Your presence and support is much appreciated.

Join Us Each Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Fellowship {coffee, donuts} in the East Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. – Discipleship Groups {Sunday School}

10:45 – Worship {preceded by prelude}

