



# The Yale Avenue "SON" Times

*Caring, Sharing and Serving in the Name of Jesus.*

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## *The Pastor's Corner*

Hello Church,

As we dive into the season of Lent, I couldn't help but draw parallels between our spiritual journey and the exhilarating ritual of Spring Training in baseball. Just as players hit the field to hone their skills, Lent offers us the opportunity to refine our faith muscles. It's like batting practice for the soul!

During Lent, we step up to the plate, ready to face our weaknesses head-on, just like a batter facing a fastball. We take on challenges, sacrifice our indulgences, and strive for a deeper connection with our faith. And let's be honest, giving up chocolate for 40 days feels a lot like trying to hit a curveball - it's challenging but oh-so-rewarding!

But fear not, for just as Spring Training eventually gives way to the hope of opening day, Lent culminates in the glorious celebration of Easter. It's the home run of our faith journey, reminding us that no matter how many times we strike out, grace is always there to bring us back to the plate.

Now, speaking of Spring Training, I'm thrilled to announce our upcoming church outing to the Tulsa Drillers game on May 17th! It's the perfect opportunity to experience the joy of community while enjoying America's favorite pastime. And let me tell you, securing tickets to this event is like trying to snag the last hot dog at the ballpark - they're going fast! So, be sure to sign up soon and join us for a day of fellowship, fun, and perhaps a few seventh-inning prayers for a comeback victory!

As we journey through Lent and eagerly anticipate the joy of Easter, let us remember that just as a baseball team relies on each player to bring their best to the field, so too does our church family depend on each of us to contribute our unique gifts and talents to the game of faith.

So, strap on your spiritual cleats, grab your metaphorical bat, and let's knock it out of the park this Lenten season!

In grace and discipleship,

*Andy*



*Rev. Andy enjoying visitors  
at Sunday Worship, February 18*

### **Foundations of Faith**

Classes began on Feb. 22, but it's not too late to join us each Thursday at 6pm via Zoom to discover the rich tapestry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in our six-week exploration, "Foundations of Faith." In the inaugural week, we discussed the captivating history that has shaped our denomination's identity of unity and inclusivity. Week two, Feb. 29, will illuminate the Bible as our guiding light, unraveling its significance and provide tools for effective study. The heart of our journey lies in discipleship, unfolding in weeks three to six. From understanding the call to discipleship to practical steps for personal growth, we aim to empower you to live as disciples beyond the church walls. Join us for an enriching experience that blends historical insights, scriptural wisdom, and the practicalities of a discipleship-centered life. Classes promise engaging discussions, spiritual reflections, and a supportive community. Let's embark on this transformative journey together! Don't miss the chance to deepen your faith and build lasting connections. Email [andy@yacc.org](mailto:andy@yacc.org) if you plan to attend.

**The Yale Avenue "Son" Times is emailed by 5:00pm on the Wednesday publication date and posted on our website at [www.yacc.org](http://www.yacc.org)**



Our Office Administrator, Mary Smith, is a Notary Public. If you need a document notarized, Mary is in the office every Monday - Thursday from 9am - 5pm\* and on Friday from 9am until noon.  
\*The office is closed for lunch from 12pm - 1pm.



We collected 2,025 non-perishable food items - **thank you YACC!**

*thank you*

Thank you to everyone who celebrated my 90th birthday with me! All of the cards, gifts and well wishes from my friends and family meant so much to me. I thank God for my church family! A very special thank you to those who spent time planning the party and to those who pitched in to help that day!  
~Evelyn Evans



**LOST AND FOUND**



Did you lose a reusable water bottle? We found two! Check the church lobby to claim yours.



**Busy, happy Play and Learn students**

**WE HAVE LIFT OFF!**  
New Website Launch  
Check out our fresh look!  
Visit [yacc.org](http://yacc.org)



We are so blessed to have the talents of **Sian Cing** and **Abby Sogn** at YACC worship services!





# Prayer requests

**Health Concerns:** Prayers have been requested for these people: Donna Andrest \* Claudia Battle \* Katie Barton's mother, Lori \* Byce Brannon \* Tom Brown \* Megan Buchner \* Sara Busch \* Louise Coats \* Nicole Doty \* Frank Green \* Terry Gentry's brother Larry Thompson \* Hettie Green \* Ron & Patsy Irons \* Nancy Hamilton's friend Tasha \* Ray Hamilton \* Joie Holder \* Juanita Jamieson \* Sue Jones' husband Chris \* Mitzi Joy \* Feme Lassman \* Oliver Lawson \* Julie Lewis' brother and sister-in-law, Larry & Debbie Jones \* Sharon Lykins \* Bob & Missy Massey \* Paula Moore \* Emma Nichols \* Jack & Mollie Pontious \* Bruce Peterson \* Eric Peterson \* Jim & Jan Roop \* Ann Snyder \* Jim & Brenda Taylor's friend Dennis \* Luke & Linda Trent's health \* Mike & Mary Wallace \* Laurie Ward's dad, Alvin, her Uncle Rick and her health \* Debbie West.

**Other:** Ameka Blevins asks for prayers for her family, her children, Darrell, Donya & Marilyn \* Sian Cing asks for prayers to get a car.

**Joys:** We give thanks for all of our many blessings!

**Ongoing Prayer Needs:** (by Flock) **1.** Ray Hamilton \* Sylvia Hill's sister, Dana Spivey **2.** Mary Massie \* Gary Massie's sister, Linda Phelps **3.** Dean Barton \* Louise Coats \* Lisa Romine's husband, Mike, & son, Anthony \* Robin Sheets' friends, John Brewer & Glenna Higgins \* Rosemary and Dennis Moran's daughter & son-in-law, Rebecca & Todd Sayers **4.** Jack Pontious \* Mollie Pontious \* Mollie's sister Suzy Burt \* Kenneth Rehbein (brother of Karen Silvis & Susan Trussell) **5.** Debbie West \* Patty Hess **9.** Emma Nichols \* Nancy Kouns \* Hettie Green \* Wanda Rupe \* Terry Gentry's daughter, Michelle Kice **10.** Janet Newman \* Dennis Cox's daughter, Mary \* Janet Wantland **11.** Peggy Clemons \* Mary Wallace's sister, Sara Metts, and their mother, Willa Randall \* Dave Hohensee \* Tony & Dorothy Cardenas.



We are excited to introduce our new Children's Church leader, Shannon Godi. Shannon will be at YACC every Sunday to teach a Bible lesson to your children ages 3 and up.

 <b>March Birthdays</b>			
Megan (Gage) Matlock	March 6	Trinity Gualnam	March 16
Joie Holder	March 9	Peggy Clemons	March 17
Jim Parker	March 11	Stephen Cortright	March 26
Erin Gage	March 13	Kaytie Ellis	March 28
John Holderman	March 14	Kimberly Gualnam	March 28

**Full year 2023 Financial Statements have been added to the Members Only section of the YACC website. Questions? Contact Tracie Wareham.**

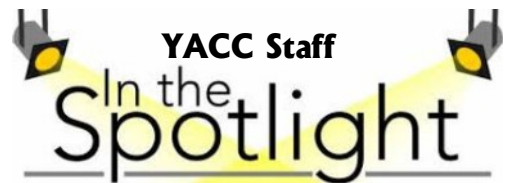
Disciples Women look forward to the election of new officers. Linda Trent will continue as treasurer, but we need someone for secretary and president, as our current ones have served two years each.



We're excited about some things coming up and we want to invite everyone!

- We welcome special guest speaker, Ching Touthang to our March 7th meeting. Ching will talk about the International Love Ministries and their recent mission trip to Manipur, India. Lunch will be provided. Meet us at 11:00 a.m. in the coffee bar.
- We have a guest speaker from Life Senior Services at our April 4 meeting.

Our meetings are held on the First Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. and all are welcome to attend.



**Kim North**



Music enriches Sunday worship in such a beautiful way, and our Choir Director, Kim North works tirelessly to ensure that YACC members enjoy uplifting and beautiful music each Sunday. Throughout the week Kim puts a lot of time into preparing music and she is at YACC every Wednesday evening to lead Handbell & Chancel Choir practices. Kim is in the sanctuary every Sunday at 10:30am sharing her talents and leading us in song and we are so grateful for that. Thank you Kim!



*“We the people of Yale Avenue Christian church, experience God’s welcoming love through Jesus Christ and affirm the worth, dignity and gifts of all people.*

*As Disciples of Christ, we seek God’s wholeness in a fragmented world by proclaiming the inclusive message of Jesus and practicing unity through shared worship, community service and open dialogue.*

*We host the table as Christ did, offering a wide welcome to membership and full participation in the ministries of the church to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, races, ethnicities, nationalities, disabilities, family structures, backgrounds, economic circumstances and theological and political perspectives.*

*We nurture the Spirit of justice in our life and ministry in Tulsa by working to embody God’s love, peace and hope.*

*We welcome You.”*

**OUR STAFF**

Minister ..... Rev. Andy Campbell  
 Worship - Music Director..... Kim North  
 Pianist - Accompanist ..... Teresa Petray  
 Office Administrator ..... Mary Smith  
 A/V Tech ..... Alex Allen  
 Play and Learn Director ..... Carla Story  
 Custodian..... Julie Lewis  
 Nursery Attendant..... Jamie Hamilton

**ATTENDANCE: Feb. 18 & Feb. 25**

10:30am Worship Service ..... 69 / 85  
 ASAP Class ..... 10 / 6  
 Hooked n’ Lookin’ Class ..... 9 / 12  
 Come As You Are Class ..... 5 / N/A

**SERVING SCHEDULE:**

**March 3**

Elders: Frank Holdsclaw & Phyllis Holdsclaw  
 Deacons: Claire Zevnik, Theta Hendricks, Sara Busch, Joie Holder

**March 10**

Elders: Melinda Brannan, Byce Brannan  
 Deacons: Judy Beil, Mike Vaughn, Kari Matthews-Vaughn

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Mon.-Thurs., 9am-5pm  
 Fri., 9am-12pm  
 Closed for lunch 12pm-1pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed., Feb. 28 6:00pm..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 Thur., Feb. 29 1:00pm..... Chair Exercise in FLC  
 Sun., March 3 ..... Blessing Box Sunday  
 11:45am..... Worship Committee Meeting  
 Mon., March 4 1:00pm..... Chair Exercise in FLC  
 Wed., March 6 6:00pm..... Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00pm..... Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 Thur., March 7 11:00am..... Disciples Women Meeting  
 1:00pm..... Chair Exercise in FLC  
 Sun., March 10 ..... Daylight Saving Begins  
 Mon., March 11 1:00pm..... Chair Exercise in FLC  
 Tues., March 12 1:00pm..... Stitch Group  
 5:00pm..... Finance Committee Meeting



**Church Activities**

**Sunday**

9:15am Adult Sunday School  
 10:30am Worship Service

**1st Sunday of month**

11:45am Worship Team

**4th Monday of month**

10:00am Omni Book Club

**Every Monday & Thursday**

1:00pm Chair Exercise Class

**2nd Tuesday of month**

5:00pm Finance Team Meeting

**2nd & 4th Tuesdays of month**

1:00pm Stitch Group

**3rd Tuesday of month**

6:30pm Evangelism Team Meeting

**Every Wednesday**

6:00pm Handbell Choir  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

**1st Thursday of month**

11:00am Disciples Women Meeting

**4th Thursday of month**

10:00am DW Bunco

**3rd Friday of month**

11:00am Friday Brunch/Lunch Bunch

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The deadline for submitting articles is the **previous Friday by 12:00pm.**

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Deadline for submission for that issue is **3/8/24** by 12pm to [mary@yacc.org](mailto:mary@yacc.org)