

## Gifts Given in 2019 to Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Endowment Funds

Our first newsletter of the year is dedicated to the board members, congregations, individuals and organizations that generously supported the Foundation throughout 2019. We thank each of you for your time, prayer, service and gifts. Endowment funds are permanent funds established by donors to extend the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Oklahoma. The following pages list all who made monetary contributions to the Foundation last year. Thanks to you... *Together We Touch Lives!*  
(Funds listed in *red* were newly established in 2019. Funds listed in *blue* benefit the Foundation's annual Grants Program.)

### **Association of Disciple Musicians** Ross & Claire Meredith

First Christian Church, Stillwater  
Kyle Maxwell & Debi Powell-Maxwell  
Midwest Boulevard Christian Church

**PTS FCC Arkadelphia**  
**Ministry Training**  
Phillips Theological Seminary

### **Burlington Christian Church** **Memorial Endowment** *In Honor of Doris Armbruster.* Robert & Melva Armbruster

**Millie A. Cress Memorial Fund**  
Bill Cress  
Holly Day

**Refuge Fellowship-First Christian**  
**Church (Disciples of Christ)**  
**Endowment**  
Southern Hills Christian Church

### **Children, Youth and Young Adult** **Grants Endowment** *In Memory of Sara Bowers.* Brad & Julie Bowers

**OASIS**  
*In memory of Tom Bowers &*  
*Bernie Bowers.*  
Richard & Peggy Ziglar

**Senior Ministries**  
FCC Chandler Sunday School Class

### **Christian Church in Oklahoma** Ellen & Greg Beer *In Memory of Shirley Green.* Richard & Peggy Ziglar

**ODF Board "Cloud of Witnesses"**  
*In Memory of Chris Gray.*  
ODF Staff & Board  
Kirk & Kathy Standridge  
Richard & Peggy Ziglar

**Texoma Christian Camp**  
*In Memory of John Carlson.*  
Kirk & Kathy Standridge

### **Del City Christian Church** **Memorial Endowment** Marilyn & John Merle

**ODF Board "Cloud of Witnesses"**  
Central Christian Church, Enid  
First Christian Church, Durant  
First Christian Church, Stillwater  
Eric & Elizabeth Gray  
Kyle Maxwell & Debi Powell-Maxwell

**The Tabbernee Fund**  
James Mauldin

### **Doran & Jean Myers Endowment** *Given by Ruth and Craig Moore in* *loving Memory.* Craig & Ruth Moore *In Memory of Keith Moore.* *In Honor of Ruth Moore's Birthday.* Larry & Janet Trentham

**ODM Leave No Child Behind**  
Luke Ellis  
First Christian Church, Ponca City  
John & Jean Scott Gauldin  
Eric & Elizabeth Gray  
Matt & Elaine Howsley  
Inman L. Jones, Jr.  
Tim & Beth Kowalski  
Bill & Cherie Logan  
Kyle Maxwell & Debi Powell-Maxwell  
Wayne & Lonny Nivin  
Danny & Joy Rose  
*In Memory of Ed Rosson.*  
Daryl & Patty Rosson  
Jay & Carolyn Spradlin  
Skip & De Wood

### **First Christian Church Edmond** **Mission Fund** Miscellaneous multiple donors *In Memory of Joyce McNickle.* Vicki Rose & Brian Jenner

### **Friendship Journeys** *In Memory of Robert Paul Lawson.* Harold Lawson Linda J. Lawson

### **Kyle Maxwell Fund** First Christian Church, Healdton

**Oklahoma Conference of Churches**  
James Mauldin

## New in 2019 Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Funds are permanent and designed for donors who would like their contributions to benefit one or more funds or programs within Disciples' Churches. This type of Fund provides the donor with a vehicle to support a long-term interest and allow them along with ODF to benefit the most appropriate organization or need at the time of distribution. The Field of Interest Fund can be tailored to align the donor's charitable giving goals with current church community needs. In 2019, four families established Field of Interest Funds with the Foundation.

Call us to find out how easily you can set up one of these funds to benefit you tax-wise and assist with your future charitable giving.

"I am happy to report that the Foundation's 2019 Bank of Oklahoma performance returns for the Named Endowments was 21.18%. View performance numbers for all the Foundation's accounts on our website at [www.okdfd.org](http://www.okdfd.org). Due to the outstanding fund performance in 2019, we look forward to distributing significant checks to the beneficiaries of the endowments." — Eric Gray

## Custodial Fund Gifts & New Custodial Funds

Custodial funds are non-permanent funds that provide for programs and projects of individual churches. Placing these type of monies with the Foundation allows churches more flexibility through varied investment options. These funds generally yield greater long-term returns than typical church funds invested in low interest savings accounts or CDs\*. Give the Foundation a call today to see how easily your church can open a Custodial Fund. During 2019, Disciples churches added to their funds as follows:

**Disciples Retirement Community of Oklahoma (DRCO) Custodial Fund**

**FCC Duncan Custodial Fund**

**FCC Perry Custodial Fund**

**FCC Ponca City Feeding the Hungry of Kay County, Oklahoma**

**FCC Yukon Custodial Fund**

**Curtis L. and Thelma D. Horral Memorial Fund, CCC Enid**

**The Living Tree Memorial Custodial Fund, FCC Kingfisher**

**University Place CC Custodial Fund**

*\*Past performance is no guarantee of future results.*

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## 2019 Disciple Club Gifts

Disciple Club gifts underwrite the operation of the Foundation. These funds enable the Foundation to provide educational opportunities, assist individuals with stewardship goals, offer consultation with congregations on gift policies as well as provide asset transfer options and guidance for churches which are closing or downsizing.

Lyeal Amos

Steve & Patty Armbruster

Mary Beth Becker

*In Memory of Dorothy Messenger.*

Gary & Lovilla Bowser

*In Memory of Howard & Mildred Veatch.*

Dean & Mary Etta Campbell

Alan & Kristen Case

Jim Caton

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Chitwood

Jerry & Alice Cochran

*In Memory of Millie Cress.*

Bill Cress

Norman Dalke

William Denyer

Stan & Saundra Evans

First Christian Church, Edmond

First Christian Church, Moore

First Christian Church, Stillwater

Donna Gilchrist

Eric & Elizabeth Gray

Frank & Debby Gresh

Gale & Marcia Hagee

*In Memory of Helen Harris.*

Bob Harris

Dave & Julie Hockensmith

John & Toni Imbler

Connie & Bill Inghish

Don Johnson & Tary Davis-Johnson

*In Memory of Francille Jones.*

Inman L. Jones, Jr.

Vernon & Yvonne Leake

Kyle Maxwell & Debi Powell-Maxwell

Ross & Claire Meredith

Midwest Boulevard Christian Church

Mickey & Pat Moery

Christin V. Mugg

Richard & Janet Newman

Rev. Michael A. Oberlender

Rev. & Mrs. Coy Parsley

John & Carol Peach

*In Honor of Dr. John Regan.*

Loree Rice

Bill & Betsy Richert

Ron & Debbie Savage

Randel & Dana Shadid

*In Honor of Pastor Elaine Howsley.*

Jody & Pat Smith

*In Honor of Ellen Chitwood.*

*In Memory of Ron Sharp.*

Kirk & Kathy Standridge

*In Honor of First Christian Church,*

*Wagoner.*

Carl & Mary Tinnea

Sei Touthang

Robert O. Weitzel & Lois B. Lougee

Skip & De Wood

*In honor of Bernie McNickle on his*

*92nd Birthday 1/24/2019.*

*In appreciation of ODF Staff.*

Richard & Peggy Ziglar

## Don't Delay, \$84K Available for Grants to Oklahoma & Kansas Disciples' Church Ministries

Now is the time to apply for 2020 ODF Grants. The deadline for submitting 2020 Grant Applications is 5:00 p.m., February 15, 2020. A downloadable grant application, guidelines and scoring rubric can be found on our website at [www.okdfdnd.org](http://www.okdfdnd.org), Grants tab. More than \$84K is available in grant funds.

Over the years, several permanent endowments have been established by donors or through closed church memorial funds with specific, varied purposes to provide ongoing funding to the Foundation's grant program. The endowments support Disciples' ministries and missions for children, youth and young adults as well as provide for the education of clergy, laity and congregations on the guidance and art of spiritual giving.

Endowments also provide funding to benefit ministries for seniors, church innovation, missions, pastoral support and ecumenical spiritual education for students.