

## MOVING TOWARD A NEW FUTURE

### Mission Statement

*Supporting Disciple missions in Christ's community.*

### Vision Statement

*We are called to inspire and enable Disciples' communities to be the hands and feet of Christ.*

## The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation has a New Home



The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation has relocated to a new home. Please update your records with our new address: *Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, 300 NW 70th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73116-7804*. Phone & emails are unchanged. Stop by and see us!

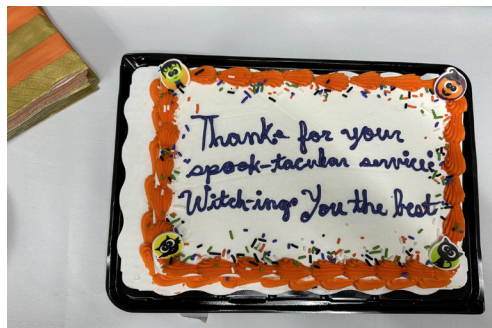
On Monday, October 16, the Foundation closed on its new property at 300 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. The following day staff, along with the much-appreciated help of Vicki's husband and Eric's neighbor, loaded boxes and furniture into four pickup trucks, a car and a trailer to take to the new office. The rest of the week was spent arranging offices and setting up Wi-Fi and security for computers, scanners, copiers and the building.

One week after the move, the Foundation held its final year-end Board meeting at First Christian Church in Edmond. It was a whirlwind week and day as every board member was present in person to discuss budget, new board members and plans for next year.

Three longtime board members, Steve Armbruster (FCC, Stillwater), Bill Richert (Harvard Ave. CC, Tulsa) and Kathy Standridge (FCC, Sulphur), were

recognized and thanked for their nine years of service. All celebrated with a Halloween-themed cake that read, "Thanks for your spook-tacular service, Witching You the Best."

Following the board meeting, several members of the board toured the new office. Staff had worked endlessly to see that boxes were unpacked, pictures were hung on the walls and that pumpkins and fall decorations were placed at the front entrance and entry.



Celebrating the ODF Spook-tacular board members at the October Board meeting.

## Oklahoma Disciples Center Closes Doors



On Saturday, November 4, 2023 approximately 30 Disciples gathered at the Disciples Center for a reception and "Service of Deconsecration" of the building hosted by the Region. This building has been the home of the Regional Staff, Oklahoma Disciples Foundation, Oklahoma Faith Network (formerly, Oklahoma Conference of Churches) and Interfaith Alliance groups collectively for nearly 60 years. The building is now closed.

At the service, contents of a copper-encased time capsule placed in the building walls during construction were revealed. The photos and papers inside were pristine. Read issues of the Regional Roundup for more details.



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# ODF Grant Funds Enabling Disciple Communities to be the Hands and Feet of Christ Locally and Overseas

This year the Foundation awarded nearly \$120,000 to grantees requesting more than \$352,000 in funds. Here's a pictorial view of the grant funds in action. **1&2:** First Christian Church, Midwest City, Christmas for Others providing food, clothing and gifts to families in need. **3:** Enid Disciple Churches (Central Christian Church, Christian Church of the Covenant, Iglesia Cristiana El Shaddai and University Place Christian Church) joint VBS program focusing on Heroes. **4:** Enid Disciple churches support student pilots as well as local police and fire departments with snacks, meals and food throughout the year. In appreciation, the student pilots volunteered to serve at the Enid Welcome Table, a community feeding program hosted at Central Christian Church (grant recipient). **5:** Rev. Joshua Bell, FCC Perry, has taken barbecue promotions throughout the State to

share his passion and desire to create an online resource/publication source for Oklahoma Disciple churches. (Click the logo to visit the website and upload your content for elder prayers, communion prayers, meditations and worship service materials.) **6:** Southern Hills Christian Church, Edmond, feeds the community breakfast every Saturday and Sunday providing nearly 14,000 meals in the last five years. **7:** Riverside Christian Church, Wichita, KS, hosted a four-week children's Summer Science Program. Each week focused on a different topic: water properties, wildlife, gravity and motion and solar powered boats and robots. **8:** First Christian Church, Midwest City, provides "Welcome Home" cleaning and necessary household supplies to families in the Mid-Del School system moving from transitional housing to permanent housing. **9:** First Christian Church,

Guthrie, hosted a meal preparation program to create freezer meals for sharing with those in need. **10:** Western Oaks Christian Church, OKC, held a back-to-school event through their 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Alliance outreach program. They had food, entertainment and distributed over 300 bags with school supplies. In addition, Central Christian Church, Enid's Foster Feet Program provided new shoes to students. **11:** Jamaican children share their VBS art. **12:** Students from the Refugee Tutoring Program, Harvard Ave. Christian Church, Tulsa, receive new shoes in partnership with Central Christian Church, Enid's Foster Feet Program. **13:** Rev. Ronnie Fields, First Christian Church, Guthrie, enjoys the peace and quiet of the Colorado mountains during his sabbatical. **14:** Southern Oklahoma youth during "Youth Mission Day" at Disciple Water Weekend retreat, Lake Texoma. **15&16:** Fifty-two people from ten Oklahoma churches (6 DOC) and two out-of-state churches traveled to Jamaica for mission work. They assisted with various construction projects and hosted 2 VBS programs.



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