

PLAN TO ATTEND ONE OF THE FOUNDATION'S "CUP RUNNETH OVER" EVENTS AS WE WELCOME CENTER FOR FAITH & GIVING DIRECTOR BRUCE BARKHAUER

"Stewardship is a 'whole life' issue that deals with how to respond to a Loving God who has, in abundance, provided all that we need not only to survive, but to thrive."

If you haven't had the opportunity to meet Reverend Bruce Barkhauer in person or hear one of his presentations on stewardship, mark your calendar for September 18 and 19 and plan to attend one of the Foundation's "The Cup Runneth Over" events in Enid, Oklahoma City, or Tulsa. Rev. Barkhauer,



was the first Minister for Faith & Giving for Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

He is currently the director of the Center for Faith & Giving in Indianapolis. The center provides educational materials and other related resources that teach stewardship as a spiritual discipline as well as "best practices" in matters of church finance. The center promotes and encourages stewardship as a faith discipline and a life practice. Stewardship is more than money; it's about being grateful and responsible with the use of God's gifts and sharing those gifts joyfully for the sake of God's world and future generations.

Presentations on stewardship and money within the church often cause members to vanish from the pews on stewardship Sundays and during financial campaigns. Rev. Barkhauer brings energy, vision, spirit and



"THE CUP RUNNETH OVER"

September 18 & 19, 2016

The Oklahoma Disciples Foundation
Welcomes Rev. Bruce Barkhauer,
Director, Center for Faith and Giving



**Oklahoma Disciples
FOUNDATION, INC.**



Who: Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in
Oklahoma Pastors, Lay Leaders and Members.
What: Estate/Legacy Stewardship in the Church,
Joyful Giving and Sharing God's Abundance.
Dates: Harvard Ave. Christian Church, Tulsa
September 18, 2:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Central Christian Church, Enid
September 19, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame/
Jim Thorpe Museum, OKC
September 19, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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passion as well as theological and business-based experiences to his presentations. He is a graduate of Ohio University (Athens), OH). Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis), and did Doctor of Ministry studies at Ashland Theological Seminary (Ashland, OH).



Visit the Center for Faith and Giving website:

<http://centerforfaithandgiving.org/>

Friendship Journeys Endowment—A Lasting Legacy of Love

A giving heart, a touched heart and a lost heart lead to a lasting legacy of love.



Harold & Jean Claire Lawson

In the early 1970s Jean Claire Lawson, a devout Disciple and long-time member of the West Point Christian Church in Yukon, heard a speaker talk about the Friendship Journeys mission. She thought the trip sounded interesting and asked her son Paul if he would like to go on such a mission trip.

Paul, then a college student, liked the idea and traveled to Jamaica with a group of Disciples to work and minister to people in the area. He returned full of stories about the people, the work and the travel. The trip opened a whole new world to him.

In September of 1990, Paul passed away at the age of 36. He was the only son of Harold and Jean Claire Lawson, and the only brother to sisters Sue and Linda.

Harold and Jean Claire wanted to do something meaningful and special in memory of their son. Remembering Paul's excitement and enjoyment following the Friendship Journeys trip, Harold and Jean Claire made a decision to establish the Friendship Journeys Endowment fund with the Foundation. Their wish was to have ongoing funding available so others could experience future trips like the one Paul went on to Jamaica. The annual distributions were to be used for regional expeditions to third-world countries for work projects and educational experiences.

Over the years, Oklahoma Disciple groups have traveled to many places including Guatemala, Mexico, Brazil, Nicaragua, Honduras, Paraguay and Argentina. This summer, six people from the Oklahoma Region traveled to Caminante in Boca Chica, Dominican Republic. Caminante is a Global Ministries Partner of the

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The mission focus is on education/counseling for children, teens and adults. Like Paul, two young college students were a part of the Disciples mission team: Allison Wenthold and Taylor Anderson.



Paul Lawson

Plans are underway for two trips in 2017. The Caminante mission trip next July will have a summer camp theme with hopes of having 12-14 college students/young adults and three adults as participants. The group will deliver clothing, dental supplies, backpacks, craft supplies, sports items and money for school supplies.



(R-L) Taylor Anderson and Allison Wenthold with Boca Chica resident.



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