



The Illuminator

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“The church has left the building.” I read these words on the t-shirt of a stranger recently. I was in a craft store to grab a couple of items and didn’t “need” a cart. My “little list” morphed into a major mound that fell to the ground while I was waiting in line to make my purchase. That’s when a child ran over and helped me gather things. It was the adult they were with that wore the message shirt.

I spent significant time reflecting on the relevance of the statement: “The church has left the building.” South Grand Lake Christian Church (DOC) has a beautiful and functional building where we come to be nourished spiritually and physically during Bible study, worship, bountiful breakfasts, and linger longer lunches. It is where we share milestone moments like baptisms, weddings, and memorial services. The church building provides space for committees, Elders, and Deacons to meet. The kitchen is set up great for preparing meals. The community hall is an ideal place for our local neighbors to hold or attend events.

The experiences we share inside the church building nurture and equip us to go outside the building - to build and be church in the world – delivering Meals on Wheels and loaves of bread, purchasing Angel tree gifts and serving at the Blue House, worshipping at home via livestream, volunteering with hospice, donating blood, visiting in homes and hospitals, practicing random acts of kindness, helping a stranger find their vehicle in a grocery store parking lot...

What do you think about some new t-shirts for SGLCC?



Looking ahead . . .

- Nov. 11 – Elders meet @ 2:30
- Nov. 15 – Executive Committee @ 10 am on Friday
- Nov. 16 – Empower & Equip Forest Park CCDC in Tulsa
- Nov. 17 – Congregational Meeting Election of Leaders and approval of budget for 2025
- Nov. 17 – T-shirt ORDERS DUE

- Nov. 27 – Set up for Community Thanksgiving Meal 10:30 am*
- Nov. 28 – Free Community Dinner
Volunteers arrive 8:30*
Meal Served 11 am – 1 pm
- Dec. 01 – Advent begins
- Dec. 19 – Fieldtrip to Branson to see the play, “The Miracle of Christmas”
- Dec. 21 – Executive Committee
- Dec. 24 – Candlelight Communion

Volunteers needed ...

*Anyone willing to lend a hand in preparing or serving the Community Thanksgiving meal, please contact Teena.



Our founders would be proud!

This past October, our church celebrated 24 years of chartered ministry. As we remember with gratitude those who founded this congregation, we renew our covenant to honor their vision for the church. We recall their high commitment to service when they built our Community Hall. In addition to the ongoing ministries that take place there each week, this past month the venue hosted a concert for the community and a memorial service held by Compassus for the over 200 clients who passed in the last 6 months.



Membership/Evangelism Committee is creating a new pictorial directory. Everyone is invited to pause in the lobby after worship to take a pic and confirm your contact info for the new directory.



* See attachment for list of nominees



Bill & Mary Allen, Stephen & Janie Andrew, Terry Brown, Ted Coombes, Calvin Cross, Andrea Enloe, Cristy Foster, Lynne & Kay's cousins – Dick & Donna, Karen Hendrix, Ronnie Hardin, Jamie Harrison, Larry Jones, Nicole Kennedy, Jack Massey, Sherrie Matney, Joyce Nowlin, Diana Sellers, Alena Thiebert, Hudson Thrapp, Jennifer, Tamara Villanueva's sister - Gail Young, first responders, Armed Forces, national and world leaders, all affected by acts of violence, war, addiction, mental illness, and natural disasters



November

02 Joyce L.
11 Melanie B.
13 David T.
14 Gail Y.
15 Barbara H.
18 Karen O'N.

December

02 Lynda G.
07 JB M.
15 Shirley H.
15 Chuck J.
17 Earnestine T.
22 Kelsey S.
23 Glen P.
25 Jesus Christ
25 Kylie H.

Happy Anniversary

December

09 Dave & Teena Momper
21 Wes & Imogene Atkinson
22 Bob & Beverly Latimer
25 Dale & Louise Compston



Date	General Fund	Quarters	Designated	Total
8/31/24	\$11,208.58	\$154.23	\$3,715.00	\$15,067.81
9/30/24	13,210.18	\$91.43	\$18,527.00	\$31,828.61

Blessing Quarters	
Balance Forward	\$454.14
September & October	\$245.66
Year To Date (for 2024)	Grand Total \$699.80

October Attendance			
Date	Members	Visitors	Total
10-06	24	07	31
10-13	22	04	26
10-20	28	01	29
10-27	21	0	21

Nominations for SGLCC(DOC) General Board 2025

The Nominating Committee announces this list of nominees for 2025. These names will appear on the ballot at the November 19 Congregational Meeting. Additional nominations may be made at the Congregational Meeting.

Please note: *This list does not include those Trustees, Elders, and Deacons who will remain on the General Board as they continue serving the three-year term for which they have already been elected.

OFFICERS

Board Chairman	Teena Momper
Vice Chairman	Beverly Wall
Secretary	Fran Rahn
Treasurer	Carla Davis
Asst. Treasurer	Ron Middleton
Financial Secretary	Susan Miller
Asst. Fin. Sec.	Clint Cross

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Stewardship & Finance	Jim Sellers
Pastoral Relations	Shari Baird
Property	JB Miller
Worship	Dave Momper
Nomination	Teena Momper
Social	Diana Sellers
Membership & Evan.	Lynne Kennedy
Outreach	Susan Miller
Christian Education	Fran Rahn
Community Hall	Jim Sellers
Kitchen Coordinator	Debbie Jones
Historian	Rex Wood
Disciples of Christ Rep	Fran Rahn

TRUSTEES *see note above

ELDERS *see note above

DIACONATE Andrea Enloe, Melissa Whiting, Gail Young
and *see note above

JUNIOR DIACONATE Trenton Bendabout
Ella Willurton



ORDER FORM

SGLCC (DOC) – “The church has left the building” t-shirt

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please indicate quantity & sizes ...

Adult Men’s size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

Adult Women’s size: ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL

Long sleeve t-shirts \$20 each

Total amount of Order: \$ _____

Orders due by November 17th

(Please give cash or check payable to Teena Arnold)