

Board Chair Appreciation

In case you missed the November 8 Drive-in worship service, Bob Melton was recognized for his third term as Board Chair. He was presented a desk clock with an engraving that read: "To BOB MELTON for his meritorious service as Board Chair 2018-2020. You Kept Us Balanced and Moving Forward. Thank you for your time! WOCC Congregation."

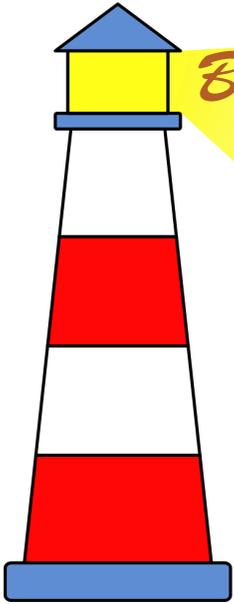
Board Chair, Charlene Majetic, gave the following appreciation for his service:

"Bob Melton is a man of many talents and with a passion for Western Oaks Christian Church. He does not seek fame or attention for the many things he does, and often he is there quietly in the background helping to motivate, support and keep the church moving forward. There are Sundays you can find him flipping pancakes for the children, or preparing communion for the church. You might find him doing some fascinating science project or building rockets with the kids during VBS. You can find him faithfully parking cars for drive in church or as Daniel's number one sidekick helping to set up and tear down for drive in church on Sunday morning. He is always there to offer sage advice to those who can learn from his experience and knowledge, all the while keeping others in the limelight. He is definitely a man with many hats, and has faithfully served as

board chair of the congregation at least three times, and this last time turned into a two year commitment. Bob Melton is truly a humble servant who demonstrates a deep love of God and neighbor. We want to say thank you for the various ways that you serve the church, and show our gratitude for your time as board chair with this plaque and clock. This recognition is long overdue, and was delayed due to the pandemic that you helped us to navigate. In the cycling world the most important thing is to stay balanced and keep moving forward, and that is the gift you gave through your leadership to Western Oaks, you kept us balanced and kept us moving forward no matter what we faced. Your service does not go unnoticed. Please accept this small gift from the congregation. I ask that you open and read for all to share...."



**Thank You
BOB!**



Benevolence Sunday November 29th, 2020

You can be a beacon of hope in someone's life through our benevolence offering. On fifth Sundays we collect a special offering that goes into the Benevolence Fund. This fund helps families who are in need of groceries. We also use this fund to purchase gift cards for those in need. This fund has been utilized to prevent evictions, repossessions, and prevent utility shut off for members who are struggling through a difficult time in their life. If you would like to give to the benevolence offering, please mark in the memo on your check "Benevolence" or if you donate through our online giving through Shelby, you can select "benevolence" in the drop down menu when you give to Western Oaks Christian Church. Thank you for your gifts that help WOCC to be a beacon of hope to our community.

2020 Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

On November 15 and 22, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. In the midst of national and global challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, our higher education institutions are facing unprecedented challenges and need our support now, more than ever. Even as they work diligently to ensure safe and healthy learning environments, the financial realities faced by many of our schools is adding additional stress to students, faculty and staff.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.



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