

Wordwrights – OKC Christian Writers

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Sharing the Faith of our Fathers

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Saturday

June 12

10 a.m. – noon

“The Last Drop” Coffee Shop

5425 N. Lincoln Blvd
Oklahoma City, OK

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~ **Masks Recommended But Not Required**

~ **Room for Social Distancing**

Welcome to the month of June. It's hard to believe that this year is half over. It might serve us well to reflect on our New Year's writing goals to make sure that we are on target. This is certainly a time to encourage others and strengthen their focus on Jesus! He alone is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

Because Father's Day occurs in June, I am sharing a letter that I wrote to my dad in 2010, after visiting him at a healthcare facility in Kansas City, KS. I did not give him this letter but used the form of a letter to express my gratitude to him. At the end of the newsletter, my focus is on an acronym taken from the word "Father." I am referring to characteristics of our Heavenly Father, accompanied by scripture references. Enjoy the read and have a blessed month!

Barbara Zimmerman

Dear Dad,

Thanks for always making sure I had a nightlight.

I brought your kitchen nightlight to my apartment and remembered those times. I remember when I stayed downstairs at the duplex; you always made sure I had nightlights for bathroom breaks during the night.

You always kept your bedroom door cracked open. I felt bad about disturbing your sleep, but I guess you wanted it that way. You have always made plans to take care of me. That's just who you are. Thanks to you, I am not afraid.

Barbara

“The Light is with me and within me. I welcome You, Lord. Light my darkness. Comfort my heart even when I can't see.”



Jump into June

We'll begin our June meeting with a peek at our new proposed website. Victor Driver has been working on a website that will be informative as well as allow for featuring members. We will be voting in regard to the new website.

As part of the June program, writing prompts will be distributed and time allotted for writing. Then, attendees may share their writing from the prompts or bring a “polish for publication” piece to receive valuable feedback. Questions? Contact Donna Le at DKLE45@hotmail.com

We are endeavoring to encourage our membership to grow in their writing projects. Come be a part of Wordwrights and persevere in making a difference in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Donna Lee

**Wordwrights
OKC Christian Writers 2021
Officers**

President: Barbara Zimmerman
Vice-President: Donna Le
Secretary: Victor Driver
Treasurer: Open
Asst. Treasurer: Lori Williams
Publicity: Jean Reed
Newsletter: Darla Hunter
Website: Barbara Shepherd

Membership Dues

January-December club dues provide an honorarium for speakers, needed materials for club meetings, and a portion of the cost for special events, etc. Dues may be paid at monthly meetings or by mail.

No payment due if you paid in 2020.



June 29: Deadline for submitting articles, poems, etc., for July newsletter.
Please send as attachment in Word.

Wanted Monthly: Seasonal/Holiday poems or short prose.

Recognition

Wordwrights Members:

Thank you for sending in your news about publishing, awards, etc., so we can all support and encourage one another.

Barbara Shepherd won awards in OWFI: 1st Place in Script: Play, Film, or TV for "Wanted," 2nd Place in Short-Short Story Juvenile for "Dinosaur Hunters," and 3rd Place in Technical Article for "Poems for Profit – Hobby or Business?"

Shelley Stutchman placed 2nd in the State Finals of the Toastmasters World Champion of Public Speaking contest. Her speech, "You Are Never Too Old to Help Save the World," was about being a test subject for the Covid 19 vaccine.

We're on the Web!
wordwrights-okc.com



Meeting Place

The Last Drop
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Please send news about publishing, awards, etc., as well as articles and/or poems, to:
darla4@sbcglobal.net Thank you!



Wordwrights still needs a volunteer for Treasurer:

To handle club finances, collect dues, and maintain membership lists.

The café will have coffee & other drinks & snacks available. Cost is by donation.

We hope you will join us!

NOTE: Although the mask mandate has ended in OKC, masks are recommended in indoor group settings for those who are not vaccinated, as a precautionary measure to protect one another.

Although some of our members have not gotten the Covid vaccine, there is plenty of space in the coffee shop for social distancing.

Thank you!

Masks will be available at the meeting if you should need one.

Looking Ahead

June 12, 2021: Polish for Publication.

July 10, 2021: John Dolezal, "Writing Book Reviews." Dolezal teaches part-time at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa.

Sep 3-6: Oklahoma City Writer's Conference (WriterCon), Skirvin Hilton OKC, Live and Streaming.

Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2021

Wordwrights met on May 8, 2021, at the Last Drop Coffee Shop in Oklahoma City, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Barbara Zimmerman presided and opened with prayer.

Zimmerman reminded those in attendance that Wordwrights needs to replace the Treasurer position. Victor Driver agreed to take the Secretary position beginning in June.

Brags included Barbara Zimmerman reporting that she has scheduled presentations to students through the help of an elementary-school librarian. Margaret Brown shared that she has sold over 2,000 copies of her children’s book.

Shelley Stutchman gave the devotional/prayer based on her experience as a test subject for the COVID-19 vaccine.

It was brought to the attention of the group that member Virginia Hoppes was extremely ill and had left Epworth Villa and was living in Tulsa near family. (After our meeting, Barbara Zimmerman reached out to the family and learned that Virginia went to be with our Lord on Mother’s Day, at the age of 97.)

During Business, Victor Driver presented research on updating our website. Plans include two to three officers also having access to the management of the website. The group favored the new website name WordwrightsOK.com. Victor also would pay fees and not charge Wordwrights. The proposed website is to feature blog space, links to membership websites and publications, information about programs, and photos. He plans to work on a website to show at the June meeting for a vote.

Victor Driver presented the program “Consider Self-Publishing Platforms: IngramSpark and KDP.” He distributed a handout which will also be given via email to the membership. He also offered to donate up to eight hours to each member for one-on-one help in design publication and navigate publishing. Driver’s contact number is 405-209-3019.

Barbara Zimmerman gave a closing prayer. Attendance included: John Wolfe, Dana Tramba, Connie Sorrell (with Darlene and granddaughter), Victor Driver, Barbara Zimmerman, Donna Le, Darla Hunter, Margaret Brown, Bill Brown, Shelley Stutchman, and the staff of The Last Drop Coffee Shop. Elizabeth Engle joined Wordwrights.

Minutes by Donna Le



Next Meeting

June 12

The Last Drop Coffee Shop

10 a.m. – Noon

Come Join Us!



We write this to make our joy complete.



Hugs Without Fear

by Shelley Malicote Stutchman



THOUGHT FOR TODAY: *“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”* (2 Timothy 1:7 NIV)

“I can’t hug you, grandma,” said my ten-year-old granddaughter.

“Why?” I asked, feeling confused.

“I might give you the virus, and you would die.”

An alarm went off in my head. Her fear was real and intense. How many other children were living with this burden, I wondered? The next day, I volunteered to be a test subject for the COVID-19 Vaccine.

I posted on Facebook about my decision to do my part in the war against the Coronavirus and shared information on how others could help. Within a few hours, I received messages warning me the injections contained microchips, cancer cells, and numerous other scary things. As I read the theories people were sending me, fear started to creep into my thoughts.

Ultimately, I decided to trust my own instinct and serve our world. It was time I did something for the greater good, despite being a little afraid.

The Hospice Chaplain, where I work, always reminds us to fear not, for the Lord is with us. With his words in my mind, I received the test vaccine. Volunteering is my small way to move the world forward again and feel my granddaughter’s arms hugging me tightly.

PRAYER: Lord, let us draw strength from you when we are battling with fear. Our courage will re-new as we hold your hand in prayer and love. Amen.

HAPPY
4th OF
JULY



Here is an Acronym with some characteristics of our Heavenly Father: *by Barbara Zimmerman*

F

- **For us** – “If God is **for us** who can be against us?” (Ro. 8:31)
- **Forgiving** - “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to **forgive** us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn.1:9)

A

- **Attentive** – “He shall call upon Me, and I will **answer** him; I will be with him in trouble.” (Ps.91:15)
- **Able** – “Now to Him who is **able** to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” (Eph.3:20)

T

- **Truthful** – “**God is not a man, that He should lie**, nor a son of man, that He should repent.” (Nu.23:19)
- **Trustworthy** – “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man **who trusts in Him!**” (Ps.34:8)

H

- **Healing** – “For I am the **Lord who heals you.**” (Ex.15:26)
- **Helpful** – “The Lord is my **Helper**; I will not fear.” (Heb. 13:6)

E

- **Enlightening** – “...the eyes of your understanding being **enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling...” (Eph.1:18)
- **Everlasting** – “...Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace...” (Is. 9:6)

R

- **Relational** – “We love Him because **He first loved us.**” (1 Jn. 4:19)
- **Reliable** – “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and **He shall direct your paths.**” (Prov.3:5,6)



FATHER

- F** – is for his Faithfulness to Family
- A** – means Always giving All his love
- T** – is for his Tough but Tender nature
- H** – is for his Hands to take Hold of
- E** – is for his Eyes that Ever sparkle
- R** – means Right and Real as one can be

Put them all together, they spell
FATHER –
God’s gift to families, you can see!

Darla Hunter



Malachi 4:6

“He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers.”