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Imputed Righteousness

A formula is a statement intended to express a fundamental truth or principle. It is an effort to express a [sometimes] difficult principle in its simplest form. However, in order for a formula to be of value, it must both adequately and accurately express the truth it represents.

Does the following formula represent your understanding of how a person is saved: Grace + Faith + Works = Salvation?

My first question is, "What does the Bible say faith plus works equals?" Answer: "complete faith." See James 2:22. So, when we use the term "faith" as the Bible defines it, it includes "works". Therefore, we can take "works" out of our formula (since it is inherently part of faith). Now our formula more accurately reads "Grace + Faith = Salvation".

While that certainly represents progress toward more accurately and adequately expressing what the Bible says about how we are saved, believe it or not . . . we're not through yet!

Our formula now says that grace accomplishes some portion of my salvation and I (through my faith) accomplish some portion of it. That's still not what the Bible says. My bible says, "Salvation is by grace **through** faith." That's not the same as saying "Salvation is by grace **plus** faith!"

So, an accurate formula is "Grace = Salvation". Jesus did everything to make salvation available. You can't do anything to add to it. Consequently, righteousness is "imputed". It is offered as a gift. You receive it through your (obedient) faith. Cf. Romans 5:2.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9

Brothers and sisters, if we are going to use a formula, let's make absolutely sure that it accurately and adequately expresses what the Bible says. Close is not good enough!

- Ken Stegall

Welcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!

Schedule of Services

Sunday	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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Elder of the Day Scott Blake
Communion Leader James Parker

Adult Bible Classes:

- "A Study of Matthew"** by Steve Baker
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- "A Study of Philippians"** (Young Adult Class)
by Raymond Walker Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in A101
- "Spiritual Warfare: A Study of Angels, Satan & Demons"**
by Scott Logan
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- "Young Adult"** (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center C201
- Teen Bible Classes:**
- "Acts"** (7th -8th) by Jordan Fontenot/Joshua Watrous
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center C-205
- "Explaining Our Faith"** (9th -12th) by Scott Simpson
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- "Christianity on Trial"** (7th-12th Boys) by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-205
- "Different but Equal"** (7th-12th grade Girls) by Ellen Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-203

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0-1 year	A105/A106
2 years	A107
3-4 years	A108
Kinder-1st grade	A109
2nd-3rd	C201
4th-5th grade	C106/Magnolia Room
6th grade	A102

A **Facility Map** and other information is available at the Welcome Center.

A **Nursery** is available during Sunday morning worship for children 0-23 months.

For children 24 months and up, there is a **Training Room** available at the back of the auditorium, behind the glass windows.



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Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 24, 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class	248
10:15 AM Worship	421 @ WOCC 244 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	198
Contribution	\$32,449.27

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	220
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You may give online at:

<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
 Woodland Oaks Church of Christ
 6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252
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Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through September 30, 2021 are \$1,258,642 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,072,565 produces a surplus of \$186,077.

Notes

Announcements

The sharing deacons are in need of a **Volunteer to Deliver Flowers/Plants** for new mothers and for deaths. Please contact Bradley Welborn if you can help.

Beginning **TODAY** a **Nursery** will be available during Sunday morning worship for children 0-23 months in room A-104. For children 24 months and up, there is a **Training Room** available at the back of the auditorium, behind the glass windows.

The Woodland Oaks Church of Christ is excited to resume our **Heart to Home** program. Heart to Home is designed to foster relationships among women across generations in our church family. Our theme this year is "Our Heart is our Home!" Our soft start Winter/Spring program is slated to begin in January 2022 and run through May. In September 2022, we plan to start our program and meet through May 2023.

Heart to Home Sign Up opens **TODAY** at: <https://forms.gle/WGnRwnfwbw9xf9WB8>. We are asking everyone to sign up (even if you have previously filled out at a form). A sign up table will be in the lobby Sunday, November 7 and 14. Sign up opportunities will end November 21. Women will be divided as "moms" and "sisters." Moms serve as hostesses and sisters are the guests.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Please join us for a **Baby Shower for Abby Richardson** on Sunday, November 7 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Abby & Brandon are expecting a baby girl and are registered at babylist.com.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. in **room A102**.

Please join us for **Popcorn & Praise** Sunday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m. for freshly popped popcorn, a cold drink, and fellowship before our singing assembly at 6:00 p.m.

Congregational Singing will be Sunday, November 7 during the evening assembly. Song requests may be listed at the Welcome Center.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, November 7 immediately following the evening assembly.

It's time for **College and Military Care Packages** again! Monetary donations, item donations, and letters of encouragement are due **November 14**. You may donate online by choosing the College Basket Fund under the give tab on the website. If you are writing a check, you can indicate College Basket Fund on the memo line and send it to the secure PO box or place it in the basket in the foyer. Denise Tolbert and Kendra Blake are also willing to take monetary donations. If you would like to bring items, please put them in the plastic container marked college baskets at the Welcome Center. The students and military personnel love to get notes of encouragement. If you are willing to write notes, please put them in the plastic container at the Welcome Center. The College Care Packages will be available to pick up **Sunday, November 21** at the Welcome Center. You can find the sign up and more information at the Welcome Center.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Blake Westerfeld at the loss of his father **Charles Westerfeld**, on Thursday, October 28. The arrangements are pending. Please keep Blake and the family in your prayers.

Youth News

Tuesday Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays at Market Street.

There will be a **Guys/Girls Night Out - Homecoming Alt** this Friday, November 5. Meet at WOCC at 6:30 p.m. We will go to eat and then come back to the building for a movie/games. Pick up at 12:00 a.m.

Meet at Snooze A.M. Eatery this Saturday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m. for a **Youth Group Brunch!**

Girls Bible Study will meet immediately following the morning assembly Sunday, November 7 at the Mynhier home.

The next **Youth Devo** will be Sunday, November 7 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center.

Save the date for the **2021 Houston Area Wide Youth Fall Retreat!** This retreat is for students in grades 7-12 at Lakeview Methodist Retreat Center in Palestine, TX from Friday, November 12 thru Sunday, November 14. The cost is \$50 per person. **Sign up by this Monday, November 1** at: <https://mcoc.elexiochms.com/external/form/61765a86-cbc9-4055-a2fd-0a24e341c2ce>. Please pay Jordan Fontenot. **Do not pay online.**

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, November 21 immediately following the evening assembly.

Treehouse Kids

There will be **No Bible Builders** tonight.

Texas Bible Bowl

Please join us for a **Bible Bowl Pizza Party TONIGHT** at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Bible Bowl Practice meets every Sunday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

Prayers

- ✚ **John O'Connor**/health has declined over the last few months and the past few days have been similar to when he first got sick in December/Please pray for strength and courage for him.
- ✚ **Doug Craft**/surgery October 27.
- ✚ **Gina Talbott**/surgery October 26 went well/she is at home recovering.
- ✚ **Carey Fracht**/father of Adam Fracht/had surgery October 27 for prostate cancer at MD Anderson Houston.
- ✚ **Sebastian Stroughter**/friend of Mike & Alicia Lucas/hospitalized in Austin, TX with COVID-19.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Rodney Burke, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Hank Van Joslin.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Phillip Bailey, Jennifer Woodward Banks, Paola Bejaran, Judy Chandler, Michael Dawdy, Steve Foley, Katie Freeman, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Paul Hendrickson, Rita Huffstutter, Mike James, Jerry Malone, Phil Martinez, Susan May, Andrea Finley Nelson, Meghan Rudd, Phil Sawyer, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Don Stewart, Butch Stone, Nancy Stucky, Rose Talbott, Treva Vogl.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Dennis Daulton, Jeri French, Richard Hyde, Patricia Osborn, Danyce Rundell, Robert Shock, Michael Williams, Howard Yates.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Lacey Albers, Julio Dijkstra, Trevor Glass, Boris Kacarevic & family, Donna Lemmons, Glenn McDonald.**

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Nursery Opens Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	5:00p.m.	Bible Bowl Pizza Party
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice Youth Fall Retreat Sign Up Due
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Women)
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Men)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Denny's on 1488
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Youth Guys/Girls Night—Homecoming Alt.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Group Brunch—Snooze AM Eatery

Upcoming Events

November 7	College Care Package Sign Up Due Youth Girls Bible Study—Mynhier Home Baby Shower for Abby Richardson Elder/Deacon Meeting Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Congregational Meeting Youth Devo
November 12-14	Youth Fall Retreat
November 13	Golf Tournament—Oakhurst Golf Club
November 14	Friends Day College Care Package donations and letters due
November 16	Ladies Bible Class Luncheon
November 21	Youth Invasion
November 25-26	Church Offices Closed
December 4	Men's Breakfast
December 5	Winter Quarter Begins Sunday Social Cookies & Cocoa Congregational Singing Youth Devo
December 7	Heart to Home Moms Planning Meeting
December 11	Bridal Shower for Sarah Catherine Fleming

Thank you

Thank you so much for the beautiful garden plant basket set at the passing of my mother, Mary Titlow. Also, a special thanks to Ardith Kotzen for being so kind as to deliver the plants.

In Him, Janet Foreman and family

Expectant Families

Abby & Brandon Richardson
Kirstin & Elliot Roberts
Maggie & Daniel Spears

If you could use meals during times of need, please contact the church office at 936-273-0010 or information@woodlandoaks.org