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“But Jesus Didn’t Say Anything About . . .”

A young man contacted me this past week explaining “I was recently involved in a discussion with a group of church friends, all baptized believers, who said basically that Baptism is not essential to salvation.” He was asking for help and was embarrassed that he was not better prepared to defend his beliefs. Below is my response (minus the personal portions at the beginning and the end):

This will likely prove to be one of the best things to happen to you in a long time. It has caused you to realize your need for serious study and created a desire to be able to logically defend the truth.

What you are encountering is something that has been brewing in "christian circles" for quite a while- the idea that the N.T. epistles are not authoritative for today. Their argument says, "The epistles were inspired. They were binding on the churches to which they were directly addressed in the 1st century; but times have changed and they are no longer binding on Christians today." That leaves us with the red letters (Jesus' words)! Their argument is- "If Jesus didn't address a topic, it can't be very important. And he left us to use our judgment about what to believe." So the gate is open and the fences are down.

One of the problems with this is that there are numerous issues which Jesus did not address: homosexuality . . . other forms of sexual perversion . . . Abortion . . . the list goes on. Does the fact that Jesus did not address these issues make them acceptable behavior? Their reasoning would certainly leave that as a possibility. And as you probably know, this is one of pro-homosexuals' most frequent arguments- "Jesus did not say anything about homosexuality, so we have the freedom to choose whether or not it's acceptable behavior."

But the fact is, your friends were wrong - Jesus DID specifically command us to be baptized! Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-16.

The explanation about why Jesus did not talk about baptism (other than John's) during his public ministry is because the foundation upon which the gospel is built did not become a reality until he died and rose from the dead. Ro 6:1-14 explains that baptism "conjoins" us (v5- "united with him") with Christ in his death . . . So this was not a possibility until after his death. And after his death and resurrection he said, “ . . . Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

- 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 Zane Bolen

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

*Links for streaming Bible classes and Worship:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUclVYA>

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

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Youth

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Celebrate Recovery: Nathan Ingram

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 3, 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class	272
10:15 AM Worship	463 @ WOCC 258 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	160
Contribution	\$40,843.07

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	240
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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
 Spring, TX 77382

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through August 31, 2021 are \$1,142,122 compared with a budgeted amount of \$962,558 produces a surplus of \$179,564.

Notes

Announcements

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

Our **Fall Festival** will be this Saturday, October 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Make plans to join in the fun! Come by the bulletin board in the foyer **TODAY** and sign up to volunteer to help with food and fun! We are also needing donations of Little Debbie's (any variety), individual bags of Goldfish crackers, and candy. Please place donations in the box in the foyer. Please park in the school parking lot.

The **Faithful Father's Father-Son Retreat** will be October 22-24 at Frontier Camp Retreat Center in Grapeland, TX. Fathers and one son (ages 7 – high school seniors) are invited to attend. The cost is \$100 for each father-son pair. The deadline to sign up is **THIS Wednesday, October 13**. Please sign up and find more information at the table in the foyer!

Save the Date! There will be a **Southern Sudan Mission Information and Fundraising Banquet** Friday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you will attend. See Tyrone Mynhier for more information.

We're very happy to report that after a nearly two-year hiatus, we will be back at **Impact Church of Christ serving a meal** on Sunday, October 24! We'll have a handful of people completing the meal preparation at Woodland Oaks that Sunday morning from around 8:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. and about 20 people serving the meal down at Impact from 12:15 p.m. until around 2:15 p.m. If you're interested in serving, please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084BAAA62CA46-impact8>
Contact Brandon Smith with any questions.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, October 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, October 24 immediately following the evening assembly.

There is a **Training Room** available at the back of the church auditorium. It is accessible through the door to the left of the mirrored glass window.

There is a **Nursing Room** available for mothers to use. It is located next to the Training Room.

Expectant Families

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

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Jason's Deli (32818 FM2978, Magnolia, TX 77354).

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

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

Treehouse Kids

There will be **NO Bible Builders TONIGHT**. We will resume Sunday, October 17.

Texas Bible Bowl

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

Prayers

- ✚ **Richard Hyde**/is scheduled to have a two level cervical fusion on October 11 at Memorial Hermann Surgery Center/Please pray for no complications, great surgery results, a fast recovery, and that God will be with the physicians and staff involved.
- ✚ **Luis Esparza**/neighbor of the Edgar and Davis families/hospitalized August 9 with COVID-19, moved to Critical Care September 14 and remains in the hospital.
- ✚ **Cecilia**/daughter of Felipe & Tonnie Solis/hospitalized Sunday, October 3.
- ✚ 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, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Phil Sawyer, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Don Stewart, Butch Stone, Nancy Stucky, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Dennis Daulton, John O'Connor, Jeff & Barbara Pachman, Danyce Rundell, Robert Shock, Michael Williams, Howard Yates.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Julio Dijkstra, Glenn McDonald.**

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
OCTOBER DONATION NEEDS:
Arms of Hope: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion
	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		Sign up for FF Father-Son Retreat Due
	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
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Fall Festival

Upcoming Events

October 17	Bible Builders Resumes Youth Invasion
October 18	Quilting Group
October 22-24	Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat
October 24	Impact CoC Meal Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion
October 27	Youth Lead Worship
October 29	Southern Sudan Banquet
November 5	Youth Guys/Girls Night
November 6	Men's Breakfast
November 7	Baby Shower for Abby Richardson Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
November 12-14	Youth Fall Retreat
November 13	Golf Tournament—Oakhurst Golf Club
November 14	Friends Day
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 Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
December 17	Youth Progressive Dinner
December 24	Church Offices Closed