#### **Schedule of Services**

#### Sunday

9:00 AM	Bible Classes (offered for all ages)
10:15 AM	Morning Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Evening Assembly

Tuesday

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Class (off for summer)

6:45 PM Young Professionals' Bible Study

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Class

Thursday

10:00 AM Community Bible Class

<u>Sunday, July 5, 2015</u>				
9:00 AM Bible Class	330			
10:15 AM Worship	505			
6:00 PM Worship	189			
Contribution	\$26,569.90			
Wednesday, July 8, 2015				
7:00 PM Bible Class	272			

THOSE CHOSEN TO SERVE TODAY				
July 12, 2015	Morning Service	Evening Service		
Hosts	Karen Hopper Lisa Geerman	Karen Hopper Lisa Geerman		
Sound Booth	Sound Personnel	Sound Personnel		
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor		
First Prayer	Ken Myers	Bobby Hulett		
Communion Coordinator	Larry Abston	Larry Abston		
Communion Prayer	Jim Butler	Scott Logan/Matt Egger		
Second Prayer & Scripture Reading	Gary Tannahill	Kyle Gordley		
Closing Remarks	Butch Merriman	Butch Merriman		
Nursery	Cindy Hicks/Kaye Shock			
Lead Coordinator	Hal Egger Hal Egger			



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**Elders** 

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Joel Blake Administration Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton, Gary LeMaire Ken Purvis & Doug Tucker Building & Grounds Children's Programs Richard Hyde Communication Anthony Dozier Education Matt Fitzgerald, Quinn Tolbert & Morgan Whatley Family Life Center Chris Davis Fellowship Tim Riggs Finance Jeff Fleming & Brandon Smith Foreign Missions Paul Gidden & Bobby Hulett Ben Brockman & Michael Matheidas Greeting & Welcome Center Involvement Troy Conrad & Chuck Bryant Local Evangelism Special Ministrie Bradley Welborn & Kyle Gordley Sharing Ushers Kermit Brooks Visitor Contacts James Young Scott Blake, Joey Dawson, Bill Malone & Brant Mathis Worship Youth Matt Hemphill & Terence O'Connor Servant Minister Visitation-Hospital/Shut-Ins Tom Herrick

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Cradle Roll Jean Erwin

Pre-School & Elementary

Youth Matt Hemphill
Adult Cleo Tarver

#### Supported Mission Works

Ron ClaytonIndiaTyrone MynhierSouth SudanBenin School of PreachingWest AfricaMission PrintingArlington, TexasPat ScheafferAdventures in MissionsSteve AustinTexas International Bible InstituteRalph WilliamsInstructor-Bear Valley Institute Extension School Program

Eastern European Missions Biblical Institute of Central America

#### **Supported Children's Homes**

Arms of Hope Olive Branch Ministries-Peru
Cherokee Home for Children
Children's Homes of Lubbock Hannah's Hope-Cambodia



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### How Do We Respond?

Dear Woodland Oaks Family,

I appreciate the thoughtful comments that I have received about the last two Sunday evening sermons addressing our attitude and response to the Supreme Court's decision regarding homosexual marriage. I have also received numerous calls and emails from friends who are struggling to determine how the Lord would have us respond.

### Here are excerpts from a couple of them:

"I find myself confused on how to respond—do we take a verbal stand against the cultural degradation, do we stay optimistic & hopeful . . . what's the right response, given God's righteousness & His love for all?"

"Please tell me what you think about the recent events in our country: Supreme Court decisions on gay marriage . . ."

#### Here is my response:

"At this point I would say that we don't go out looking for confrontations, but when the opportunity is presented, we respond with a kind attitude explaining that we do not "hate" homosexuals (as we have been accused). We believe that the Bible is plain about practicing homosexuality being a sin, and that regardless of what sin we are involved in (and we are all sinners), the only way to have a right relationship with God is to repent of that sin and come to the Lord for forgiveness. That is the same road that every one of us must travel to have our sins forgiven. So we do not treat a homosexual any differently than we do any other person (including myself) regarding the need for forgiveness or the means by which that forgiveness is offered by God.

Regarding the question of whether or not we take a stand: Romans chapter 1 outlines the sequential steps that an individual or a nation takes in departing from God. The "moral fall" described in verses 24-28 specifically identifies homosexual/lesbian acts as "degrading . . . unnatural . . . and perversion." So, yes, we do take a stand against cultural degradation and we treat all sin the same. And we emphasize that God loves every person and that His sacrifice will save every one of us if we are willing to repent."

As always, we look to Jesus to teach us the proper attitude and response to every situation in life. In doing so, we must be careful not to base our conclusion on any single incident recorded in the Bible, but there are some situations that provide close parallels from which we gain insight. One incident which seems to me to be pertinent to our present situation is the incident of the adulterous woman dragged before Jesus by the heartless, hypocritical Pharisees (John chapter 8). He effectively reminded her accusers that "we are all sinners" and ended the incident by instructing the woman to "sin no more." That seems to provide two principles that address the attitude and actions of both "sides" of the situation at hand.

If we must choose between mercy and judgment, come down on the side of mercy.

-Ken Stegall

## **Announcements**

elcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ. We are honored you chose to worship with us this morning. Please complete the attendance card in the pew in front of you and place it in the contribution plate. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!

#### We invite you to join any of our Adult Bible Classes:

"The Boldness of Faith: A study of Amos" by Scott Logan

Location: Chapel Center Auditorium

"A Study of I Timothy" by Mickey Alford and Morgan Whatley

(20s & 30s i.e. TNT)

Location: Worship Center Room 102

"Fishers of Men" by Mark Freeman and Raymond Walker

(Singles & Young Professionals)

Location: Education Center Room B107

"Studies in Luke and Acts" by Pedro Salazar, Rick Medford and Flo Mata

(Spanish Speaking Class)

Location: Education Center Library (2nd Floor)

"How We Got the Bible"

by Marty Miller

Location: Worship Center Room 101



All visitors are invited to be our guests at the next Visitor **Luncheon** to be held July 19 in the Chapel following the morning worship assembly. We look forward to meeting and spending time with you!

The **Secure Check-in System** is activated for children in the classes for birth to age 4. The ID Cards are available at the entrance to the children's wing. **Please note:** For the security of our children, the two exit doors are not to be used as entrances and must remain locked at all times.



#### **Heart of God Bible Challenge!**



Heart of God Bible Challenge continues today. Children ages 2 years through 6th grade can find one of the "doctors" in white lab coats and recite (or sing!) their memory work assignment of <u>The Lord's Prayer</u>. The "doctors" are available

between class and worship each Sunday. Check the assignment off on the heart chart and choose a prize from the nurse's station! The next assignment of The 12 Tribes of Israel is due in two weeks on July 26.

### Parents of 7th-12th Graders!

Please read the BASIC Bulletin for details on youth activities.



# **Bible Builders**

is on break until the fall. See you then.

## **Announcements**



Baby Shower Honoring

## Mayra Tadlock & Baby Boy

Sunday, July 12, 3:30 p.m. Chapel Center at WOCC

Mayra is registered at Babies R Us and Amazon.com.

**Rick Dunham**, the father of Laurie Hemphill, died July 1. The funeral service was July 5 in Edna, Texas.



Maria Elisa Salazar Jaramillo, the grandmother of Pedro Salazar, died July 3 at the age of 93. Her funeral was July 7 in Spring, Texas.



There are several new nametags on the board across from the Welcome Center. Please remember to wear yours when we're together.

## **Elder/Deacon Meeting**

Sunday, July 19, 2015, 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room in Chapel Center



Dear Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,



We would like to say thank you for the last 15 years. We have made a very difficult decision for our family to move to Pearland. We love you all and we will stay in touch. Our thoughts and prayers will always go out to you. Our move is to help us improve our quality of

family life and have less travel for our careers and school. We cannot thank the elders and leadership of WOCC enough for helping us in our daily walk with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We love you all.

John, Jennifer, Trey and Leigh Oliverio



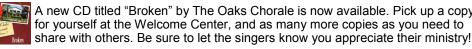
Men's Softball games are this Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 Softball and 7:30 p.m. at Carl Barton Junior Park in Conroe.

#### Men's Luncheon

Tuesday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. Pit Master BBO

## **Golden Agers Lunch Bunch**

Thursday, July 16 Olive Garden



Order audio CDs of the current sermon series, Be Filled with the Spirit, at the Welcome Center.



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 19 Visitor Luncheon

Quarterly Elder/Deacon Meeting 4:30 p.m.

#### THIS WEEK

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Today	5:00 a.m.	Van leaves for Camp Wyldewood		
	3:30 p.m.	Baby Shower for Mayra Tadlock		
Tuesday	6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals' Bible Study		
	6:30 & 7:30 p.m.	Men's Softball Games		
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class: Sampson with Dale Foster		
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class		
	12:00 p.m.	Golden Agers Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden		
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group at Timarron Park		

#### **EXPECTANT FAMILIES**

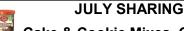
Beth & James Stevens Candice & Matt Fitzgerald Laura & Kevin Sim



Mayra & Trent Tadlock Nikki & Brian Lee Allison & Ben Brockman

#### **PRAYERS**

- **†** Robert Shock/Achilles and ankle surgery/July 9.
- **Clora Heath**/Kindred Hospital Transitional Care/Room 305/Tomball.
- **† Camp Wyldewood** group returns July 23.
- Tyrone Mynhier/mission work/South Sudan/returns July 13.
- † Ethiopian VBS team/returns July 14.
- F Jim Butler, Ron Cole, Larry Echols, Morgan Evans, Kelly Malone, Butch Merriman, Marilyn Pate, Robert Thompson and Harold Wade are battling cancer.
- Please remember Linda Alexander, Margie Biggs, Liz Coleman, Fran Cote, Caleb Cox, Mary Helen Foster, Pharis Fowler, Harry Hallows, Shirley Jones, John Kody, Margret Korner, Marjorie Lockwood, Georgia Meadows, Carletta Moore, Beatrice Myers, Bill Pieper, Kim Prahl, Michael Priest, Elizabeth Joan Webb, Karen Weber and Ellouise Zapalac.



**JULY SHARING PANTRY: Baking Mixes** 

Cake & Cookie Mixes, Canned Frosting, Brownies, etc.

Please leave donations in the stairwell of the Education Center.



Please bring donations of juice and cooking spray by September 13.



