



April 15, 2018

Volume XXVI—Issue 15

**PRINCIPLES AND OPINIONS**

We would all likely agree with the saying “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” But the problem is, we can’t always agree about whether it’s “broke” or not. I think that’s the problem with principles. They can be applied in extremely different ways.

I find it intriguing that God chose to leave us with principles (rather than laws) to guide us in many areas. How we choose to apply principles reveals much about our motives. I’m convinced that this is exactly the point that Paul is making to the divided church in Corinth when he writes, “*No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God’s approval.*” (I Corinthians 11:19).

Principles are only effective to guide mature folks. Children abuse principles. Children constantly look for “loop-holes” - ways to avoid the obvious application. Yet God left a considerable portion of our lives to be guided by principles. The Greek word translated “*differences*” in the verse above means “divisions which occur from strong-willed opinions.” Our English word *heresy* comes from this word. Those who are willing to divide the Lord’s church over their strong-willed opinions are heretics and do not have God’s approval.

I believe Romans 14 is the most powerful antidote against division in the entire Bible. It is all about how to handle your opinions . . . AND, how to deal with the opinions of others. I make a practice of preaching from this chapter at least once per year. It teaches us how to maintain unity in spite of diversity. Understanding the principles contained in this chapter enables a church to be able to identify potentially divisive issues which inevitably arise in congregations. Then it teaches us how to handle them.

Paul’s conclusion to this chapter contains 2 statements which reveal whether you are a spiritual child or a spiritual adult:  
 1. “*So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God.*”

- Can you have a strong opinion about something without imposing it on others?

2. “*Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves.*”

- Your opinion has the potential of causing you [and others] to lose your soul.

- 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 (Offered for All Ages)  
 10:15 AM Morning Worship Assembly  
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly  
**Wednesday** 7:00 PM Bible Class

April 15, 2018

**Elder of the Day** Butch Merriman

**Communion Leader** Brandon Smith

**Adult Bible Classes:**

“**Who is This Jesus?**” by Steve Vogl  
 Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

“**Acts of the Apostles**” by Marty Miller  
 Sundays in Worship Center A101

“**One Anothering**” by John Rowe  
 Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s)

“**Learning to be Fishers of Men**” by Mark Freeman & Raymond Walker  
 Sundays in Chapel Center Magnolia Room C106 (Evangelism Class)

“**A Study of Biblical Manuscripts**” by Elton Stubblefield  
 Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

“**The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith**”  
 by Adam Fracht Wednesdays in Worship Center Room A102 (Men’s Bible Study)

**Teen Bible Classes:**

“**Colossians/Philemon**” by Scott Simpson  
 Sundays in Chapel Center C203 (9th-12th)

“**Ruth/Esther**” by Rick Medford  
 Sundays in Chapel Center C201 (7th & 8th)

“**Jesus Among Secular gods**” by Chris Tomberlin  
 Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203 (7th-12th)

**Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:**

0-1 years A103	1st grade B202
1 year-olds A105/106	2nd grade B203
2 year-olds A107	3rd grade B206
3 year-olds A108	4th grade B208
Pre-K A109	5th-6th grade B209
Kindergarten B200	

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

A **Secure Check-in System** is active for children ages 0 to 4 years.

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ  
 7300 Crownridge Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77382  
 Phone/Voicemail: (936) 273-0010

Email: [information@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:information@woodlandoaks.org)  
[www.woodlandoaks.org](http://www.woodlandoaks.org)



**Elders**

Gary Erwin  
 Mark Freeman  
 Nathan Ingram  
 Flo Mata

Butch Merriman  
 John Rowe  
 Elton Stubblefield  
 Raymond Walker

**Deacons**

Administration/ Communications Joel Blake  
 Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton  
 Building & Grounds Larry Brabham  
 Ken Purvis  
 Doug Tucker  
 Children’s Programs Richard Hyde  
 Education Matt Fitzgerald  
 Adam Fracht  
 Quinn Tolbert  
 Family Life Center Chris Davis  
 Fellowship Tim Riggs  
 Finance Jeff Fleming  
 Brandon Smith  
 Foreign Missions Paul Gidden  
 Brian Lee  
 Involvement Frank Kerze  
 Sharing Kyle Gordley  
 Bradley Welborn  
 Special Ministries Logan Ingram  
 Ushers Kermit Brooks  
 Welcome Center Michael Matheidas  
 Ben Brockman  
 Welcome Center/ Visitor Contacts Robert Shock  
 Visitation - Hospital & Shut-Ins/Men’s Ministry  
 Worship Scott Blake  
 Bill Malone  
 Brant Mathis  
 Matt Hemphill  
 Youth Terence O’Connor

**Staff**

**Pulpit** Ken Stegall  
[kstegall@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:kstegall@woodlandoaks.org)  
**Youth** Chris Tomberlin  
[chris.tomberlin@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:chris.tomberlin@woodlandoaks.org)  
**Children’s Coordinator** Jennifer Tolbert  
[jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org)  
**Office Administrators** Gina Talbott  
[gina.talbott@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:gina.talbott@woodlandoaks.org)  
 Karen Ardito  
[karen.ardito@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:karen.ardito@woodlandoaks.org)

**Last Week’s Attendance**

**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

9:00 AM Bible Class	302
10:15 AM Worship	546
6:00 PM Worship	181
Contribution	\$25,942.56

**Wednesday, April 11 2018**

7:00 PM Bible Class	260
---------------------	-----

**Missions**

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, [woodlandoaks.org](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

**Budget**

Through February 28, 2018, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$211,358.01 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$222,308.30 for a deficit of (\$10,950.30).

**Notes**

April 15- Evening Assembly - Understanding My Bible - Lesson 41

## Announcements

Join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Taryn Tuttle**, bride elect of Kirby Logan (son of Scott & Janet Logan), **TODAY** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Taryn & Kirby are registered at Target, Crate and Barrel, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, April 17 at 11:30 a.m. at The Egg & I.

WOCC will be hosting the annual **EEM Banquet** for our area on this Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The **2018 WOCC Girls Conference** will take place this Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There will be a **Elders & Deacons Meeting** Sunday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, April 22 immediately following the evening assembly.

Robert Shock is in need of volunteers to **Help Organize the WOCC Golf Tournament**. If you can help, contact Robert Shock.

The **Children's Home of Lubbock** has requested donations of Children's twin sized **Bed in a Bags** (complete bedding set which usually contains comforter, sheet set, pillowcase, pillow sham, etc.) Please place donations in the cart in the church foyer by June 3. Thank you for your help with this effort.

**2018 Family Camp Registration** for current WOCC members is open now through May 13. Cabins will be filled on a first-to-register basis. Checks can be made payable to WOCC and need to be handed to Nikki or Brian Lee, Chuck or Debbie Bryant, or placed in the folder labeled Family Camp outside the church office. The cost is \$120 for a family or \$60 for an individual. Please visit <http://woccfamilycamp.weebly.com/> to register online.

## Thank you

To Our Brothers and Sisters at Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,

We are so very grateful for the meal you provided and served to our Impact family this past Easter Sunday. Our hearts are humbled by your generous hearts.

*"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Matt 5:16

Blessings,  
Chuck & Becky Gernard

## Expectant Families

Iveth & Todd Freeman  
Cody & Dustin Haney  
Mary & Eric Kirkland  
Christelle Nordgulen  
Lindsey & Doug Peak

Maegan & Brett Rodriguez  
Maggie & Daniel Spears  
Ling Ling & Cameron Terry  
Kaylyn & Randy Wilkinson

## Youth News

### Senior Banquet:

⇒ **Appointments for the Parent Letter Recording** are **TODAY**. Contact Chris Tomberlin if you have not scheduled an appointment.

⇒ Senior's **Table Display Items Due TODAY**.

There will be a **Youth Devo TONIGHT** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Guys bring drinks, and the girls bring desserts.

There will be a **Youth Invasion** Sunday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Jason's Deli.

Summer is approaching and there will be a lot of activities for our spiritual and relational growth. **Summer Camps** are always a great way to make new friends, reunite with old ones, and mature one's faith. Registration is now open to both summer camps that we corporately attend as a youth group. Camp Bandina will be June 10-16. Camp Wyldewood: Session 4 will be July 8-19. The sign up links can be found at:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/forms-resources.html>

## Treehouse Kids' News

There will be a **Sunday FUNday** April 29 immediately following the morning assembly. Bring your casual clothes and a contribution to the potluck: sandwiches, chips, and/or cookies. Plan to fellowship, let the kids play on the playground or a game of kickball, football, etc. A fishing tournament will begin at 12:00 p.m., final weigh in at 2:00 p.m.

**Bible Builders** for children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year." The memory verse for April is I Kings 18:21 - "If the Lord is the One and only God, follow Him."

**Sprouts Story & Craft Time** meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Foyer.

**Little Lambs Play Group** meets Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

## Prayers

- ✠ **Nikki Rogers**/released from hospital April 11/She is doing much better.
- ✠ **Joey Chandler**/sister-in-law of Judy Cole/neck surgery April 10/Please keep Joey in your prayers as she recovers.
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Nancy Stucky, and Steven Talbott.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jeff Branton, John Chegin, Donna Dunham, Mike Ferdinand, Shawna Holland, Peggy Hutchinson, Mike Knappier, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Lisa Middlebrook, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.**
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Shirley Jones, Sterling Lockwood, Bridget Lovell, Rick Medford, Nancy Palmer, Danyce Rundell, Danna & Texas Stevens.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Azlyne Anderson, John Paul Grady, Harry Hallows, Sandy Hyde, Leilani Palmer, Connie Theilen and Mary Zuniga.**

## This Week

Today		Senior Parent Letter Recording Senior's Table Display Items Due 3:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Taryn Tuttle 6:15 p.m. Bible Builders (Elisha and Naaman) 7:00 p.m. Youth Devo
Monday		6:00 p.m. Pickleball
Tuesday		9:50 a.m. Ladies' Bible Class 11:30 a.m. Men's Luncheon - The Egg & I 6:45 p.m. Young Professionals Bible Study 7:00 p.m. EEM Banquet
Wednesday		9:00 a.m. Quilting Group 10:00 a.m. Sprout Story & Craft Time 5:30 p.m. Meal 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes
Thursday		10:00 a.m. Community Bible Class
Friday		10:00 a.m. Little Lambs Play Group
Saturday		10:00 a.m. Girls Conference

## Upcoming Events

April 22	Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion - Jason's Deli
April 28	Hannah's Hope Banquet
April 29	Arms of Hope Donations Due Treehouse Kids Sunday FUNday
May 5	Men's Breakfast Senior Banquet
May 6	Senior Sunday
May 8	Ladies' Bible Class Special Event
May 19	Golf Tournament (Deer Park)
May 28	Church Offices Closed
May 30	Youngest Men Lead Singing
June 3	Baby Shower for Maggie Spears
June 10-16	Youth - Camp Bandina
June 11-14	VBS
June 22-24	Family Camp
July 4	Church Offices Closed
July 8-19	Youth - Camp Wyldewood
July 22	Elder/Deacon Meeting
July 29	Serve Impact CofC Meal
September 3	Church Offices Closed
October 21	Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting
October 28	Serve Impact CofC Meal
November 21	No Children's Classes/Combined Devo/No Meal
November 22-23	Church Offices Closed

***A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.***

**APRIL DONATION NEEDS:**

**WOCC Sharing Pantry:** Tomato Products & Pasta

**Arms of Hope:** Saran Wrap

**The Children's Home of Lubbock:** Bed in a Bag (twin)

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