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### What Happened to Repentance?

Politicians have learned that if you will simply “ride it out” long enough, it will go away. Another crisis will come along that will put the focus somewhere else and it all goes away. Justice is often controlled by political climate.

Not so with God. He doesn’t turn a blind eye to sin. It doesn’t fade away because he becomes distracted. Time and circumstance have no affect on God’s righteousness and justice. That means, among other things, that we cannot deliberately decide that we want to ignore God’s teaching and reap no consequences.

That’s John’s message in I John 1:

His premise is “God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.” He then tells us what that means to us and our relationship to him:

There is some darkness in our lives. Every single one of us has sinned. That darkness (sin) has broken our relationship with him – because “in him there is no darkness at all.” Time will not erase it. God doesn’t forget it and he does not ignore it. Every sin will be punished with full justice – separation from God.

God, because of his incomprehensible love, has provided a way for justice to be served and our relationship to him to be restored. Our part of that restoration process requires us to “confess our sins” (v.9). To repent. To determine that we no longer willingly have any part in darkness (sin).

I’m not sure what happened to repentance and confession. They have all but disappeared! We don’t want anyone to be embarrassed, so we just “ride it out” – assuming it will go away. It won’t. John says that we are deceiving ourselves (v.8).

Listen carefully to this fearsome warning – “If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgement and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.” – Heb. 10:26-27

-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

<b>Sunday</b>	9:15 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly - <b>TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Class - <b>Online Streaming Only</b>

August 23, 2020

**Elder of the Day** Scott Blake  
**Communion Leader** Jordan Fontenot

### Adult Bible Classes:

“Behold Our God” by Marty Miller  
 Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Center Auditorium

“Assurance” by Raymond Walker  
 Wednesdays Online Streaming Only @ 7:00 p.m.

### Teen Bible Classes:

“Genesis” (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
 Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
 Chapel Center Auditorium

“Hebrews” (7th–12th) Small Groups Continuing  
 Sunday Evenings @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Contact Jordan Fontenot for more information

“1 & 2 Thessalonians” (7th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
 Wednesdays - Watrous home @ 7:00 p.m.

\*Links for streaming Bible classes and Worship:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUclVYA>  
 Youth: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB61DYyDLiA/>  
 Children: Woodland Oaks Children’s Ministry Facebook Page

### Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0–2 years	A105/A106
3–4 years	C103
5 years–3rd grade	Family Life Center
4th–5th grade	A101
6th grade	A102

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### Elders

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 Nathan Ingram

Butch Merriman  
 Elton Stubblefield  
 Raymond Walker

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### Last Week’s Attendance

#### Sunday, August 16, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class	168
10:15 AM Worship	281 @ WOCC 590 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	N/A
Contribution	\$24,657.02

#### Wednesday, August 19, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	N/A
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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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### Deacons

**Administration** Joel Blake  
**Audio/Visual & Media** Mark Jetton  
**Building & Grounds** Larry Brabham  
 Ken Purvis

**Children’s Programs** Todd Watrous  
 Richard Hyde  
**Education** Matt Fitzgerald  
 Adam Fracht  
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**Family Life Center** Chris Davis  
**Fellowship** Tim Riggs  
**Finance** Jeff Fleming  
 Brandon Smith

**Foreign Missions** Paul Gidden  
 Brian Lee  
**Information Technology** Al Ardito

**Involvement** Frank Kerze  
**Networks/Special Ministries** Jeremy Haynes  
**Sharing** Kyle Gordley  
 Bradley Welborn

**Reaching Out** Gavin Dao  
**Ushers** Tony Bloom  
 Ben Brockman

**Welcome Center/ Visitor Contacts**  
**Visitation - Hospital & Homebound/Men’s Ministry** Robert Shock

**Worship** Eric Kirkland  
 Bill Malone  
 Brant Mathis  
**Youth** Matt Hemphill  
 Terence O’Connor

### 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

Actual unrestricted contributions through June 30, 2020 are \$689,320 compared with a budgeted amount of \$708,789 producing a deficit of (\$19,469)

### Notes

## Update from Elders

August 14, 2020

Woodland Oaks Brothers and Sisters,

Effective August 16, we will open an additional Sunday morning bible class for children 3-4 years of age. Children's classes will be as follows:

- Ages 0 - 2 years will meet in the Nursery (12-24 month classroom) and will be taught by Allison Brockman. Mothers will attend with their children and will be asked to hold their children in their laps throughout the class period.
- **Ages 3 - 4 years will meet in the Bible Builders classroom in the Chapel and will be taught by Suzy Gidden and Beth Brockman. Mothers (or a family member stand-in) will be asked to remain throughout the class period.**
- Ages 5 - 3rd grade will meet in the Family Life Center and will be taught by Jenn Tolbert.
- Ages 4th - 5th grade will meet in A-101 and will be taught by Richard Hyde
- Ages 6th grade will meet in A-102 and will be taught by Sheri Butler.

There are no changes to our adult and youth bible classes. Sunday morning bible classes start at 9:15 a.m., with worship services following at 10:15 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you soon in one of the bible classes.

Your elders

## Reminders

We are now in **Phase 2** of our reopening plans. You can find the letter from the Elders and Phase I & 2 -What to Expect Documents here:

[http://woodlandoaks.org/img/service-times-box\\_19\\_2695637044.pdf](http://woodlandoaks.org/img/service-times-box_19_2695637044.pdf).

**Sunday Bible Class** – 9:15 a.m. – Sunday Morning Bible Class will also be live streaming at: <http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUclVYA>

**Sunday Morning Worship** – 10:15 a.m. – Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. Sunday Morning Assembly will also be live streaming at links above.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Class** will be live streaming only at 7:00 p.m. at links above.

## Announcements

**SMILE FOR A CHILD** Boxes/donations are due **TODAY**. You can find more details here: [Smile-for-a-Child.pdf](#). Please contact Glenda Haggard for more information.

## Youth News

**Small Groups** will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Fontenot if you would like to participate.

**Tuesday Bible Study** meets Tuesdays at the Fontenot home at 7:00 p.m. until further notice.

There will be **Youth Bible Class** Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at the Watrous home.

## Treehouse Kids' News

There will be a **Virtual Children's Bible Class** with Mrs. Jenn Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Watch live on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook page.

## Thank you

Dear Church Family,  
I wanted to thank each of you for the calls, prayers and get well messages I received during my recent illness with the Coronavirus—it has been quite a journey and I thank each of you for your prayers.

In Christian Love,  
Mike Williams

Dear Precious Woodland Oaks Family,  
My mom and I deeply appreciate the lovely double plant in a basket! It is such a wonderful reminder of all the Christians that care and are praying. We are taking our grief one day at a time. We received many, many cards of sympathy from WOCC! COVID has not stopped you from reaching out to those in pain. Thank you & glory to God in heaven for all the blessings that He provides!

In Christ,  
Janet (Kirby) Logan & Robbie Kirby

Dear Woodland Oaks Family,  
After 31 years in the Houston area, we have moved to Dallas to be near family and to await the birth of our first grandchild. We will always treasure our 15 years at Woodland Oaks and the bonds of friendship and fellowship we have formed with you. We are ever grateful for the many kindnesses you have shown us and our daughters. It is our fervent prayer that you all continue to increase in your love for one another and for God.

Our very best to you all,  
Rick & Brandy Medford

Dear Church Family,  
I want to thank you all for your kind words, care packages, lovely cards, flowers, and prayers after my husband's passing. Each and every one of them meant so much to my family and I. I am so blessed to have a church that cares so deeply for its members.

Blessings to you all,  
Joyce Pieper and family

## This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	<b>Smile for a Child Boxes/Donations Due</b> Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Virtual Bible Class/Small Groups
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class - Online Only Youth Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's on 1488
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery

## Upcoming Events

September 6	Fall Quarter Begins
September 7	Church Offices Closed
September 13	Sunny Glen Donations Due
October 25	Impact CofC Meal

## Expectant Family

Lizzie & Mike Stegall

## New Members

Nick & Alyssa Bishop

## Prayers

- ✚ **Jennifer Watrous**/will have heart ablation procedure August 25.
- ✚ **Angie Short**/has developed blood clots following heel surgery/please pray for her recovery.
- ✚ **Skip (Willie) Foreman**/fell and broke his hip/Please pray for healing.
- ✚ **Wally Westbrook**/is in Methodist Hospital at The Medical Center.
- ✚ **Danyce Rundell**/stent surgery August 18 went well/she is recovering at home.
- ✚ **David Bass**/brother of Kaye Shock/undergoing treatment at MD Anderson.
- ✚ **Bobbie Fellabaum**/back surgery scheduled for September 2.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Joe Guidry, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Rose Talbott, Marla West.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Judy Henss, Bill Malone.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Heath Nevels, Leilani Palmer.**

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

**AUGUST DONATION NEEDS:**

**WOCC Sharing Pantry: Jello, Pudding Packs & Mixes, Seasoning & Gravy Envelopes, Condiments**

**Sunny Glen Children's Home: Floor Cleaner & Disinfecting Wipes**

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)