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Masks . . . or No Mask?

Since I have recently ventured into deep water with bulletin articles (“Do I Have to Buy the Whole Thing?” and “Was Jesus Woke?”) . . . and since there may be a few folks I have not yet offended, let me try one more time.

I seriously doubt, in the midst of this virus pandemic, if there is anyone who does not have a pretty definite opinion about wearing a mask. That’s ok. You have a right to your opinion. So does everyone else.

This strikes me as a classic opportunity for us to apply the principles of Romans 14 which provides principles to enable us to maintain unity in God’s family when we are facing differences of opinion.

The text uses two examples of differing opinions – whether or not it is acceptable to observe special days and if it is permissible to eat meat offered to idols. Both of these were creating division in the Lord’s church.

Today’s application – Must I wear a mask, or do I have the right to not wear a mask?

Because of severely-limited space, let me cut to the chase:

There are two principles involved in the biblical guidelines contained in this text.

First - How does this affect my relationship to the Lord? I dare say that both sides will answer, “It doesn’t affect my relationship to the Lord.” I agree.

But the second principle brings up another consideration – one that we tend to treat much less seriously – BUT GOD DOESN’T! How does [wearing a mask or not] affect my relationship to my brothers and sisters?

As we are attempting to re-open our assemblies and Bible classes, we have been requested to wear a mask while we are transitioning to our seat and as we are transitioning from our seat to our cars. Lord willing, the day will come when this won’t be an issue but currently we have families and individuals who will not attend while some refuse to wear a mask.

I hope you will take a few minutes to read and apply Romans 14. Let me stop with this quote – “Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.”

I hope you recognize and treasure the rare spirit of peace and unity we have here at WOCC. I pray that we love the Lord and one another enough to not allow something as temporary and insignificant as this to create any hint of division in God’s family.

Please understand that I am not trying to make any decision for you. I’m asking that as you make your decision, that you consider not only your personal preferences but also the affect your decision has on others.

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

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Elder of the Day Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Brandon Smith

Adult Bible Classes:

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

“Overcoming . . . ” by Various Teachers
 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/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB61DYvDLiA/>
 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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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, August 23, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class	163
10:15 AM Worship	277 @ WOCC 474 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	N/A
Contribution	\$24,309.02

Wednesday, August 26, 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:
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Visitor Contacts

Visitation - Hospital & Robert Shock
Homebound/Men’s Ministry

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, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through July 31st, 2020 are \$793,271 compared with a budgeted amount of \$817,834 producing a deficit of (\$24,563).

Notes

Update from Elders

Date August 28, 2020

Woodland Oaks Brothers and Sisters,

Effective September 9, we will begin a soft restart of our Wednesday evening services. This will include time for songs and prayer, followed by a combined adult Bible class. The children and youth Wednesday Bible classes will continue to be streaming only, as there will be no other Bible classes at the building at this time. Our Wednesday assembly will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Effective September 13, we will also begin a restart of our Sunday evening worship assembly. Communion will be offered in the Family Life Center at the designated time. Evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m. Both of these restart assemblies will be streamed.

All current safety protocols for Sunday morning worship will remain in effect for all assemblies. We especially stress the importance of self-screening before coming to the assembly. If you are running a fever or showing any potential symptoms (cough, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, etc.), please stay home and stream services.

Those in high risk categories for infection are encouraged to remain at home and stream our worship services for your safety. This includes those older than 65, diabetics, those with chronic heart or lung disease, those with immune deficiencies and some pregnant women.

We thank everyone for your ongoing cooperation, encouragement and prayers. We ask for your continued prayers as we begin the restart of these additional assemblies. We love each of you and appreciate your willingness to take appropriate precautions to protect our members and our community.

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_21_1214326865.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 until September 9 at 7:00 p.m. at links above.

Announcements

Congratulations to **Anthony Jones** who was baptized into Christ Saturday, August 15. Welcome to the family Anthony!

2020 Fall Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Sunday classes will begin September 6 and conclude November 29. Wednesday evening classes will begin September 2 and continue through November 25.

Dates	Subjects	Teachers	Location
Sundays	How to Keep Fear From Scaring You to Death	Nathan Ingram Sam Bradley	Worship Center Auditorium
Wednesdays	Overcoming . . .	Various Teachers	Worship Center Auditorium

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.

Scooters and Sno Cones will be Saturday, September 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite scooter or ride on and enjoy a sno cone! Please RSVP on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Page.

There will be a **Friday Fun Day at Dewberry Farms** October 2. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets must be reserved in advance, so please RSVP on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Page by September 18.

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

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	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
	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class: Overcoming Unforgiveness by Steve Talbot
		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
September 18	RSVP due for THK FFD @ Dewberry Farms
September 19	THK Scooters & Sno Cones

Thank you

I want to thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers, and cards during the wait on my surgery because of Covid-19 and my surgery. I received many cards from ones I haven't had the pleasure of meeting yet. It was so incredibly uplifting for Rudy and I and we're so blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Love, Rudy & Judy Henss

Expectant Families

Lizzie & Mike Stegall
Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

Prayers

- ✠ **Skip Foreman**/remains in Memorial Hermann hospital in The Woodlands/he has developed pneumonia.
- ✠ **Patty**/twin sister of Betty Fowler/serious health issues/Please pray for her comfort and that the right decisions will be made for her.
- ✠ **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 Talbot, Marla West.**
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Judy Henss, Bill Malone, Danyce Rundell, Angie Short, Jennifer Watrous, Wally Westbrook.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Heath Nevels, Leilani Palmer.**