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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, December 6, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship 281 @ WOCC 498 Views online

6:00 PM Worship Contribution

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class

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

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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 October 31, 2020 are \$1,155,005 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,172,228 producing a deficit of (\$17,223).

Notes

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**

Wednesday

7:00 PM Bible Classes

December 13, 2020

Elder of the Day

Butch Merriman

Communion Leader

Kyle Gordley

Adult Bible Classes:

"Judges: Is God my god?" by Michael Matheidas Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. Worship Center Auditorium

"Christian Attitudes" by Mac Brockman Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"Revelation" (7th -12th) by Jordan Fontenot Sundays @ 9:15 a.m. **Chapel Center Auditorium**

"Gospels" (7th—12th) by Jordan Fontenot Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. **Chapel Center Auditorium**

*Links for streaming Bible classes and Worship:

http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html or https://www.voutube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1iFwx1g7rDUclVYA Youth: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB61DYyDLiA/ Children: Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook Page

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

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Preventing Divorce

Again and again across the years, someone has said to me, "But I don't want a divorce." Then I would say to you, "Don't have one!"

If you do not want a divorce, put your mate first. I shudder when I hear a parent say, "Oh, I put my children ahead of everything!" You should put your spouse first, knowing that the greatest gift you can ever bestow upon your son or daughter is the security which comes from knowing that mother and daddy love each other. Growing up in a house with that kind of security is better than living at Windsor Castle any day!

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to express your love to your mate. Love is never out of style or out of date. There is no taboo on tenderness in any culture. A man needs to be loved at 50 no less than on his wedding night.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to live within your means. It is a fine thing to do with, but it is even better to be able to do without successfully! Refuse to live beyond your income or to become a compulsive buyer. Piling up debts has a way of breaking down a marriage.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to build, not blast, the self-esteem of your partner. Practically all of us, from time to time, wonder about our worth. In those moments, nothing is so damaging as the discovery that the one person who ought to know and love us best is the very person who puts us down!

If you do not want a divorce, then do not marry a mate with the idea of reforming him or her. It has been my studied conclusion that very few people are ever changed by the simple action of walking down a marriage aisle.

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to compromise with each other. Never forget that the sweetest words ever to fall from human lips are "I'm sorry, please forgive

If you do not want a divorce, then seek and find common goals and directions. We are living in a day when each does "his own thing," the wife going in one direction, the husband another, with rarely the twain meeting. Look for projects which can be pursued together.

If you do not want a divorce, then reject interference from in-laws and relatives. You have left your parents and must "cleave to your wife."

If you do not want a divorce, then learn to communicate to your mate that which is in your heart. Find a way to say what you think and why. The surest road I know leading to the divorce court is the one which passes through a hall of silence.

If you do not want a divorce, then determine today that your marriage is a gift from God, set apart by God, designed to last as long as you or your spouse live and is pleasing in God's sight. The greatest thing that can happen to a person's marriage is to get right with the Lord! I know that is what a preacher is expected to say - but it is true – everlastingly true! When a husband gives his life to God and begins to live according to the Bible it does make a difference at home. When a wife begins to love God with all her heart, soul, and strength, it does make a difference. The children will be able to sense it, the neighbors will notice it, and the church will rejoice over it.

> Paul Rogers Centerville, Tennessee

Announcements

Keith Kasarjian, the director of Extension Studies for the Bear Valley Bible Institute, will be our guest speaker <u>TONIGHT</u>. WOCC partners with Bear Valley in the support of an extension school in Zimbabwe. You will not want to miss his lesson.

Impact Church of Christ Adopt-A-Family gifts are due <u>TODAY!</u>
Please place wrapped and labeled gifts in the Family Life Center.

There will be **NO Community Bible Class** for the rest of 2020. We will resume January 7, 2021.

There is now a **New Young Adult Bible Class** for ages 18-25 Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning December 16 in the Magnolia Room (C106). The class will be organized by Daniel Watrous and Andrew Isherwood. Contact Daniel for more information.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Ann Wilson at the loss of her husband, and our brother, **B. Jack Wilson**, Sunday, December 6. Due to the hazards of the pandemic, Ann Wilson has decided there will be no services held. B. Jack was laid to rest December 10, in his hometown of Venus, Texas in a private burial. The family is very grateful for all the prayers and kindnesses shown to them during this time of sadness. You can read the obituary and leave a note of sympathy or tribute to B. Jack at: https://www.addisonfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Buster-Wilson/#!/TributeWall.

Expectant Families

Cecilia & Tony Bloom

Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

Erica & Jeremy Lunn

Doug & Lindsey Peak

Hannah & Kolt Phillips

Chelsea & David Sparks

Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

Youth News

Youth Invasion will be <u>TONIGHT</u> immediately following the evening assembly.

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jetton Home.

Progressive Dinner will be this Friday, December 18. Meet at the building at 5:00 p.m. dressed in semi-formal holiday attire. We will then travel to 3 separate houses (One for appetizers, one for entree, and one for dessert). Once we arrive at the dessert house (the Bryant home) we will have a gift exchange, and afterwards we will return to the building. Limit for these gifts will be \$10. Host for the appetizer home is still needed, so if you can host, please let Jordan Fontenot know.

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, December 20 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center.

Save the date! The **Youth Winter Retreat** will be February 12-14.

Prayers

- **♣ Aaron Hopper**/hospitalized with COVID-19 December 9.
- **† Jennifer Watrous**/had third heart ablation procedure Monday, December 7/recovering at home.
- ₱ Members battling cancer: Chuck Birt, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.
- Friends & family battling cancer: Mary Aldaz, Jennifer Woodward Banks, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Barbara Conrad, Fred Conrad, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Susan May, Andrea Finley Nelson, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow, Marla West.
- Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Lacye Neely, Lauren Neely, John O'Connor, Kyle Prichard, Janis Stegall, Ann Wilson.**
- **†** Please remember friends & family: **Oel Castner, Pat Nevels, Don Norwood, Leilani Palmer.**

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer. DECEMBER DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Personal Care Items: shampoo, soap, toothpaste, hygiene products, adult diapers, baby care items

	This Week			
-	Today		Adopt-A-Family Gifts Due	
		9:15 a.m.	Bible Class	
		10:15 a.m.	Worship	
		6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship	
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion	
	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study	
	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class	
	Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's on 1488	
		6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery	
	Friday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Progressive Dinner	

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Upcoming Events				
December 20	Youth Devo			
December 23	Combined Devo - No Children's Classes			
December 24-25	Church Offices Closed			
December 27	Youth Invasion			
December 30	Combined Devo - No Children's Classes			
January 1	Church Offices Closed			
January 2	Men's Breakfast			
January 3	Congregational Singing			
January 7	Community Bible Class Resumes			
January 23	Baby Shower for Jessica Weatherholt			
February 6	Men's Breakfast			
February 7	Congregational Singing			
February 12-14	Youth Winter Retreat			
March 6	Men's Breakfast			
March 7	Spring Quarter Begins			
	Congregational Singing			
March 26-28	Texas Bible Bowl Program			