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JESUS ONLY OR US ONLY?

One church had a sign in front of its building that read: JESUS ONLY. A windstorm blew away the first three letters and left US ONLY. Without Jesus the church becomes: “us only”. The church needs to keep focused on Jesus.

In Colossians 1:18 we learn that Jesus is the head of the body and is supreme over the church. If a church ignores the leadership of Christ, what will it be the church of? Without Jesus, the church is just another group of people. To be God’s people we must follow the example and teachings of Jesus.

Vance Havner observed, “We are hearing today about those who like Christ but do not like the church. But Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it. How can we like the head, but not the body, the Groom but not the Bride?” The church is important because of its relationship with Jesus. The term “church of Christ” means that we are a people who belong to Christ. Jesus saves. The church is the saved.

Everett Ferguson in his excellent book *The Church of Christ, A Biblical Ecclesiology For Today* made a simple but profound statement, “God gave a *person*, then a *proclamation*, and then a *people*. This is the historical and theological order.” The person is Jesus. The proclamation centered in Jesus. The Bible is the written form of that proclamation. The proclaimed word calls and gathers a people. Those people are the church.

Is the church important? Yes, but only when it follows Jesus as its head. Otherwise we become “us only”.

**Tom Keener
Mart, Texas**

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

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Elder of the Day Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Chuck Bryant

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.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
Kinder–1st grade	C201
2nd–3rd	C106/Magnolia Room
4th–5th grade	A101
6th grade	A102

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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, November 29, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class	193
10:15 AM Worship	310 @ WOCC 484 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	125
Contribution	\$18,153.47

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	93
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<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
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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 October 31, 2020 are \$1,155,005 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,172,228 producing a deficit of (\$17,223).

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Case Tolbert** who was baptized into Christ Sunday, November 29. Welcome to the family Case!

Congregational Singing will be **TONIGHT** during the evening assembly.

Spring Branch Church of Christ is holding their yearly **Winter Coat Drive**. Please bring donations of new or gently used coats for infants through adults and place them in the bins in the church foyer by **TODAY**. There is especially a need for children's sized clothes.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Keith Kasarjian, the director of Extension Studies for the Bear Valley Bible Institute, will be our guest speaker Sunday evening, December 13. WOCC partners with Bear Valley in the support of an extension school in Zimbabwe. You will not want to miss his lesson.

There is a **Sign-Up for Impact Church of Christ Adopt-A-Family** in the foyer. Gifts are due Wednesday, December 16.

Impact Houston Church of Christ Donation pick-ups have resumed. Donations may be left in the east stairwell of the Education Center.

Children's News

There will be a **WOCC Preschool/Homeschool Christmas Party** this Friday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jennifer Tolbert. We will be making Christmas cards and other fun activities. Please bring food to share, and a small donation for stamps would be appreciated. Please RSVP by calling/texting Anne Jetton.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone that helped in the college and military bags this year. So many of you have made monetary contributions, item donations, and written encouraging notes. We are all blessed to be part of such a loving church family. A special thank you to Glenda Haggard, Brynn and Krista Chapman, and John Tolbert for helping assemble the bags. Thanks also for Kendra Blake and Glenda Haggard for taking up donations. This has been a stressful year for everyone, but especially for our college students. Their lives have been turned upside down. Knowing that their church family is thinking about them and praying for them is comforting. Thanks again for all of your help.

In Christian love, Denise Tolbert

Our sincere appreciation for your loving care of us these past years and in recent days.

Wally loved life and he loved his church family! Your support of us in prayer, cards, calls, delicious food, and grocery runs, to name a few, helped us so much.

We will always remember and thank God for all of you!

Ella & the Family of Wally Westbrook

I wanted to say thank you for all the goodies! I appreciate it very much. So thank you again!

Destiny LeRibeus

Youth News

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

There will be a **Girls/Guys Night Out** this Friday, December 11. **Guys:** Meet at The Woodlands Mall in the food court next to the carousel at 5:30 p.m. We will all grab something to eat from somewhere in the food court. We will then walk over to 'Escape The Room' and run the 'Submarine' escape room. Plan on being finished around 8:30 p.m. Cost of the escape room is \$20. Please also bring money for food. If \$20 is too steep for you, let Jordan Fontenot know and we will work something out. **Girls:** More details coming soon!

Progressive Dinner will be 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. Hosts for the appetizer and entree house are still needed, so if you can host, please let Jordan Fontenot know.

Expectant Families

Cecilia & Tony Bloom
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald
Erica & Jeremy Lunn
Hannah & Kolt Phillips
Chelsea & David Sparks
Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

Prayers

- ✝ **Jennifer Watrous**/ third heart ablation procedure scheduled for Monday, December 7 at Memorial Hermann Downtown.
- ✝ **B. Jack Wilson**/fell November 30/he is in Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital ICU with fluid on his lungs/COVID-19.
- ✝ **Lauryn Neely**/tested positive with COVID-19 and was admitted to Memorial Hermann Hospital.
- ✝ **Pat Nevels**/mother of David Nevels/COVID-19.
- ✝ **Ann Wilson**/COVID-19.
- ✝ **Lacye Neely**/COVID-19.
- ✝ **Janis Stegall**/COVID-19.
- ✝ **John O'Connor**/COVID-19.
- ✝ 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, Skip Foreman, Kyle Prichard, Angie Short, Mary Williams.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Oel Castner, Don Norwood, Leilani Palmer.**

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Winter Quarter Begins
	10:15 a.m.	Winter Coat Drive Donations Due
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Devo
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's on 1488
	6:30 p.m.	Community Bible Class
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Celebrate Recovery
	5:30 p.m.	WOCC Preschool/Homeschool Christmas Party
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Guys Night Out
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Youth Girls Night Out
		Men's Breakfast

Upcoming Events

December 13	Guest Speaker Keith Kasarjian - Bear Valley Youth Invasion
December 16	Impact Adopt-A-Family Gifts Due
December 18	Youth Progressive Dinner
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
February 6	Men's Breakfast

Sympathy

Heartfelt sympathy to Mary Ann Western at the loss of her mother, **Martha Frances Western**, Wednesday, December 2. The funeral was Saturday, December 5 in Tennessee.

Deepest condolences to Joveta Laird at the loss of her daughter, and our sister, **Kathy Boyer**, Wednesday, November 25. The funeral was held December 4.

Heartfelt condolences to Kermit Brooks at the loss of his mother, **Esther Brooks**, Thursday, November 26. The service was held December 5.

Deepest Sympathy to Steven Talbott at the loss of his brother-in-law, **Jim Farley**, Saturday, November 28. The funeral was held December 4 in West Virginia.

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

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