

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

9:00 AM Bible Classes (offered for all ages)  
 10:15 AM Morning Worship Assembly  
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly

**Tuesday**

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Class (September-May)  
 6:45 PM Young Professionals' Bible Study

**Wednesday**

7:00 PM Bible Class

**Thursday**

10:00 AM Community Bible Class (Preschool Childcare Provided)



**Sunday, January 17, 2016**

9:00 AM Bible Class	383
10:15 AM Worship	499
6:00 PM Worship	248
Contribution	\$22,967.90

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

7:00 PM Bible Class	280
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**THOSE CHOSEN TO SERVE TODAY**

January 24, 2016	Morning Service	Evening Service
<b>Hosts</b>	Karen Hopper/Lisa Geerman	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
<b>First Prayer</b>	Ben Winford	Morgan Whatley
<b>Communion Coordinator</b>	Larry Abston	Larry Abston
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	Chuck Bryant	Glenn Addison/Brian Lee
<b>Second Prayer &amp; Scripture Reading</b>	Greg Mize	Sterling Lockwood
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	Flo Mata	Raymond Walker
<b>Nursery</b>	Patty Yates/Jill Bradley	
<b>Lead Coordinator</b>	Nathan Lockwood	Nathan Lockwood

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<b>Elders</b>			
Gary Erwin	Mark Freeman	Nathan Ingram	Flo Mata
Butch Merriman	John Rowe	Elton Stubblefield	Raymond Walker
<b>Deacons</b>			
Administration			Joel Blake
Audio/Visual & Media			Mark Jetton, Gary LeMaire
Building & Grounds			Ken Purvis & Doug Tucker
Children's Programs			Richard Hyde
Communication			Anthony Dozier
Education			Matt Fitzgerald & Quinn Tolbert
Family Life Center			Chris Davis
Fellowship			Tim Riggs
Finance			Jeff Fleming & Brandon Smith
Foreign Missions			Paul Gidden & Bobby Hulett
Greeting & Welcome Center			Ben Brockman & Michael Matheidas
Involvement			Brian Lee
Local Evangelism			Chuck Bryant
Special Ministries			Dan Gray
Sharing			Bradley Welborn & Kyle Gordley
Ushers			Kermit Brooks
Visitor Contacts			James Young
Worship			Scott Blake, Joey Dawson, Bill Malone & Brant Mathis
Youth			Matt Hemphill & Terence O'Connor
<b>Servant Minister</b>			
Visitation—Hospital/Shut-Ins			Tom Herrick
<b>Ministers</b>			
Pulpit	Ken Stegall		kstegall@woodlandoaks.org
Youth	Chris Tomberlin		chris.tomberlin@woodlandoaks.org
<b>Office Staff</b>			
	Gina Talbott		Stephanie Freeze
<b>Bible Class Coordinators</b>			
Cradle Roll			Jean Erwin
Youth			Matt Hemphill
Adult			Cleo Tarver
<b>Supported Mission Works</b>			
Ron Clayton			India
Tyrone Mynhier			South Sudan
Benin School of Preaching			West Africa
Mission Printing			Arlington, Texas
Pat Scheaffer			Adventures in Missions
Steve Austin			Texas International Bible Institute
Ralph Williams			Instructor-Bear Valley Institute Extension School Program
	Eastern European Missions		Biblical Institute of Central America
<b>Supported Children's Homes</b>			
	Arms of Hope		Olive Branch Ministries—Peru
	Cherokee Home for Children		Sunny Glen Children's Home
	Children's Homes of Lubbock		Hannah's Hope—Cambodia



**Woodland Oaks**  
 CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 24, 2016

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**Why?**

Children—especially our own—teach us some of the most valuable lessons in life. They teach us patience. They teach us how to love unconditionally. They teach us patience. They remind us to appreciate simple, beautiful things in life. They teach us patience. When they get older, they teach us self-discipline—we allow them to continue living! . . . because they taught us patience.

Every age brings its particular challenges. One such challenge is when they start asking, “Why?” When that first begins, we parents are thrilled (if it’s the first child) because we take it as a sign of intelligence. We haven’t yet learned that it is a form of torture.

What may begin as inquisitiveness soon develops into a form of rebellion—questioning not why the sky is blue, but rather why do I have to . . . brush my teeth . . . wear a coat . . . eat vegetables . . . go to school . . . do this stupid homework?

When it begins, any answer will do. Subject closed. But soon, your answer is followed by another “why.” . . and another and another until you finally say, “Because I say so!”

It occurs to me that God did that frequently when he was teaching his people about himself and giving them laws to guide their lives. He reminded them frequently “I am the Lord.” That’s a rough equivalent to “Because I say so!”

At some point questioning can become a challenge to authority. To be sure, the problem is not that we question, the key is why we question. God has provided us—as he did Israel—with much more than enough evidence that we should trust him. Demanding to know “why” may be evidence that we consider ourselves to be the authority. If we don’t like the response we get to our questions, we’ll choose to go our own way and ignore God.

Are you content to allow God to say, “Because I say so?” It’s a matter of trust (faith).

-Ken Stegall

## Announcements

**W**elcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ. We are honored you chose to worship with us this morning. Please complete the attendance card in the pew in front of you and place it in the contribution plate. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!


### We invite you to join any of our Adult Bible Classes:


**“A Study of Angels”** by Elton Stubblefield  
Location: Chapel Center Auditorium

**“Conversational Christianity”** by Scott Logan  
Location: Worship Center Room 101

**“Marriage: What Was God Thinking?”** by Nathan Ingram  
(20s & 30s i.e. TNT)  
Location: Worship Center Room 102

**“Selected Subjects Important to Young Professionals”** by Robert Shock  
(Singles & Young Professionals)  
Location: Education Center Room B107

 A staffed nursery for children birth to 2 years is available during each Sunday morning worship assembly in the Children’s Wing. A training room is located at the back of the auditorium for ages 3 and older.

 All visitors are invited to be our guests for lunch **TODAY, Sunday, January 24** in the Chapel Center following the morning worship assembly. We look forward to meeting and spending time with you!

### Bible Builders Meets Sunday Evenings

Ages 2 to Kindergarten—Room B106 Education Center  
Children are dismissed during the song before the sermon.

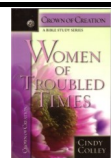
This Week’s Lesson: God’s Promise to Abraham/Isaac: Son of Promise  
Memory Verse: Genesis 1:1—“God created the heavens and the earth.”



## VBS—June 12-16, 2016

**Ladies’ Bible Class Meets Each Tuesday**  
Coffee and snacks 9:30—Class 9:50-11:00 a.m.  
Loving childcare provided.

Topic: Women of Troubled Times by Cindy Colley



### Supplies Requested for Sunny Glen:

 Paper Towels & Instant Side Dishes (Pasta, Rice, Potato)

### Men’s Luncheon

Tuesday, February 2  
11:30 a.m. at Golden Chopsticks



## Announcements

Quarterly Elders & Deacons Meeting  
**TODAY, January 24, 2016**  
4:30 p.m.

Chapel Center Magnolia Room



Thank you everyone for your kind expressions of concern and encouragement in my recent hospital stay and treatment. There were lots of prayers, visits, calls and cards, and all of these are greatly appreciated.

Elton Stubblefield



Church Family,

Thank you very much for the bag of treats! With how stressful University has become for me, I appreciate it very much!

James Eich

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the loving kindness showered on my mother, Beatrice Myers, during her time as a member of Woodland Oaks. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and the arrangement of spring bulbs given to us at her passing at age 101. We are so blessed to be surrounded by loving Christians.

With our love,  
Ken & Susan Coleman & Family

The latest Oaks Chorale CD **“Promised”** is available at the Welcome Center. Pick up your free copy today!



### Children’s Service Project



Please pick up a bag at the Welcome Center to decorate and return by January 31. See April Kerze for more information.

### Leadership Training for Christ Practices Have Begun!

Sign up in Bible Class or at the Welcome Center.



Event	Day	Time	Location
Bible Bowl	Sunday Wednesday	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	B107
Puppets	Sunday	4:00 p.m.	B106
3rd-12th Grade Chorus	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	B107
Song Leading (Begins 1-31)	Sunday	TBD	TBD

**Winter Retreat**  
January 29-31, 2016  
Meeting today at 5:30p.m. in Room A-101 for all attending.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 31 Children Return Decorated Goodie Bags for Service Project  
February 13 Children’s Service Project at The Forum 10:00 a.m.  
Sweetheart Banquet—Sign up today at the Welcome Center!

## THIS WEEK

Today	Visitor Luncheon
	Last Day to Sign Up for Winter Retreat (Youth)
4:00-7:00 p.m.	LTC Practices (See Schedule)
4:30 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Winter Retreat Meeting (Youth)
6:20 p.m.	Bible Builders
Tuesday 9:30 a.m.	Ladies’ Bible Class
6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals’ Bible Study
Wednesday 5:30 p.m.	Meal Followed by Bible Classes
Thursday 10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
Friday 10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
5:00 p.m.	Youth Leave for Winter Retreat
Saturday All Day	Winter Retreat (Youth)

## EXPECTANT FAMILIES

Katy & Jacob Britton  
Amanda & Jeremy Worley

Rose & Alberto De Pena

## PRAYERS

- ✚ **Melissa Costa**/sister of Chris Miley/heart attack scare/doctor concerned about stress levels.
- ✚ **Nancy Lee**/recuperating at home following successful surgery January 13.
- ✚ **Phyllis Dell**/mother of Paige Waddell/cancer/hospice care.
- ✚ **Earl Hurlbert**/Room 461 St. Luke’s The Woodlands Hospital/blood clot/advanced stages of colon cancer.
- ✚ **Tyrone Mynhier**/mission work in South Sudan/returns February 4.
- ✚ **Tom Campbell, Ron Cole, Michael Dawdy, Debbie Kroeschel, Kelly Malone, Butch Merriman, Lisa Middlebrook, Marilyn Pate, Harold Wade and Jim Weldon** are battling cancer.
- ✚ Please remember **Linda Alexander, Margie Biggs, Lorene Burright, Fran Cote, Caleb Cox, Mary Helen Foster, David Garza, Harry Hallows, Debi Hix, Peggy Hutcheson, Shirley Jones, Margret Korner, Marjorie Lockwood, Ronny Matheidas, Georgia Meadows, Carletta Moore, Bill Pieper, Kim Prah, Michael Priest, Gert Robert, Bill Walton, Joshua Watrous, Elizabeth Joan Webb, Karen Weber, Wally Westbrook, Jimmy Worley, Amber Wright and Ellouise Zapalac.**

## JANUARY SHARING PANTRY:

**Breakfast Items: Jellies, breakfast bars, pancake mix, syrup, etc.**  
A cart for donations is in the Worship Center foyer.