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#### **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday, December 31 2017		
9:00 AM Bible Class	269	
10:15 AM Worship	582	
6:00 PM Worship	137	
Contribution	\$40,052.00	
Wednesday, January 3, 2018		

7:00 PM Bible Class

#### **Deacons**

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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

Through November 30, 2017, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$1,263,701.83 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$1,294,424.16 for a deficit of (\$30,722.33).

### **Notes**

January 7 - Evening Assembly - Understanding My Bible - Lesson 32

## **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** 9:00 AM Bible Classes (Offered for All Ages)

10:15 AM Morning Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Evening Assembly

Wednesday 7:00 PM Bible Class

January 7, 2018

**Elder of the Day** John Rowe

**Communion Leader** Brad Raphelt

## **Adult Bible Classes:**

**"Studies in John"** by Dave Short Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

"'Come to Jesus' Meetings" by Robert Dozier Sundays in Worship Center A101

**"Studies in Matthew"** by Joel Blake Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s)

**"A Study of Joshua"** by Scott Logan Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

# **Teen Bible Classes:**

**"1 Samuel"** by Scott Simpson Sundays in Chapel Center C203 (9th-12th)

**"1 Samuel"** by Rick Medford Sundays in Chapel Center C201 (7th & 8th)

**"Various Topics"** by Chris Tomberlin Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203 (7th-12th)

### **Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:**

0-1 years	A103	1st grade	
1 year-olds	A105/106	2nd grade	B203
2 year-olds	A107	3rd grade	
3 year-olds	A108	4th grade	
Pre-K	A109	5th-6th grade	B209
Kindergarten	B200		

A **Facility Map** and other information is available at the Welcome Center. A **Secure Check-in System** is active for children ages <u>0 to 4 years</u>.



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## The Long Way Around

I want to make a suggestion to enhance your experience of reading through your Bible this year - as you read the text, stop after you read a section and summarize what you just read. If possible, summarize it into a single statement and write it down (in the margins of your Bible or if you prefer, a notebook). Practice writing it in the form of a "life principle."

Here is an example: **Exodus 13: 17-18** 

"When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, 'If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt.' So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea..."

Here's the life principle I see in this text (written in the margin of my Bible) – "Sometimes God leads us on 'the long way around' to avoid circumstances we cannot handle."

Now that I think about it, I think I'll write it on a sticky note and put it where I'll see it every day.

May the Lord bless your life with peace and hope and endurance as you read through your Bible this year.

- Ken Stegall

### **Announcements**

**All** ladies are invited to attend **Heart to Home's Pizza, Paint, Praise & Prayer** Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and **PAY** Janis Stegall or Gina Talbott \$7 by <u>TODAY</u> Sunday, January 7 if you will attend. <u>Payment will provide a commitment and ensure the correct number of supplies needed are purchased.</u>

Pickleball resumes tomorrow, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Ladies Bible Class** resumes Tuesday, January 16. Sign up at the Welcome Center <u>TODAY</u>. The books will be passed out Sunday, January 14.

The **Impact Truck** is planning to pick up any of your unneeded, extra or new items that you would like to donate to their ministry Friday, January 19. These items will be used to meet people's needs or sold in their annual garage sale. Small items can be left in the east hall of the Education Building. Please contact Gary Tannahill if you would like to schedule the truck to pick up your large items.

Registration is NOW open for the **WOCC Found Faithful Parenting Seminar** at <u>woccparentingseminar.weebly.com</u>. The seminar will be on March 24-25 and is for parents of children ages birth - 12th grade. Childcare will be provided.

# **Bible Reading**

There are two sign-up lists at the Welcome Center concerning the yearly Bible reading. The **2017 Bible Readers' Banquet** list is for those who have finished reading their Bible in 2017. Our celebratory steak supper will be Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please sign up <u>individually</u> by Sunday, January 14 and indicate if you will be able to attend the banquet and if child care is needed. The **2018 Bible Readers'** sign-up list is for those who plan to read our Bibles through in 2018.

# Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia and for your condolences after Dad passed away. Whether in person or with cards, texts, and memorial gifts, your expressions of love and support were encouraging and uplifting to us. Dad was always quick to point out that the church is where you will find the "best people on earth." Amen, and may the "grace of the Lord Jesus be with all."

With love, The Dobbs Family

### **New Member**

**Tanner Cromeens** 

# **Sympathy**

Heartfelt sympathy on the death of our sister, **Nancy Lee** Thursday, December 28. The Memorial Service was held Saturday, January 6.

## **Youth News**

Those who have signed up to attend the **Challenge Youth Conference** will depart WOCC Friday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m. and will return Sunday, January 14 at 4:00 p.m. Please bring money for two meals and any additional personal purchases. Both students and chaperones must complete the new electronic release forms before the event. You can find these forms at: woodlandoaks.org/forms-resourses.html

Please pick up a new copy of the **Youth Calendar** at the Welcome Center or find it online at: woodlandoaks.org/forms-resourses.html

### LTC

**Bible Bowl Practice** will be each Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. beginning <u>TONIGHT</u>, January 7. Richard Hyde will teach the 7th - 12th graders in room A102, and Alfred Ardito will teach the 3rd - 6th graders in room A101.

### **Treehouse Kids' News**

There will be a **Family Potluck & Bunco Night** <u>TONIGHT</u> immediately following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center. Please bring finger foods to share and a white elephant gift for our prize table.

**Parents of Family Bible Readers:** Families that have completed reading through Hurlbut's Bible Story Book in 2017, please sign up at the Welcome Center or on the Children's Facebook page for our **Family Bible Readers Celebration** to be held this Friday, January 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Incredible Pizza. There is also a **2018 Children's Bible Readers' sign-up** at the Welcome Center.

**Little Lambs Play Group** will resume this Friday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Bible Builders** resumes Sunday evening, January 14 for children ages 2 to 5. The memory verse for January is Genesis 1:1 - "In the beginning, God created the heavens and earth."

**Sprouts Story & Craft Time** will resume Wednesday, January 17.

**Worship Training** for boys ages 4 to 8 will meet Sunday evenings in January at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center to practice leading singing with real A/V equipment. Contact Frank Kerze with the song to be practiced or questions.

# **Prayers**

- **Gert Roberts**/hospitalized at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital with Congestive Heart Failure/Visitors are welcome.
- ♥ **Orton Stoffregen/**newborn nephew of Todd Watrous/admitted to Vanderbilt Hospital (Nashville, TN) January 3 with major heart problems/Major surgery January 4.
- ₱ Members battling cancer: Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, and Steven Talbott.
- ➡ Friends & family battling cancer: Shane Albers, Jeff Branton, John Chegin, Mike Ferdinand, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.
- Please remember our members: Pat Charleston, Wallace Crawley, Ken Coleman, Mary Jane Nevels, Nancy Palmer and Denise Tolbert.
- Please remember friends & family: Harry Hallows, Jesse Leal, John Quinn & family and Kay Thornton.

This Week		
Today		Sign up for Ladies Bible Class
		Payment for H2H's Pizza, Paint, Praise & Prayer Due
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Singing
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Training
	6:00 p.m.	LTC Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	THK Family Potluck & Bunco Night
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals Bible Study
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
	4:00 p.m.	Challenge Youth Conference
	6:00 p.m.	Family Bible Readers' Celebration

# **Upcoming Events**

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January 12-14	CYC - Challenge Youth Conference
January 14	Bible Builders Resumes
January 16	Men's Luncheon
	Ladies Bible Class Resumes
	Heart to Home Pizza, Paint, Praise, & Prayer
January 17	Quilting Group
	Sprouts Story & Craft Time Resumes
January 19	Impact Truck in Area
January 21	LTC Workday
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
January 27	Bible Readers Banquet
January 28	Bridal Shower - Alyssa Short
	Youth Invasion - Zoë's Kitchen
January 31	Young Men Lead Singing
February 1	Community Bible Class Potluck Luncheon
February 3	Men's Breakfast
	Bridal Shower - Leigh Medford (Mata's Home)
February 10	Sweetheart Banquet
February 11	Youth Devo
February 16-18	Youth Winter Retreat
February 18	Youth Invasion - Crust
March 2-3	Family Devo & Games/Service Project/Broomball & Lock-in
March 3	Men's Breakfast
March 24-25	Found Faithful Parenting Conference
March 25	Bridal Shower - Abby Purvis
March 30-31	LTC

# **Expectant Families**

Cody & Dustin Haney Laura & Kevin Sim

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

JANUARY DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Breakfast Items