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Last Week's Attendance

| Sunday, June 24, 2018 | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 164 | |
| 10:15 AM Worship | 559 | |
| 6:00 PM Worship | 215 | |
| Contribution | \$19,011.00 | |
| Wednesday, June 27, 2018 | | |
| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 319 | |

Deacons

Communications Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton Gary LeMaire

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Visitation - Hospital & Robert Shock Shut-Ins/Men's Ministry

> Worship Scott Blake 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

Through May 31, 2018, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$556,363 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$583,559 for a deficit of (\$27,197).

Notes

July 1 - Evening Assembly - Congregational Singing

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

July 1, 2018

Elder of the Day

John Rowe

Communion Leader

Chuck Bryant

Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians" by Chris Wright Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

"Hard Questions Re: God, Bible, Holy Spirit, Women's Roll, etc." by Robert Dozier Sundays in Worship Center A101

> "I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist" by Doug Dobbs Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s and 2018 High School Graduates)

Summer Series: "Wisdom for the Ages" by Various Teachers Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"The Sermon on the Mount" by Grant Fitzhugh Sundays in Chapel Center C203 (9th-12th)

"The Big Picture: Understanding the Bible" by Rick Medford Sundays in Chapel Center C201 (7th & 8th)

"The Journey Home: Lessons from Ezra - Nehemiah" by Chris Tomberlin Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203 (7th-12th)

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

| 0-1 years | A103 | 1st grade | |
|--------------|------|---------------|------|
| 1 year-olds | | 2nd grade | B203 |
| 2 year-olds | A107 | 3rd grade | |
| 3 year-olds | A108 | 4th grade | B208 |
| 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 Gorilla in the Room

Several years ago, there was an experiment called the "gorilla experiment", where three basketball players in white shirts and three players in black shirts all passed a basketball back and forth. The experiment asked the viewer to count how many times the players in white shirts passed the ball. The answer was 15, but the real question in the experiment was: did you see the man in a gorilla costume walk smack into the middle of the game? Astonishingly, 50% of viewers did not! 1

It's really easy to become so consumed by the affairs of life that we neglect the "weightier matters" of living spiritually. Every stage of our lives contains unique challenges. Each change brings new demands when we are dating . . . when we get married . . . when we get a new job . . . when we have children . . . when those children are involved in activities and sports . . . when we deal with physical problems - every point in our life brings demands that can consume all of our time, energy and resources - if we allow it busyness can crowd out the most important things in life.

And the sad reality is that we don't realize it until later in our life. That's when the consequences begin to surface. Soren Kierkegaard perceptively said, "Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards." But there's a sense in which we do get to live life backwards. We have the opportunity to learn from people who have lived their life and reaped the results of both good and bad choices. We don't have to make the same mistakes that have repeatedly proved to bring negative results. We can choose to follow examples from those who have been successful in rearing a godly family. We can choose to follow the examples of Christians who have lived a godly life. We can know the outcome beforehand.

But you need to understand that it will cost you. It will cost you more than most are willing to pay. You'll have to say no not only to ungodliness, but also to many things that are not ungodly - things that are so demanding that they crowd out spiritual matters. We become so focused on physical matters that we lose sight of the truly important things in life.

There will never be anything more important than the Lord and His church. Don't allow yourself and your family to become so involved in things of this life that you can't see the cross and hear its message.

- Ken Stegall

¹NPR, May 19, 2010

Announcements

Congregational Singing will be <u>TONIGHT</u> during the evening assembly.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, July 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Red Lobster.

There will be **NO** Young Professionals Bible Study Wednesday, July 3.

The **Church Offices** will be **Closed** this Wednesday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Community Bible Class will have their monthly **Potluck Luncheon** this Thursday, July 5 immediately following class.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, July 7th at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

The **Wednesday Night Meal** will be served only on August 1. There will be **NO MEAL JULY 4th**. We will return to the regular schedule in the fall.

Several WOCC members and friends are currently participating in mission work with the **Ethiopia/ South Sudan Mission**. Please pray for the team's success and safety as they share God's word.

Our **Celebrate Recovery** program is going to start a new **Men's and Women's Step Study class**. The CR Step Study is designed to have homework each week, and requires a weekly commitment for 6-9 months. If you are interested in this, please send an e-mail to: <u>celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org</u>

FYI: Burton Coffman Commentaries are available free online at: www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc.html

Congratulations to **Jimmy Atkinson** for his special recognition for being an outstanding employee at Lamar Elementary. You may read the article here: https://www.chron.com/neighborhood/moco/news/article/Conroe-ISD-honors-Lamar-Elementary-s-limmy-13018411.php

Expectant Families

Iveth & Todd Freeman Cody & Dustin Haney Mary & Eric Kirkland Christelle Nordgulen Lindsey & Doug Peak Maegan & Brett Rodriguez Maggie & Daniel Spears Ling Ling & Cameron Terry Kaylyn & Randy Wilkinson

Prayers

- **Butch Merriman/**shoulder surgery June 28.
- ₱ Danyce Rundell/has several ongoing health issues as well as severe dehydration/taken to emergency room June 25 and is currently recovering at home/she cannot have visitors at this time, but card and calls are welcome.
- ♥ Olivia Brooks/was released from Texas Children's Hospital June 26/She will continue outpatient therapy at TIRR The Woodlands.
- **♦** Members battling cancer: **Bob McDougal, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky,** and **Steven Talbott.**
- ₱ Friends & family battling cancer: Paola Bejaran, Jeff Branton, John Chegin,
 Donna Dunham, Mike Ferdinand, Shawna Holland, Peggy Hutchinson, Mike
 Knappier, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland
 Spelce and Becky Splawn.
- Please remember our members: Linda Borne, Holly Brisson, Pat Charleston, Ken Coleman, Debbie Hix, Monica Rose and Wally Westbrook.
- Please remember friends & family: **Leilani Palmer**

Youth News

There will be **Youth Guys Basketball** <u>TONIGHT</u> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Dads and friends are welcome.

Those attending **Camp Wyldewood**, the van will depart from WOCC Sunday, July 8 at 7:00 a.m. Please bring money for lunch on the way there and back. Notify Chris Tomberlin if you will be riding in the van by this Wednesday, July 4.

Jabberwacky will be at the Lake Houston Church of Christ Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. There will be <u>NO</u> van transportation.

The Youth will go **Indoor Rock Climbing** Thursday, July 12. The cost is \$10. If you haven't already done so in the past, you must complete the waiver online at: goo.gl/w8KKWN Don't forget to eat lunch prior and wear tennis shoes. Meet at inSPIRE Rock Indoor Climbing, 403 E. Louetta Rd, Spring 77373 at 12:45 p.m. and pick up at 3:00 p.m.

The **Youth Mission Trip** to Pharr, Texas will be Saturday, July 28 – Friday, August 3. This trip is limited to 56 people due to the accommodation's occupancy capacity. Interested students are asked to sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, July 22. The cost is \$125 per person. More Info about the work can be found at: www.cocnpharr.com/hispanic-ministry

Treehouse Kids' News

Follow **Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry** on Facebook and watch the bulletin for information on meet ups and activities during the summer.

New Members

Janice Harding

Tory & Natalie Watson Julia, Champ

Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts, visits, phone calls, and well wishes. We have thanked a lot of people individually, but we know a lot of people prayed for Olivia. This experience has been overwhelming, but everyone's prayers have made the difference. She is recovering well.

Thank you, Kermit Brooks

Dear church family,

Once again, I would like to thank our church family for the cards, visits and phone calls letting us know that your prayers have gone to our Father on our behalf. We have been on 'quite a ride' since 2012 . . . and have 'no clue' what to expect next. But, whatever it is . . . we KNOW that our church family 'is there.' We just want to let you know how much we appreciate you.

"Because He lives . . . we can face tomorrow."

Wally and Ella Westbrook

<u>A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.</u> JUNE DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Soup (canned and dry mixes) and crackers.

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| Today | 6:00 p.m. | Congregational Singing |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Guys Basketball |
| Monday | 6:00 p.m. | Pickleball |
| Tuesday | 11:45 a.m. | Men's Luncheon - Red Lobster |
| Wednesday | | CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED |
| • | | No Meal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Classes (Adult: Ken Stegall) |
| Thursday | 10:00 a.m. | Community Bible Class & Potluck Luncheon |
| - | 6:30 p.m. | Celebrate Recovery |
| Friday | - | - |

8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

Saturday

This Wools

| aturaay | 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast | | | | |
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| Upcoming Events | | | | | |
| July 8-19 | Youth - Camp Wyldewood | | | | |
| July 9 | Jabberwacky: Lake Houston (No Van Transportation) | | | | |
| July 12 | Youth Indoor Rock Climbing (No Van Transportation) | | | | |
| July 16 | Jabberwacky: Brazos Valley (No Van Transportation) | | | | |
| July 19 | Youth Kayaking Lake Woodlands (No Van Transportation) | | | | |
| July 20 | Ladies Movie Night | | | | |
| July 22 | Sign up for Youth Mission Trip Due | | | | |
| | Elder/Deacon Meeting | | | | |
| | PM Assembly Guest Speaker - Richard Renfro | | | | |
| | Youth Guys Basketball | | | | |
| July 23 | Jabberwacky: Westside | | | | |
| July 24 | Youth Girls Night - Tomberlin Home | | | | |
| July 25 | Youth Game Night: Kickball | | | | |
| July 26 | Youth Lake Day Devo at the Wentz Home | | | | |
| July 28 | TIBI Graduation | | | | |
| July 28-Aug 3 | Youth Mission Trip | | | | |
| July 29 | Serve Impact CofC Meal | | | | |
| July 30 | Jabberwacky: Angleton (No Van Transportation) | | | | |
| August 1 | Fellowship Meal | | | | |
| August 4 | Men's Breakfast | | | | |
| August 5 | Youth Guy's Basketball | | | | |
| August 6 | Jabberwacky: League City | | | | |
| August 7 | Youth Girls Night - Tomberlin Home | | | | |
| August 10 | Youth Game Night: Volleyball | | | | |
| August 10 | Back to School Bonfire | | | | |
| August 19 | PM Assembly Guest Speaker - Roberto Alvarez, Jr. | | | | |
| August 29 September 3 | Youngest Men Lead Singing Church Offices Closed | | | | |
| October 6 | Guys Conference | | | | |
| October 20 | Fall Festival | | | | |
| October 21 | Elder/Deacon Meeting | | | | |
| Octobel 21 | Congregational Meeting | | | | |
| October 28 | Serve Impact CofC Meal | | | | |
| November 21 | No Children's Classes/Combined Devo/No Meal | | | | |
| November 22-23 | Church Offices Closed | | | | |
| December 24-25 | Church Offices Closed | | | | |
| December 26 | No Children's Classes/Combined Devo/No Meal | | | | |
| January 1 | Church Offices Closed | | | | |
| January 2 | No Children's Classes/Combined Devo/No Meal | | | | |
| January 18-20 | Challenge Youth Conference | | | | |
| January 25-26 | 2019 Men's Retreat | | | | |
| April 13 | 2019 Girls Conference | | | | |
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