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Law is Not the Enemy of Freedom

Unrestricted freedom brings chaos. If everyone would discipline their freedom in such a way that no one else was harmed we wouldn't need laws. Laws impose boundaries on freedoms.

Listen to what Paul (the champion of grace and freedom) writes to Timothy – *“We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous (one who “does right”) but for the law-breakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful . . .”* – 1 Timothy 1:8-9

While intrinsically law and freedom are polar opposites, because freedom is abused, it must be limited by laws. If it's not, freedom will self-destruct. If freedom is not restricted by boundaries, it will be lost. **Reasonable, sensible laws are necessary to preserve freedoms.**

Now I'm going to risk some friendships by stepping onto some shaky ground. First of all, let me say that I am a dyed-in-the-wool believer in the freedom to own guns. I am a gun owner and a gun user -lawfully. I wish everyone used guns lawfully. They don't. Recent events make this truth self-evident.

I live in a “planned community” that has more restrictions (think “laws”) than anywhere I have ever lived. I like it here. I choose to live here. But I can't park my boat in my driveway and leave it. I'm required to keep my trash cans behind a wooden fence – which, by the way, I'm required to have and maintain; etc., etc. While you may not live in such a place, you voluntarily restrict your freedoms and submit to multiple laws because those laws help provide a desirable environment.

I don't really intend this article to be about “gun rights.” The principle applies to every area of our lives. Times have changed. I used to carry a rifle in my pickup. I used to leave my car and my house unlocked. Not anymore. I've lost some freedom – because others refuse to voluntarily restrict themselves. **Reasonable, sensible laws are necessary to preserve freedom.**

P.S. I know the reactions. Obviously, laws must be consistently enforced. Obviously, there are some whose answer is to take away all my freedom. I fight those battles with you, but as Christians we also must “love our neighbor as our self.” That's the goal of (good) laws. That means I must be willing to view my personal liberties (“rights”) through the lens of the benefit to the community – whether it's family, church or society – and not simply for myself.

Read this carefully: *“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh (your own desires); rather serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.”* – Galatians 5:13-15

-Ken Stegall

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

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Elder of the Day Elton Stubblefield

Communion Leader Frank Kerze

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 B202
1 year-olds A105/106	2nd grade B203
2 year-olds A107	3rd grade B206
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 0 to 4 years.

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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, May 27, 2018

9:00 AM Bible Class	311
10:15 AM Worship	516
6:00 PM Worship	179
Contribution	\$26,453.00

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

7:00 PM Bible Class	291
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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 April 30, 2018, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$453,132 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$472,405 for a deficit of (\$19,273).

Notes

June 3 - Evening Assembly - Congregational Singing

Announcements

The **Children's Home of Lubbock Donations** of twin sized Bed-in-a-Bags are due **TODAY**.

Join us for a **Baby Shower for Maggie Spears TODAY** from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Maggie is having a baby girl and is registered at Buy Buy Baby.

Please check our **Lost in Found** table in the foyer to see if your belongings are there. Anything that is left will be donated to Impact.

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

All kids who have completed the 6th grade are welcome to join the **Youth Group Activities**.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, June 5 at 11:45 a.m. at Red Phoenix on 242.

Wednesday night meals will be served only on the **first** Wednesday night of each month for the summer. Mark your calendars for this fellowship time on June 6, July 4 and August 1.

Community Bible Class will have their monthly **Potluck Luncheon** this Thursday, June 7 immediately following class. There will be **NO** class Thursday, June 14 due to VBS.

We need **Cookies for VBS!** If you would like to donate cookies for VBS, please bring them to the Welcome Center next Sunday, June 10. Store bought or homemade are both welcome. No nuts please.

The annual **Change for Life** campaign benefitting Pregnancy Assistance Center North is underway. Pick up a baby bottle in the foyer and return by June 17.

Congratulations on college graduation **Austin Aloway** - Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma Christian University, and **Jace Aloway** - Molecular Celular Biology from Texas A & M University. Thank you to our church leadership, ministers and Bible teachers who have taught and given the examples that have helped guide our boys to seek and live for God.

Congratulations to **Brad Henkelman** on his college graduation - Engineering, Industrial Distribution from Texas A & M University.

Congratulations to **Meredith Hyde** who graduated with her Masters in Speech Pathology from University of Dallas on May 11 and will be worshiping with us again at Woodland Oaks.

If you would like a copy of the lesson series "**High Position - Lowly Walk**" (**Ephesians 4-6**), please sign-up at the Welcome center.

Vacation Bible School

WOCC 2018 Vacation Bible School registration is now open! Register your children ages 4 years old - 6th grade, and volunteer to help at: <https://woodlandoaksvbs.weebly.com> VBS will be June 11-14 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. There will be a Family Jamboree and hot dog supper June 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Volunteers will need a background check completed prior to VBS.

VBS T-shirts are for sale at the table in the foyer for \$5 each.

The **Final VBS Workday and Volunteer Meeting** will be Sunday, June 10 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Children are welcome.

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

Youth News

There will be a **Welcome Intern Youth Devo TODAY** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All upcoming youth group and their families are welcome. Please bring sandwiches to share.

Youth Girls Nights will have a devo, snacks, fun projects, grow our friendships and strengthen our walk with God. Bring a friend and meet at the Tomberlin home Monday, June 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please bring a finger food to share.

We will be playing basketball for the **Youth Game Night** Wednesday, June 6 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

There will be an **Area Youth Event at Westbury CofC** on Friday, June 8. We will have a time of worship and a message followed by snacks and entertainment (OC Summer Singers). The van will leave WOCC at 5:00 p.m. and return at 9:45 p.m.

Camp Bandina attendees will meet at WOCC under the Chapel breezeway next Sunday, June 10 at 8 a.m. to load the van and depart for camp. Bring some extra money for lunch on the way to and returning from camp. WOCC Child Release Forms must be completed to ride in the church van at: <http://woodlandoaks.org/forms-resources.html>

The **Youth Group** will meet at **Shankz for Mini Golf** Friday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. We will also go to Jax Burger. Please bring money for food. Pick up students at 9:00 p.m.

There will be a **Youth Guys Basketball Night** Sunday, June 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Dads and friends are welcome.

The **Youth Mission Trip** to Pharr, Texas will be Saturday, July 28 – Friday, August 3. We will spend the week working with area congregations on many different service projects and an established home building mission during the mornings and running a VBS in the afternoons. At the end of the week we will spend some fun time at Schlitterbahn (South Padre). We will stay in one of the churches mission centers which was purpose built to host mission teams. This area of Texas is one of the most impoverished areas in the United States which makes it a prime place to serve and allow students to experience a drastically different culture while remaining domestic. Please pray for this effort. This trip will be 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

There will be **No Children's Classes for ages 4 to 6th grade** on Wednesday, June 13. The children will be watching a movie in the Chapel Center. Volunteers are appreciated.

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

Prayers

- ✚ **Debi Hix**/Upcoming surgery June 18.
- ✚ **Jared Chauvin**/mass removed from knee cap Thursday, May 31.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky, and Steven Talbott.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Paola Bejaran, John Chegin, Donna Dunham, Mike Ferdinand, Shawna Holland, Peggy Hutchinson, Mike Knappier, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Lisa Middlebrook, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Holly Brisson, Olivia Brooks, Ken Coleman, Danyce Rundell and Mary Young .**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **John Paul Grady, Harry Hallows, Teresa Hoffman, Leilani Palmer, and Craig Stanford.**

This Week

Today	3:30 p.m. The Children's Home of Lubbock Donations Due 4:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Maggie Spears 6:00 p.m. Welcome Intern Youth Devo 6:00 p.m. Congregational Singing	6:00 p.m. Youth Girls Night - Tomberlin Home 6:00 p.m. Pickleball
Monday	11:45 a.m. Men's Luncheon - Red Phoenix on 242 6:45 p.m. Young Professionals Bible Study	9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes (Adult: Freddie Anderson) 8:00 p.m. Youth Game Night - Basketball
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. Community Bible Class - Potluck Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	5:00 p.m. Area Youth Event at Westbury CofC
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		

Upcoming Events

June 10	Cookies for VBS due VBS Workday/Volunteer Meeting
June 10-16	Youth - Camp Bandina
June 11-14	VBS
June 13	No Wed Night Children's Classes/Movie in Chapel
June 14	No Community Bible Class VBS Family Jamboree
June 15	Youth Mini Golf @ Shankz
June 17	Youth Guy's Basketball PACN Baby Bottles Due
June 18	Jabberwacky: Lake Jackson
June 19	Youth Lake Day at the Wentz's
June 20	Family Camp Meeting
June 21	Youth Service Project - Montgomery County Food Bank
June 22-24	Family Camp
June 25	Jabberwacky: Graeber Road
June 27	Youth Game Night: Dodgeball
June 28	Youth Movie Day: Storks @ Cinemark Lake Robbins Youth Girls Night - Tomberlin Home
July 1	Youth Guys Basketball
July 4	Church Offices Closed
July 7	Men's Breakfast
July 8-19	Youth - Camp Wyldewood
July 9	Jabberwacky: Lake Houston (No Van Transportation)
July 12	Youth Indoor Rock Climbing
July 16	Jabberwacky: Location TBD (No Van Transportation)
July 19	Youth Kayaking Lake Woodlands
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 at the Wentz's
July 28	TIBI Graduation Youth Mission Trip
July 29	Serve Impact CofC Meal
July 30	Jabberwacky: Angleton (No Van Transportation)
September 3	Church Offices Closed

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

JUNE DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Soup (canned and dry mixes) and crackers.
The Children's Home of Lubbock: Bed in a Bag (twin)

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