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The Loneliness of Leadership

We were all lined up against the wall in the hall . . . snickering at the principal who was pacing back and forth- preaching to us about how serious this was. Someone had written some bad words in the boy's bathroom.

After a few passes, he abruptly stopped directly in front of me. He pointed his bony finger at me and said, "You know something about this!" My nine-year-old heart stopped. I wasn't snickering anymore. In fact, I couldn't breathe. The rest of my buddies thought it was even funnier. But it wasn't. I had been singled out.

There is a sense of security in the herd. You can brag and spout your mouth off all you want to when you're *e pluribus unum* (one among many). Your philosophies and simplistic answers are fine among friends, but everything changes when you are cut out of the herd!

That's one of the realities about leadership. Among other things, it's lonely. You may or may not be appreciated when things go well, but you will most certainly get full credit when things go badly.

To some degree it happens when one becomes a deacon. It really happens when you become an elder. You can no longer be "one of the boys." If you try, you will fail. You soon learn much more than you wish to know. Your basis for opinions and decisions must now be based on facts you once could ignore. Some of the things you learn are personal facts about others' lives. And you can never reveal those. So you will often make decisions based on facts you cannot reveal. Sometimes . . . based on things you cannot reveal about the very person who is criticizing you.

In light of this, consider Paul's admonition to the church at Thessalonica: "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work." – I Thessalonians 5:12-13

By the way . . . in case you're wondering . . . I did not write on the bathroom wall.

-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 9:15 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 Scott Blake

Communion Leader Bob Klemm

Adult Bible Classes:

"The Sword of the Lord – The Who, The Will, The Word, The Way"
 by Marty Miller
 Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Center Auditorium

"Following the Example of Jesus" by Various Teachers
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
 Worship Center Auditorium

"Such Bible, Much Read" (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
 Magnolia Room (C106)

Teen Bible Classes:

"Revelation" (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot & Josh Watrous
 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:

0–1 year	A105/A106
2 years	A107
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, March 7, 2021

9:15 AM Bible Class	236
10:15 AM Worship	404 @ WOCC 556 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	188
Contribution	\$33,059.02

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	140
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<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
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Visitation - Hospital & Robert Shock
 Homebound/Men's Ministry

Worship Eric Kirkland
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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 for 2020 were \$1,430,086 and budget was \$1,417,578 producing a surplus of \$12,508.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Daniel & Jessica Weatherholt** on the birth of their son, **Tyler**, last weekend weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and 19.5 inches long. Mom, dad and baby are doing well.

Congratulations to **Cecilia & Tony Bloom** on the birth of their son, **Jace Eli**, Tuesday, March 9 weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces and 20 inches long. **Jaxon & Aria** are the proud brother and sister, **Tony & Alison Bloom** are the grandparents.

Save the date! The **Men's Retreat** will be Friday, March 26 & Saturday, March 27. See Robert Shock for more information.

Texas Bible Bowl Program

Bible Bowl Practice meets Sunday evenings from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. The book this year will be Revelation. The event will be held at Memorial Church of Christ on March 26-27. If your child is planning on attending, please see Jennifer Tolbert so she can get your child's T-shirt size.

Prayers

- ✠ **Pat Charleston**/was found unresponsive at the rehabilitation facility and taken back to St. Luke's The Woodlands Hospital/She has an UTI and pneumonia/Please keep Pat and John in your prayers.
- ✠ **David Jackson**/brother-in-law of Robert Shock/ hospitalized in Texarkana due to heart complications.
- ✠ **J Paul Spelce**/nephew of Robert Shock/severely fractured forearm/upcoming critical surgery/Please pray he doesn't lose use of arm.
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Jennifer Woodward Banks, Paola Bejaran, Bruce Caraway, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Mike Howard, 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: **Linda Borne, Lorene Burreight, John Charleston, Ken Coleman, Bobbie Fellabaum, Joe Fellabaum, David Nevels, John O'Connor, Rebecca Osborn, Laurie Riggs, Donald Southall, Mike Williams.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Brian Anderson, Karin Del Signore, Michael Hix & family, Leilani Palmer, Marshal Thompson, Ramon Villareal.**

Expectant Families

Allison & Ben Brockman	Hannah & Kolt Phillips
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald	Erin & Cody Powers
Morgan & Jackson Greenwade	Maegan & Brett Rodriguez
Erica & Jeremy Lunn	Chelsea & David Sparks
Lindsey & Doug Peak	

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Five Guys (6619 Farm to Market Rd 1488 Ste 201, Magnolia, TX 77354).

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

Camp Hensel Retreat is scheduled for April 2-4 for 7th through 12th graders. This year's theme is "Pierced". The deadline to sign-up is March 21. Sign-up at: <https://lccofo.org/camp-hensel/>. The cost is \$30. See Jordan Fontenot for more information.

Treehouse Kids

Mom-Son Date Night will be this Saturday, March 20 at 4:30 p.m. at Paint & Bubbles for those who signed up.

Thank You

To My Brothers and Sisters, friends, and family,
A belated "Thank You" for all the food, the cards, and calls and text messages. Recovery has been made a little easier by your concern. Learning to walk with a walker is hard work!

Again "Thank You" for the kind expressions received as I retired from the eldership. The experiences were to God's glory as the elders worked together for the good each member.

As Gen. McArthur said, "I shall return" to worship with the congregation, perhaps in early summer.

May God Bless You and Keep You,
Lovingly,
Elton & Gail Stubblefield

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, food, calls, cards and text during my recent knee replacement surgery. Recovery is slow, but going well and I look forward to being back in live worship soon.

Thanks again.
Linda Borne

I would like to say thank you to everyone who helped to make Daddy-Daughter Date Night such a success. First, to our dads who were excellent dates and had the best attitudes, even when asked to build a glitter covered castle! Second, to all of our volunteers: Jennifer Watrous, Becky Splawn, Krista Chapman, Cindi Stevenson, Trisha Hyde, Lindy Haynes, Rose Gailey, Ellen Fontenot, Carren Craft, Laura Matheidas, Diana McFarland, Denise Tolbert and everyone who made this event a success.

Jennifer Tolbert

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time Begins!
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	5:30 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Five Guys
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class (Adult: Quinn Tolbert)
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Denny's on 1488
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Saturday	4:30 p.m.	THK Mom-Son Date Night

Upcoming Events

March 21	Deadline to sign-up for Camp Hensel Retreat	Youth Invasion—Freebirds
March 26-27	Texas Bible Bowl Program	Men's Retreat
March 28	Impact CofC Meal (no volunteers required)	Youth Invasion—Which Wich
April 2	Preschool Park Meet Up	
April 2-4	Camp Hensel Retreat	
April 3	Men's Breakfast	
April 4	Congregational Singing	
April 9	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out	
April 11	Youth Invasion	
April 15-17	Youth Trip to Harding	
April 17	THK Family Kickball Game	
April 18	Youth Invasion	
April 23-25	Youth Girls Retreat	
April 25	Elder/Deacon Meeting	Congregational Meeting
	Youth Invasion	
May 1	Men's Breakfast	
May 2	Popcorn & Praise Sunday Social	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo	
May 8	Senior Banquet	
May 28	Youth Induction	
May 31	Church Offices Closed	
June 6-12	Camp Bandina	
June 11-13	Family Camp	
June 25-July 3	Elevate (Formerly TREK)	

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

MARCH DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Laundry Products

Children's Home of Lubbock: Disposable Diapers Size 4

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