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**HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GRACE?**

A preacher friend of mine, Dr. Dan Williams, once made a statement that imprinted itself indelibly in my mind because I believe it contains deep insight into why people will or will not respond positively to the gospel. I hope you will take the time to consider it also. The statement is “Grace is hard for ‘bad’ people to accept because they think they don’t deserve it and it’s hard for ‘good’ people to accept because they think they don’t need it.”

Your attitude about God’s grace lies at the very core of your faith (or lack of faith). It reveals two things . . .

**First, it reveals WHERE YOU PLACE YOUR TRUST:**

Do you place your trust in yourself - your abilities, your money, your possessions, your hard work? If so, you don’t feel the need for grace (a gift). You can do it yourself. You don’t want a gift because it makes you indebted to someone else.

**It also reveals HOW YOU VIEW YOURSELF:**

Do you see yourself as “good” or “bad”? That’s a hard one . . . because we all tend to view ourselves in the light of our peers. We tend to be pretty generous with ourselves. But we don’t see the reality of our condition until we view ourselves in the light of God himself. *“There is only one good.”*

Jesus’ story that we call The Prodigal Son contains several layers illustrating this truth - depending on which scene in the progression of the story we focus. Was there a good son and a bad son? Was the younger son good before he left? Was he good when he returned? Was the older son a good son? Jesus’ point is - neither son was ‘good.’ In the end, the only significant difference between the two sons was that one finally recognized (when it became undeniable) that he was ‘bad.’ Then, and only then, he desperately wanted grace.

That point is called repentance. Repentance simply means “to change your mind.” He changed his mind about himself.

So the question for us is, how do you feel about grace? How deeply do you want it?

- 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** Flo Mata

**Communion Leader** Daniel Weatherholt

**Adult Bible Classes:**

- “Who is This Jesus?” by Steve Vogl  
Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium
- “Acts of the Apostles” by Marty Miller  
Sundays in Worship Center A101
- “One Anothering” by John Rowe  
Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s)
- “Learning to be Fishers of Men” by Mark Freeman & Raymond Walker  
Sundays in Chapel Center Magnolia Room C106 (Evangelism Class)
- “A Study of Biblical Manuscripts” by Elton Stubblefield  
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium
- “The Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of the Christian Faith”  
by Adam Fracht Wednesdays in Worship Center Room A102 (Men’s Bible Study)

**Teen Bible Classes:**

- “Colossians/Philemon” by Scott Simpson  
Sundays in Chapel Center C203 (9th-12th)
- “Ruth/Esther” by Rick Medford  
Sundays in Chapel Center C201 (7th & 8th)
- “Jesus Among Secular gods” 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, March 18, 2018**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 315         |
| 10:15 AM Worship    | 572         |
| 6:00 PM Worship     | 292         |
| Contribution        | \$21,861.31 |

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

|                     |     |
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| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 249 |
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**Missions**

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, [woodlandoaks.org](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

**Budget**

Through February 28, 2018, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$211,358.01 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$222,308.30 for a deficit of (\$10,950.30).

**Notes**

March 25- Evening Assembly - Understanding My Bible - Lesson 39

## Announcements

Join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Abby Purvis**, bride elect of Brandon Richardson, **TODAY** from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Abby and Brandon are registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, Target and Macy's. Please bring a copy of your favorite recipe(s) to share with the bride.

The **LTC drama group** is in need of western style toy guns, ammunition, women's wear, and bonnets. Please contact Jaime Faulkner if you can share any with us!

There will be a **LTC Showcase** for parents and members who would like to preview the events the students have been working on **TODAY** from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in room A102.

Come and encourage our students as they challenge the elders in their Bible knowledge of 1 Samuel as our students prepare for LTC. **Students vs Elders** will be Wednesday, March 28 at 7:20 p.m. in room A102. Test your knowledge and observe what promises to be an intense and entertaining challenge.

Everyone is invited to **Celebrate Jim & Sheri Butler's 50th Wedding Anniversary** Saturday, April 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

There will be a **Girls Conference Planning Meeting** Sunday, April 8 at 5:15 p.m. in room A102.

Registration for the **2018 WOCC Girls Conference** is now open! The conference will take place Saturday, April 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Please register by April 1.** You can register and find more information at: [woodlandoaks.org/girls-conference.html](http://woodlandoaks.org/girls-conference.html).

WOCC will be hosting the annual **Eastern European Mission Banquet** for our area on Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. A free catered meal will be provided and no tickets are required, but please register online at [www.eem.org/events](http://www.eem.org/events) or sign up at the Welcome Center in the foyer. Monty Tuttle, EEM Coordinator, will be giving an update on all the great things God has, and is doing, through EEM. It will be a great evening and we hope you will attend. If you have questions, please contact Cleo Tarver or Paul Gidden.

## Prayers

- ✚ **John Paul Grady**/had a scope and biopsy performed March 19/discharged from hospital and is at home awaiting test results.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Nancy Stucky, and Steven Talbott.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jeff Branton, John Chegin, Donna Dunham, Mike Ferdinand, Shawna Holland, Mike Knappier, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Lisa Middlebrook, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Linda Alexander, Ken Coleman, Bobbie Fellabaum, Shirley Jones, Angie McFarland, Nancy Palmer, Carolyn Smith, Danna Stevens, Gina Talbott and Wally Westbrook.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Harry Hallows, John Hinson, and Leilani Palmer.**

## Youth News

Volunteers are invited to sign up at the Welcome Center to **Serve Lunch at Impact Church of Christ** on Sunday, April 1. Please note this is LTC weekend.

Summer is approaching and there will be a lot of activities for our spiritual and relational growth. **Summer Camps** are always a great way to make new friends, reunite with old ones, and mature one's faith. Registration is now open to both summer camps that we corporately attend as a youth group. Camp Bandina will be June 10-16. Camp Wyldewood: Session 4 will be July 8-19. The sign up links can be found at: <http://woodlandoaks.org/forms-resources.html>

## LTC

The final **Bible Bowl Practice** will **TONIGHT** from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in room A102.

There will be a **LTC Workday** for all participants of chorus, puppets, drama, song leading, bulletin board, etc. **TODAY** from 11:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Lunch will be provided. Please bring a change of casual clothes. **Parent volunteers are needed to ensure the work day runs smoothly. If you can help, please contact Jennifer Tolbert or Chris Tomberlin.**

## Treehouse Kids' News

**Sprouts Story & Craft Time** meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Foyer.

**Little Lambs Play Group** meets Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

**Bible Builders** for children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year." The memory verse for March is 1 Samuel 16:7 - "Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart."

## Expectant Families

Iveth & Todd Freeman  
Cody & Dustin Haney  
Mary & Eric Kirkland  
Christelle Nordgulen

Lindsey & Douglas Peak  
Maegan & Brett Rodriguez  
Maggie & Daniel Spears

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

**MARCH DONATION NEEDS:**

**WOCC Sharing Pantry:** Laundry Products

**Arms of Hope:** Saran Wrap

## This Week

|           |            |                                    |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Today     | 11:45 a.m. | Found Faithful Parenting Seminar   |
|           | 3:00 p.m.  | LTC Workday                        |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Bridal Shower Honoring Abby Purvis |
|           | 6:15 p.m.  | LTC Bible Bowl Practice            |
| Monday    | 6:00 p.m.  | Bible Builders (King David)        |
| Tuesday   | 6:00 p.m.  | Pickleball                         |
|           | 9:50 a.m.  | Ladies' Bible Class                |
|           | 6:45 p.m.  | Young Professionals Bible Study    |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Sprout Story & Craft Time          |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Meal                               |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Bible Classes                      |
|           | 7:20 p.m.  | Elders vs Students                 |
| Thursday  | 10:00 a.m. | Community Bible Class              |
|           | 6:30 p.m.  | Celebrate Recovery                 |
| Friday    | 10:00 a.m. | Little Lambs Play Group            |
|           |            | LTC                                |
| Saturday  |            | LTC                                |

## Upcoming Events

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| April 1    | Serve Impact CofC Meal<br>Pictures due for Senior Gift Table<br>Congregational Singing                      |
| April 3    | Men's Luncheon  |
| April 5    | Community Bible Class Potluck Luncheon  |
| April 7    | Men's Breakfast<br>Butlers 50th Anniversary Party   |
| April 8    | Schedule Appointment for Senior Parent's Recording<br>Girls Conference Planning Meeting                     |
| April 12   | WOCC Celebrate Recovery 1 Year Anniversary Celebration  |
| April 14   | Youth Service Project/Main Event  |
| April 15   | Bridal Shower for Taryn Tuttle (Bride elect of Kirby Logan)<br>Senior Table Display Items Due<br>Youth Devo |
| April 17   | EEM Banquet   |
| April 21   | Girls Conference  |
| April 22   | Elder/Deacon Meeting<br>Congregational Meeting<br>Youth Invasion - Jason's Deli                             |
| April 28   | Hannah's Hope Banquet   |
| April 29   | Arms of Hope Donations Due  |
| May 5      | Senior Banquet  |
| May 6      | Senior Sunday   |
| May 8      | Ladies' Bible Class Special Event   |
| May 19     | Golf Tournament   |
| May 28     | Church Offices Closed   |
| May 30     | Youngest Men Lead Singing   |
| June 10-16 | Youth - Camp Bandina  |
| June 11-14 | VBS   |
| June 22-24 | Family Camp   |
| July 4     | Church Offices Closed   |
| July 8-19  | Youth - Camp Wyldewood  |
| July 22    | Elder/Deacon Meeting  |

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