<u>Elders</u>						
Gary Erwin	Mark Freeman	Nathan Ingram	Flo Mata			
Butch Merriman	John Rowe	Elton Stubblefield	Raymond Walker			
<u>Deacons</u>						
Administration	Joel Blake	Greeting/Welcome Center	Ben Brockman Michael Matheidas			
Audio/Visual & Media	Mark Jetton Gary LeMaire	Involvement	Brian Lee			
Building & Grounds	Ken Purvis Doug Tucker	Local Evangelism	Chuck Bryant			
Children's Programs	Richard Hyde	Special Ministries	Dan Gray			
Communication	Anthony Dozier	Sharing	Kyle Gordley Bradley Welborn			
Education	Matt Fitzgerald Quinn Tolbert	Ushers	Kermit Brooks			
Family Life Center	Chris Davis	Visitor Contacts	James Young			
Fellowship	Tim Riggs	Worship	Scott Blake, Joey Dawson Bill Malone, Brant Mathis			
Finance	Jeff Fleming Brandon Smith	Youth	Matt Hemphill Terence O'Connor			
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Tom Herrick

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Adult Cleo Tarver

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Ron Clayton India
Tyrone Mynhier South Sudan
Benin School of Preaching West Africa
Mission Printing Arlington, Texas
Pat Scheaffer Adventures in Missions
Steve Austin Texas International Bible Institute
Ralph Williams Instructor-Bear Valley Institute Extension School Program

Eastern European Missions Biblical Institute of Central America

### Supported Children's Homes

Arms of Hope
Cherokee Home for Children
Children's Homes of Lubbock
Hannah's Hope—Cambodia

# **Schedule of Services**

Sunday	9:00 AM	Bible Classes (offered for all ages)	
	10:15 AM	Morning Worship Assembly	
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly	37
Tuesday	9:30 AM	Ladies' Bible Class (September-May)	
	6:45 PM	Young Professionals' Bible Study	18
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Class	
Thursday	10:00 AM	Community Bible Class (Preschool Childcare Provided)	

Sunday, February 28, 2016		
9:00 AM Bible Class	377	
10:15 AM Worship	557	
6:00 PM Worship	238	
Contribution	\$23,001.18	
Wednesday, March 2, 2016		
7:00 PM Bible Class	209	

THOSE CHOSEN TO SERVE TODAY				
March 6, 2016	Morning Service	Evening Service		
Hosts	Karen Hopper/Lisa Geerman			
Welcome Center	Beth Brockman/Marty Justice/ Marcia Mata/Brandy Medford			
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor		
Prayer	Robert Thompson	Brian Lee		
Communion	Joel Blake	Grant Tucker/Rodney Burke		
Prayer/Scripture Reading	Matt Fitzgerald	Matt Norwood		
Closing Remarks	John Rowe	John Rowe		
Nursery	Alison Kuepker/Pam O'Connor			

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## A ROOT OF BITTERNESS

Today as I write, this is "Super Tuesday"—the day when the greatest number of states holds primary elections. Emotions always run high during election years. Some of us have strong feelings for and/or against certain candidates. Some of us become so obsessed that we damage our influence as a Christian because we are so vocal (verbally or public media) that we marginalize or perhaps even alienate ourselves. Maybe even from our Christian family. I'm pretty sure the Lord is not pleased.

I ran across a quote at the end of a paragraph addressing the integrity (or lack thereof) in government. It read, "... Most propaganda is not designed to fool the critical thinker but only to give moral cowards an excuse not to think at all."

I want to encourage you during this election cycle to allow neither your support nor disdain for any candidate to "cause a root of bitterness to spring up and cause trouble" between yourself and a brother.

Romans 13:1-2 gives the assurance that God is in control—even when I don't understand. I don't presume to understand all the details of God's working.

There are always things that can divide us. But we have much more important things that cause us to be united. Listen carefully—"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Then Paul reminds us to focus not on our differences, but on the things we have in common in Christ (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God)."

This admonition is particularly valuable in upcoming months. Remember—"This too shall pass."

-Ken Stegall

# **Announcements**

elcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ. We are honored you chose to worship with us this morning. Please complete the attendance card in the pew in front of you and place it in the contribuion plate. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!

# We invite you to join any of our Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of II Corinthians" by John Rowe

Location: Chapel Center Auditorium

"Christian Contentment in a Discontented World" by Michael Matheidas

Location: Worship Center A101

"Conversational Christianity" by Scott Logan

(20s & 30s i.e. TNT)

Location: Worship Center A102 "Bible Characters" by Rick Medford (Singles & Young Professionals)

Location: Education Center Room B107



A <u>staffed nursery</u> for children birth to 2 years is available during each Sunday morning worship assembly in the Children's Wing. A <u>training room</u> is located at the back of the auditorium for ages 3 and older.

# **Bible Builders Meets Sunday Evenings**

Ages 2 to Kindergarten—Room B106 Education Center Children are dismissed during the song before the sermon.

This Week's Lesson: Samuel

Memory Verse: I Samuel 16:7—". . . but I look at the heart."

Worship Training starts tonight, March 6 for boys ages 4 to 8. These young men will be dismissed to the Chapel during the song before the evening sermon to practice leading singing with real A/V equipment. Contact Frank Kerze with the song to be practiced or for more information.

#### LTC Families!



Pam O'Connor.

The LTC Coordinators would like to book a block of rooms for participants and their families at the Hilton Americas Hotel during this year's LTC convention. Please contact Donnah Marshall or Richard Hyde if you plan to stay overnight Friday, March 25.

The LTC Puppet Team is in need of clothes for their puppets. Build-A-Bear clothes work great, but some doll clothes may work as well. They specifically need a <u>nice suit</u> appropriate for a game show host and a military uniform with hat for a sergeant. Competition is Easter weekend, so if you can help with these needs please contact

# Announcements



All visitors are invited to be our guests for lunch TODAY, Sunday, March 6 in the Chapel Center following the morning worship assembly. We look forward to meeting and spending time with you!

**Couples Wedding Shower** Honoring Maggie White & Daniel Spears TODAY, Sunday, March 6, 2 to 4 p.m. At the Home of Nathan & Lindy Ingram The couple is registered at Macy's and Williams Sonoma.

To the Lord's Church at WOCC (especially those who contributed clothes and money to my new baby boy), I am happy for what you did for me as I know we are one in Christ. God bless you and God will pay you back with many blessings. This is what the Lord taught us we may do, to give to one another. It says it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). God bless you for giving.

David Thoatmer (Evangelist in Ethiopia)



The **March Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 a.m. This event is for all men, and fathers are encouraged to bring their sons of any age. Please sign up in the fover if you plan to attend.

The topic for the **Spring Quarter Wednesday** night study is "Unsung Heroes (and a Few Villains)." This study will address lesser known Bible characters and what can be learned from them.

Different teachers will address Ishmael, Hur, Ithamar, Caleb, Korah, Achan, Boaz, King Manasseh, Gehazi and Nabal's servant. Congregational singing will continue on the first Wednesday night of each month.



# Assistance Available for Homebound Members

The Young Professionals Group of WOCC would like to aid our homebound members by performing yard and household maintenance chores. To set up a date and time for service, call 870-421-6594.

# Men's Luncheon

Tuesday, March 15, 11:30 a.m. Los Cucos Mexican Cafe



# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 13 Sunny Glen Donations Due March 25 **AIM Students Arrive** 

# THIS WEEK

	<del></del>
	Spring Quarter Begins
	Visitor Luncheon
2:00 p.m.	White/Spears Couples Wedding Shower
3:30-7:00 p.m.	LTC Practices
6:20 p.m.	Bible Builders & Worship Training
7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion at Zoe's Kitchen
9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Class
6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals' Bible Study
5:30 p.m.	Meal Followed by Bible Classes
10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	3:30-7:00 p.m. 6:20 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. 6:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 10:00 a.m.

# **EXPECTANT FAMILIES**

Carter & JP McIntosh Amanda & Jeremy Worley Rose & Alberto De Pena Katy & Jacob Britton

### **PRAYERS**

- **Kenneth Miller**/father of Alesha Harcourt/stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- **† Danna Stevens**/neurological tests March 1.
- **† Ken Coleman**/home from heart catheterization February 25.
- Tom Campbell, Ron Cole, Michael Dawdy, Earl Hurlbert, Debbie Kroeschel, Kelly Malone, Butch Merriman, Lisa Middlebrook, Marilyn Pate, Harold Wade and Jim Weldon are battling cancer.
- Please remember Linda Alexander, Margie Biggs, Lorene Burright, Fran Cote, Caleb Cox, Dot Dawdy, Mary Helen Foster, David Garza, Harry Hallows, Debi Hix, Peggy Hutcheson, Shirley Jones, Margret Korner, Nancy Lee, Marjorie Lockwood, Ronny Matheidas, Georgia Meadows, Carletta Moore, Bill Pieper, Kim Prahl, Michael Priest, Gert Robert, Gina Talbott, Bill Walton, Elizabeth Joan Webb, Karen Weber, Wally Westbrook, Jimmy Worley, Jack Yovanovich and Ellouise Zapalac.

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

# **MARCH DONATION NEEDS:**

**WOCC Sharing Pantry:** Canned Meats Sunny Glen Children's Home: Paper Towels, Instant Side Dishes Children's Home of Lubbock: Baked Beans **Arms of Hope**: Laundry Detergent