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## Understanding & Validating

There is a difference between understanding and validating. Too many folks can't distinguish between the two.

Judges and lawyers get lots of opportunity to listen to someone explain why they did something. So do counselors. So do parents. Everybody has a reason for whatever we do/did. It usually makes perfect sense to us and we think, if people could just understand, they would agree with me. So when someone disagrees with us we say, "You don't understand!"

Sometimes you may be correct – that if I did understand, I would agree with you. But it is entirely possible that I do understand your motive, but I still disagree with you!

There is a lot of this happening all around us today.

If we do not submit to the same standard . . . the same authority, we will always be divided. If we don't honor the same rules, conflict is inevitable. And if tolerance means that I must agree with you, rather than being able to agree to disagree without conflict, then the only way that peace is possible is if one of us persuades the other to change our standard of authority.

Christianity conflicts with the world because we live by different standards. The bible puts it in these terms – "The flesh is against the spirit and the spirit is against the flesh." The world does not accept the things that come from God. It never has.

Admittedly, there are things that I do not understand. But that's not always the reason for conflict. Sometimes, I understand quite well . . . and I still disagree! But I don't hate you. I still love you.

- 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

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Classes (Offered for All Ages)
	10:15 AM	Morning Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Class

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**Elder of the Day** Raymond Walker

**Communion Leader** Frank Kerze

### Adult Bible Classes:

- "A Study of Galatians" by Morgan Whatley  
Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium
- "One Nation Under God or Man? Christianity & Humanism"  
by Mark Freeman  
Sundays in Worship Center A101
- "Old Testament Wisdom for Today" by Jason Bullock  
Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s)
- "Reading Through the Bible" by Michael Matheidas & Rick Medford  
Sundays in Chapel Center Magnolia Room
- "What Christian Living Is All About (Studies from James)"  
by Various Speakers  
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

### Teen Bible Classes:

- "God's Covenants" by Raymond Walker  
Sundays in Education Center B107 (9th-12th)
- "Joshua" by Chris Tomberlin  
Sundays in Chapel Center C201 (7th & 8th)
- "World Religions" by Chris Tomberlin  
Wednesdays in Worship Center A102 (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, September 24, 2017

9:00 AM Bible Class	382
10:15 AM Worship	585
6:00 PM Worship	225
Contribution	\$26,998.00

#### Wednesday, September 27, 2017

7:00 PM Bible Class	293
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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 August 31, 2017, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$886,998.16 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$943,850.95 for a deficit of (\$56,852.79). Note that we did not meet the morning of Sunday, August 27th.

### Notes

October 1 - Evening Assembly - Congregational Singing

### Deacons

**Administration** Joel Blake  
**Audio/Visual & Media** Mark Jetton  
Gary LeMaire

**Building & Grounds** Ken Purvis  
Doug Tucker

**Children's Programs** Richard Hyde  
**Communication** Anthony Dozier

**Education** Matt Fitzgerald  
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**Family Life Center** Chris Davis  
**Fellowship** Tim Riggs

**Finance** Jeff Fleming  
Brandon Smith

**Foreign Missions** Paul Gidden  
**Involvement** Brian Lee

**Local Evangelism** Chuck Bryant  
**Sharing** Kyle Gordley  
Bradley Welborn

**Ushers** Kermit Brooks  
**Welcome Center** Michael Matheidas

**Welcome Center/Visitor Contacts** Ben Brockman

**Worship** Scott Blake  
Bill Malone

**Youth** Brant Mathis  
Matt Hemphill  
Terence O'Connor

### Servant Minister

Visitation—Hospital/Shut-Ins Tom Herrick

## Announcements

There will be a **Baby Shower for Emily McMurray TODAY** from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Emily is having twin boys and is registered at Target and Amazon.

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

There will be a **Men's Luncheon** this Tuesday, October 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Red Phoenix Hunan Restaurant on 242.

**Celebrate Recovery Step Study Bible Class** will meet Wednesday evenings in the Chapel Center Magnolia room from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Child care will be provided.

**Community Bible Class** will have their monthly potluck this Thursday, October 5.

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

The **Fall Festival** will be on Saturday, October 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please consider finding a place you can serve. The Fall Festival sign-up board is in the church foyer.

There will be a **LTC Information Meeting** Sunday, October 15 at 9:50 a.m. in room A102.

Kleinwood church of Christ will have a Fall Gospel Meeting with speaker Roger Shouse Sunday, October 15 through Wednesday, October 18. More information can be found on their website: [www.kleinwood.com](http://www.kleinwood.com)

## Thank You

Thank you so much for helping to clean our father's home in Highland Glen. We could not have accomplished what you did in such a short time. Your church has been such a blessing to our family. God Bless each of you!

Julie, Lisa & Dewann Wiegand

During my recent illness, God's Woodland Oaks family filled Danna and me with amazement, awe and thankfulness for your visits, prayers, cards, gifts and Godly concerns. We are humbled and grateful. To our Heavenly Father be all glory.

Texas Stevens

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

**OCTOBER DONATION NEEDS:**

**Arms of Hope:** Cereal

**WOCC Sharing Pantry:** Cereal & Breakfast Bars

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Devo** next Sunday, October 8 immediately following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center. Those with last names starting with A-M please bring drinks, N-Z bring desserts.

## Treehouse Kids' News

**Sprouts Story & Craft Time** meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church foyer.

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

**Bible Builders** for children ages 2yrs-Kinder will be dismissed at Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year" and learn about how God has interacted with His people throughout the ages. The memory verse for October is: "... Jesus showed His glory ..." John 2:11

There will be a **Treehouse Kids Sunday Lunch Potluck** on October 22 immediately following the morning assembly. Please bring soup, salad, or sandwiches to share.

## Sympathy

**Charlene Deason**, daughter of Vernice Priest and sister of Marcia Mata, died Thursday, September 28, 2017. Please keep the Deasons and family in your prayers. The funeral arrangements are pending.

## Expectant Families

Emily & Jeremy McMurray  
Kerri & Gabe Rangel

Laura & Kevin Sim  
Julie & Charles Smithson

## Prayers

- ✠ **Raygan Lovell**/surgery to remove tonsils Thursday, October 5.
- ✠ **Wally Westbrook**/Surgery to remove his original non-functioning kidney Friday, October 6/Houston Methodist Hospital - Texas Medical Center (downtown)/Visitors are welcome.
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, and Nancy Lee.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jeff Branton, Mike Ferdinand, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.**
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Gert Robert, Texas Stevens, Denise Tolbert, and Howard Yates.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Glenn Alexander, Jim Farley, Mary Helen Thacker, and Ian Wolfe.**

## This Week

Sunday (today)	3:30 p.m.	Baby Shower for Emily McMurray
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Singing
	6:20 p.m.	Bible Builders: Jesus' Miracles
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Red Phoenix
	6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes (Adult: Joel Blake)
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class/potluck
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

October 8	Youth Devo
October 14	Fall Festival
October 15	LTC Information Meeting
October 17	Men's Luncheon
October 18	Quilting Group
October 21	Youth Service Project
October 22	Arms of Hope Donations Due - Cereal Treehouse Kids Lunch Potluck Elders/Deacons & Congregational Meetings Youth Invasion
October 28	Song Leading Training School Youth P6 Farms
November 4	Men's Breakfast Friends Day Set Up Treehouse Kids Light up the Night Bike Ride
November 5	Friends Day
November 10	Southern Sudan Banquet
November 11	Youth Paintball
November 12	Treehouse Kids Thanksgiving Potluck Youth Devo Worship Training
November 18	Youth Service Project
November 23	Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed
November 24	Church Office Closed
December 2	Men's Breakfast
December 3	Youth Invasion
December 10	Youth Devo/Gift Exchange
December 16	Youth - Battlefield Houston
December 17	Treehouse Kids Christmas Potluck
December 25	Christmas - Church Office Closed
December 31	Serve Impact CofC Meal
January 1	New Year's Day - Church office closed
January 12	Youth- Winterfest

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)