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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 6. 2019			
9:00 AM Bible Class	281		
10:15 AM Worship	454		
6:00 PM Worship	180		
Contribution	\$25,508.00		

7:00 PM Bible Class

Deacons

Administration/ Joel Blake Communications Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton Building & Grounds Larry Brabham

Ken Purvis Children's Programs Richard Hyde Education Matt Fitzgerald

Adam Fracht Quinn Tolbert Family Life Center Chris Davis

> Fellowship Tim Riggs Finance Jeff Fleming Brandon Smith

Foreign Missions Paul Gidden Brian Lee

Involvement Frank Kerze Sharing Kyle Gordley Bradley Welborn

Special Ministries Ushers

Welcome Center/ Ben Brockman **Visitor Contacts**

Visitation - Hospital & Robert Shock Homebound/Men's Ministry

> Worship Scott Blake Bill Malone

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.

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Budget

Through August 31, 2019, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$889,885 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$957,868 for a deficit of (\$67,983).

Notes

October 13

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 John Rowe

Doug Dobbs **Communion Leader**

Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of Romans Chapters 1-8" by Ken Stegall Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

"How to Keep Fear from Scaring you to Death" by Nathan Ingram Sundays in Worship Center A101

> "Getting to Know the Apostles" by James Parker Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s, 30s, & others)

"Read Through the Bible Discussion Class" by Rick Medford & Gary Tannahill Sundays in the Magnolia Room (C106)

> "Traits of Christian Discipleship" by Various Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

"We Saved You A Seat" (Ladies Class) by Various Wednesdays in Worship Center A101

Teen Bible Classes:

"Ezra & Nehemiah" by Jordan Fontenot & Joshua Watrous Sundays in Education Center B107 (7th-12th)

"Identity" by Jordan Fontenot Wednesdays in Education Center B107 (7th-12th)

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0-1 years	A103	1st grade	B202
1 year-olds	A105/106	2nd grade	
2 year-olds	A107	3rd grade	
3 year-olds	A108	4th grade	
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.

A **Nursery** is available during Sunday morning worship for children 0-23 months. For children 24 months and up, there is a **Training Room** available at the back of the auditorium, behind the glass windows.



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Windows Open and Windows Close

In 1988 I made a trip to China accompanied by the editor of the Christian Chronicle to verify the printing of one hundred thousand bibles in Beijing, China. It was the result of several years of planning, praying, and traveling to China.

The door to China had long been closed to outsiders - since 1949 when the Communist Party took control of the country. The Bible and Christianity are viewed by Communistcontrolled countries as subversive to government control. Absolute allegiance to the government is demanded.

Following Mao Zedong's death in 1976, a potential window began to appear under the leadership of the new chairman Deng Xiaoping. He began to focus on raising the living standards. Citizens were allowed, within limits, to own private property again. U.S. President Nixon made a historic trip to China. The window opened a bit.

It was during that brief time that we were able to print and distribute the Bibles. Plans were underway for the next printing - but the window slammed closed. A student-led demonstration in Tiananmen Square in Beijing caused the government to re-tighten its control. Our printer sent word to never try to contact him again.

The government-controlled church has been the only source through which a Bible could be purchased until recently when Bibles could be ordered online, and a Bible app was available to be downloaded.

When government officials realized that 10 million Bibles had been downloaded from the site, they banned the sale of Bibles and blocked the app. An official statement was issued that "[Religious faiths must] adapt themselves to the socialist society."

Cherish the religious freedom that we enjoy in our country.

-Ken Stegall

Congratulations

Congratulations to Nathan Zeisig who was baptized into Christ Sunday, October 6 Welcome to the family, **Nathan!**

Announcements

Join us TODAY for a Potluck to Honor our Bible Class Teachers, Deacons, **Elders, Minister, etc.** immediately following morning assembly in the Family Life Center. Please bring a crockpot of soup, a salad, or a plate of sandwiches to share!

Congregational Singing will be <u>TONIGHT</u> during the evening assembly.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Papa Amadeus.

Lifeline Chaplaincy is hosting their annual benefit gala this Tuesday, October 15. If you are interested in attending, please see Chuck Hix or Lifeline Chaplaincy website.

Our Fall Festival will be this Saturday, October 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Make plans to join in the fun! Come by the bulletin board in the foyer **TODAY** and sign up to volunteer and help make the festival a success. We are also needing donations of Little Debbies (any variety) and bags of wrapped candy. Please place donations in the box in the fover.

The **Elder/Deacon Meeting** will be Sunday, October 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 20 immediately following the evening assembly.

Spring Branch Church of Christ is holding their yearly Winter Coat Drive. The coats will be distributed to the church members and several other mission projects within the brotherhood. Please bring donations of new or gently used coats for infants through adults and place them in the bins in the church foyer by Friday, October 25.

Please join us for a **Baby Shower Honoring Cecilia Bloom** on Sunday, October 27 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Cecilia is having a baby girl and is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Amazon.

A group will be serving Lunch at Impact Church of Christ on Sunday, October 27. See Brandon Smith for more information.

From Pat Shaeffer (Advancement Coordinator - Adventures in Missions [AIM]): It was a joy and honor to be with you Sunday for a brief report and visit. I am always encouraged when I visit WOCC reuniting with such a wonderful family. Your partnership with AIM and our family is so very special to us. Through your partnership, we have over 50 missionary apprentices in 13 mission locations serving, loving and sharing Jesus. We are training another 35 who began their AIM adventure in August. I covet your continued prayers and would love for you to receive my personal newsletter. If you would like to receive these newsletters, please contact me at: psheaffer@sibi.cc.

Congregational Singing: The audio recording of our September 8th morning worship service singing is now available for listening at: www.woodlandoaks.org. Click on "Congregational Singing" underneath the Media Center icon near the lower right hand side of the main web page. Audio CDs are in the process of being produced and will be made available at the Welcome Center in the near future.

Young Professionals

Guys Night Out will be Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Wings 'N More.

There will be a Young Professionals Volleyball game on Friday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** <u>TONIGHT</u> immediately following the evening assembly at Taco Bell (32902 FM2978, Magnolia, TX 77354).

Youth Weekly Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Fontenot Home.

The Youth SNL Devo scheduled for October 26 has been moved to November 9 at the Walker Home.

The Houston Area Youth Fall Retreat will be held Friday, November 15 to Sunday, November 17 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX. Please register and pay \$50 online at: fallretreat.us by October 27. Please see Iordan Fontenot for more information.

Treehouse Kids' News

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

Worship Training for boys ages 4 to 8 meets Sunday evenings in October at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center to practice leading singing with real A/V equipment. The young men will lead the congregation during the October 30 devotional.

There will be no **Bible Builders** this week. We will resume next Sunday, October 20. The memory verse for October is John 2:11 -"... Jesus showed His glory ..."

Future Bible Class Teacher Training Group (grades 3rd and up) meets Sunday evenings. Meet Mrs. Jenn in the foyer at the beginning of the evening assembly. Please come ready to learn, observe and help!

Prayers

- **Frances Bryant**/mother of Chuck Bryant/is currently in the hospital with a bulging disk in her back/she is in a lot of pain and awaiting treatment.
- **Linda Borne**/came through knee replacement surgery on October 7, and is recovering at home.
- **Glenna Alexander/**mother of Glen Alexander/fell and broke her hip and has a brain bleed/room 6006/Methodist Hospital, The Woodlands/Visitors welcome/ Glen would like to thank everyone for the prayers.
- **Gary Cook**/friend of Glen Alexander/is recovering at home and has very much appreciated your prayers.
- The Members battling cancer: Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Dean Hurlbert, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, and Nancy Stucky.
- Friends & family battling cancer: Jennifer Woodward Banks, Teri Barker, Paola Bejaran, Jeff Branton, Fred Conrad, Emily Cottle, Mike Ferdinand, Tom Ed Gooden, Larry Hall, Randy Hicks, Shawna Holland, Mike Howard, Kathy Kaaiohelo, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, JerryMalone, Mallory Mitchen, Marty Pedranzan, Gerald Pereiro, Meghan Rudd, Becky Splawn, Leon Taylor and Marla West.
- Please remember our members: **Douglas Cobb, Ken Coleman, Bobbie** Fellabaum, Skip Foreman, Debi Hix, Bennett McMurray, Nancy Palmer, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Austin Stockwell, Elton Stubblefield and Mary Young.
- Please remember friends & family: Leslie Davis, Anika Matheidas, Abigail Mock, Justin & Amanda Mock, Leilani Palmer, Bill Pieper, John Reika, Ryan Waters, and Brook Veale.

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer. **OCTOBER DONATION NEEDS: WOCC Sharing Pantry: Canned Meats** Arms of Hope: Paper Towels, Baby Wipes, Toilet Paper

		This Week		
Today	11:30 a.m.	THK Leaders Appreciation Potluck Lunch		
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Singing		
		Worship Training (Boys Ages 4-8)		
		Future Bible Class Teachers meet with Mrs. Jenn		
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Taco Bell		
	7:30 p.m.	Pickleball		
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Women's Pickleball		
	6:00 p.m.	Advanced Men's Pickleball		
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class		
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Papa Amadeus		
	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals Guys Night Out		
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study @ the Fontenot Home		
	7:00 p.m.	Soccer		
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting		
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story & Craft Time		
	5:30 p.m.	Meal		
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes (Adult: Joel Blake)		
	8:30 p.m.	Pickleball		
Thursday	6:00 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.	Fall Festival		
Upcoming Events				

October 20	Arms of Hope Donations Due
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Congregational Meeting
	Youth Devo
October 25	Winter Coat Drive Due
	Young Professionals Volleyball
October 27	Sign up for Youth Fall Retreat Due
	Impact Church of Christ Meal
	Baby Shower for Cecilia Bloom
October 30	Youngest Men Lead Singing - No Meal
November 2	Men's Breakfast
November 3	Senior Parent Meeting
	THK Thanksgiving Potluck
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
November 5	Men's Lunch
November 6	Quilting
November 7	Community Bible Class and Potluck
November 8	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out - Shanks Mini Golf
November 9	Youth SNL Devo - Walker Home
	Youth Service

Expectant Families

Cecilia & Tony Bloom Alyssa & Keith Nix

New Members

Nathan Zeisig