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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

Communion Leader Jeremy Worley

Adult Bible Classes:

“Except Ye Be Converted” by Sam Bradley
Sundays in Worship Center Auditorium

“I Don’t Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist” by Doug Dobbs
Sundays in Worship Center A101

“Finding Truth in Past Lives” by Rick Medford
Sundays in Worship Center A102
(20s & 30s)

Fall Series: “True Happiness” by Various Teachers
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

“Evangelism” by Raymond Walker & Mark Freeman
Sundays in Education Center B107 (9th-12th)

“1, 2, & 3 John” by Terence O’Connor
Sundays in Education Center B106 (7th & 8th)

“Love Does” by Chris Tomberlin
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	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, October 7 2018

9:00 AM Bible Class	333
10:15 AM Worship	532
6:00 PM Worship	203
Contribution	\$27,360.00

Wednesday, October 10 2018

7:00 PM Bible Class	251
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Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Budget

Through August 31, 2018, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$896,725 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$944,810 for a deficit of (\$48,085)

Notes

October 14-PM Assembly - What Will a Man Give for an Exchange in Life

Politics and Christianity

I’m going to write this really carefully because it’s an opinion and because there are lots of ragged-edged emotions in our country right now.

I’ve never felt as compelled to address this issue as much as I do now. The issue is the “other” topic that folks warn you to stay away from. The first topic is the Bible and religion. Obviously, I don’t stay away from that topic but I have made a conscious decision to stay away from politics (and encourage others to do the same). It’s divisive. I care more about my relationship with the Lord and my brothers/sisters than I do politics. So, I have kept partisan politics out of my preaching and teaching. I do preach/teach regarding moral issues because they are fundamental to Christianity. I want to encourage you to do that same thing.

It’s interesting to me that I have Christians who come to me complaining about other Christians who in some way vocalize or display their political sentiments, who then go home and post on public media something that does exactly the same thing. FYI, you are no different than they are. If I frequented Facebook or Twitter, I would defriend you both . . . for exactly the same reason. You do realize that it is hypocrisy to expect from others a standard of conduct that you don’t adhere to, right? You might check your eye for a beam.

I have a couple of questions I’m asking you to consider objectively. First – Do you actually believe that you are changing anyone’s mind when you post on public media a political article or statement that criticizes or mocks someone? Does it promote unity? Second – (not unrelated to the first question) – Does your political affiliation mean more to you than your relationship with God’s family? Do your political actions alienate you from some portion of your Christian family?

In my adult lifetime, I’ve never known of a time when our country has been as divided as it appears right now. But God designed his church to be a beacon of peace and unity. It begins with me . . . and you.

-Ken Stegall

Announcements

Please check the **Lost & Found** table in the foyer to see if your belongings are there. Anything that is left will be donated to Impact.

Bible Class Teacher Training will take place on Sunday nights during the month of October. This is available to youth ages 3rd grade and up. The training will take place as part of our Bible Builders Program. Participants have the opportunity to meet the qualifications for the LTC Bible Teachers Challenge. See Jenn Tolbert with questions.

Because we are experiencing inadequate parking space in our parking lot, we are asking those who are able to please park in the Barbara Bush Elementary school parking lot. The **Church Van is Shuttling** to and from that lot on Sunday mornings. Contact Robert Shock with questions..

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, October 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Red Phoenix Hunan Restaurant.

The **Fall Festival** will be this Saturday, October 20 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please consider finding a place you can serve. The Fall Festival Volunteer/Pie & Chili Cook-off Contest sign-up lists are in the church foyer.

It's time for **College Care Packages** again. If you have a college student or college aged child in the military who would like to receive a care package, please make sure they are signed up at the Welcome Center by Wednesday, October 24. These packages will be delivered to 35-40 of our students for finals week. Monetary donations can be given to Kendra Blake, Krista Chapman or Denise Tolbert. Item donations will also be accepted at the Welcome Center. Need ideas? Single servings of snacks, school supplies, gift cards, hygiene items, and even toys can be great items. Encouraging notes also make great additions. A list of the students will be provided on October 28 to allow time for those who would like to write encouraging notes. Please have monetary donations, item donations, and encouraging notes turned in by Sunday, November 11. We will be meeting on November 14 to assemble the care packages at 6:00 p.m. College Care packages will be ready for pick up on Sunday November 18 at the Welcome Center.

Expectant Families

Brandi & Adam Barszewski
Kendra & Joel Blake

Lindsey & Doug Peak
Kaylyn & Randy Wilkinson

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

OCTOBER DONATION NEEDS:
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Canned Meats
Arms of Hope: Paper Towels

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, October 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

There will be a **Youth Invasion** Sunday, October 21 immediately following the evening assembly at Crust Pizza.

This year we're participating in **Houston Area Youth Fall Retreat** on November 10-11 which incorporates several of our area churches getting together to share fellowship and grow deeper in our relationships with God and each other. It is spearheaded by Memorial Church of Christ. The retreat will be at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX and is \$40 per person (do not pay online, deliver payment to Chris Tomberlin). Please sign up to participate in this wonderful event by Saturday, October 27 at: www.fallretreat.us.

Treehouse Kids' News

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.

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

Two groups of Sprouts Storytime friends will go on a **Field Trip to Oil Ranch**. Group A will meet at Oil Ranch Monday, October 22 at 10:00 a.m. and Group B will meet at Oil Ranch Friday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. Please see Jennifer Tolbert for additional details and to RSVP.

Prayers

- ✚ **Sam Baldacchino**/is in ICU at St. Luke's.
- ✚ **Michael Salas**/son of Michael & Angel Salas/broken collar bone/recovering from surgery October 9.
- ✚ **Elton Stubblefield**/recovering from outpatient surgery October 13.
- ✚ **Fred Conrad**/father of Troy Conrad/undergoing treatment/chemo for cancer.
- ✚ **Pat Charleston**/fell October 6 and is very sore.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, and Nancy Stucky.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Paola Bejaran, Jeff Branton, Donna Dunham, Mike Ferdinand, Shawna Holland, Mike Howard, Mike Knappier, JJ Lovoi, Jack Lowry, Jerry Malone, Marty Pedranzan, Gerald Pereiro, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Rilene Cobb, Ken Coleman, Debi Hix, Laurie Riggs, Robert Shock, Tex Stevens, Austin Stockwell, Barbara Taylor, and Mary Young.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Brian Blake, Caleb Bloom, Joel Davidson, Leilani Palmer and Billy & Joyce Smith.**

This Week

Today	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Red Phoenix Hunan Restaurant
	6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Indoor Soccer
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story & Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes (Adult: Steven Talbott)
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday		
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Fall Festival

Upcoming Events

October 21	Arms of Hope Donations Due - Paper Towels Youth Devo Youth Invasion - Crust (Alden Bridge)
October 22	Storytime Field Trip A - Oil Ranch
October 24	Sign up for College Care Packages Due
October 26	Storytime Field Trip B - Oil Ranch
October 27	Sign up for Youth Fall Retreat Due
October 28	Serve Impact CofC Meal
October 31	5th Wednesday - No Meal
November 1	Community Bible Class Potluck Luncheon
November 2	Early Thanksgiving & Devo @ Tomberlin Home
November 3	Men's Breakfast
November 4	THK Family Potluck
November 10-11	Youth Fall Retreat (Houston Area Churches)
November 11	College Care Package Donations/Cards Due Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting
November 17	Youth Group Paintball
November 14	College Care Package Assembly
November 18	College Care Package Pick Up
November 21	No Meal/No Children's Classes/Combined Devo
November 22-23	Church Offices Closed
November 30	THK Sole Hope Shoe Party
December 2	Youth Christmas Party & Devo
December 16	New Member Party - Medford Home
December 24-25	Church Offices Closed
December 26	No Meal/No Children's Classes/Combined Devo
January 1	Church Offices Closed
January 2	No Meal/No Children's Classes/Combined Devo
January 5	Youth - Battlefield Houston Tactical Laser Tag
January 18-20	Challenge Youth Conference
January 25-26	2019 Men's Retreat
January 30	Youngest Men Lead Singing
February 15-17	BASIC Winter Retreat
April 13	2019 Girls Conference

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