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Our God Gives Our Lives Meaning

I've been rereading Viktor Frankl's book Man's Search for Meaning. He was an Austrian Jewish neurologist and psychiatrist who survived three years in Nazi concentration camps—including Auschwitz and Dachau.

After his liberation in 1945, he wrote his world-famous book (above) in which he analyzes why the survivors were able to endure the horrors of the death camps when many others became so discouraged they lost their will to survive, and consequently died.

His conclusion is that the difference was that the survivors had something or someone that provided them hope, or in his words, purpose for the future.

At one point in his imprisonment, based on his experience, he calculated that his chance at survival was one in twenty-eight. Although his mother, his brother and his wife were killed in the camps, he maintained a desire to survive because he saw purpose/meaning in his future.

He observed that when fellow prisoners began talking only about the past and ceased talking about the future, they had lost their meaning in life. They also lost their will to live, became insensitive to everything around them and soon died.

As I was reading, it occurred to me that God, through Jesus Christ, has provided Christians with both a purpose which and a person who gives us every motivation to live with peace and hope to the very end of our lives. We have a living God who loves us and we have a future filled with hope . . . regardless of our circumstances.

If our purpose in life is rooted in anything physical (person(s), job, recreation) it cannot last. The death of a loved one, retirement or aging can rob us of our purpose.

"Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." I Corinthians 4:16-18

-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 Mark Freeman

Communion Leader Paul Gidden

Adult Bible Classes:

- “A Study of Hebrews” by Chris Wright
Location: Chapel Center Auditorium
 - “Marriage: What Was God Thinking?” by Nathan Ingram
Location: Worship Center A101
 - “Assurance” by Mark Freeman & Raymond Walker
Location: Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s)
 - “A Study of Selected Parables” by Various Teachers
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium
- Teen Bible Classes:**
- “Pastoral Epistles” by Chris Tomberlin
Location: Chapel Center C203 (Senior High)
 - “Daniel” by Matt Fitzgerald
Location Chapel Center C201 (Junior High)
 - “I & II Samuel Survey” by Chris Davis
Location Chapel Center C203 (Wednesday Combined)

Children/Youth Bible Classes:

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| 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 | 7th-8th grade C201 |
| | 9th-12th grade C203 |

A **Facility Map** and other information is available at the Welcome Center. A **Secure Check-in System** is active for children in ages 0 to 4 years-old.

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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 23, 2016

9:00 AM Bible Class	350
10:15 AM Worship	548
6:00 PM Worship	212
Contribution	\$26,891.00

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

7:00 PM Bible Class	256
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Notes

October 30 Evening Sermon Title: Role of the Conscience Part 2

Announcements

Congratulations to **Haleigh Tuma** who was baptized October 20! Haleigh is the daughter of *Michael & Deanna Carroll* and the granddaughter of *Robert & Debra Thompson*. Welcome to God's family, Haleigh!

Nathan Ingram was chosen as an Outstanding Alumni for Harding University. The award was presented October 28 during Homecoming Festivities.

➡ All **parents of 2nd through 12th graders** are asked to attend a brief meeting today, Sunday, October 30 following morning assembly in Room A102 to discuss future summer activities.

Ladies' Bible Class meets Tuesdays with coffee and snacks at 9:30 a.m. and class from 9:50 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The **Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, November 1 at 11:30 a.m. at The Republic Grille Restaurant.

The **Family Life Center** and both kitchens will be reserved for Friends Day preparations this Thursday through Sunday, November 3 through 6.

Everyone is invited to attend this year's **Southern Sudan Mission Banquet** this Friday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. See Tyrone Mynhier for information.

Put your college student on the list at the Welcome Center to receive a **College Care Package**. Donations of items, money and encouraging notes are being accepted and the packages will be assembled Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. See Krista Chapman or Denise Tolbert with questions.

The **Impact church of Christ** helps people with spiritual and physical needs. Donations of used items in good condition are distributed to those in need or sold at a garage sale each Spring. The truck will be in the area November 18 to pick up large items. Please contact Gary Tannahill to schedule a pick up.

The **Men's Retreat** will be November 18-19 at Lone Star Behavioral Health Tomball. The theme is Characteristics of a Christian Man and the cost is \$25.00 per person. Sign up at the table in the Worship Center foyer.

Sympathy

Lawson Freeman died October 22. Visitation will be today, Sunday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m. at WOCC. The funeral will be held at 3:00 p.m. followed by burial at Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery.

Fran Cote, the sister of Bill Morrison, died October 25. No funeral service will be held.

Michael Dugan, the father of Erica Lunn and Alyssa Nix, died October 27. The funeral services will be held November 4 in Pennsylvania.

New Members

Adam & Monica Fracht, Henry & Levi
(Monica is the daughter of Gary & Jean Erwin)

Youth News

Sign up at the Welcome Center to participate in the **Youth Group Service Project** scheduled for this Saturday, November 5. The group will be helping in the thrift store of Pregnancy Assistance Center North. The van will leave WOCC at 9:00 a.m. and return at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Space is limited, so sign up soon.

Saturday, November 12 the Youth Group will play **Paintball** together. The van will leave WOCC at 12:00 p.m. and return by 3:30 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center to participate. The cost is \$20 per person.

← **Parents of 2nd-12th graders be sure to see the information on today's parent meeting in the Announcements section.**

Treehouse Kids' News

Children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed to **Bible Builders** during the song before the evening sermon. The memory verse for October is John 2:11—"Jesus showed His glory."

Sprouts Bible Story & Craft Time—Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in Room A105.

Little Lambs Play Group—Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Prayers

- ✠ **Nancy Stucky**/intestinal surgery October 27/Houston Northwest Medical Center.
- ✠ **Gary Griffin**/son-in-law of Ken & Janis Stegall/Rocky Mountain spotted fever/Little Rock, Arkansas.
- ✠ **Louise Rundell**/mother of Danyce Rundell/hospice care/The Broadmoor at Creekside.
- ✠ **Ryan Vance**/brother-in-law of Brian Flournoy/hospice following ineffective cancer treatment.
- ✠ **Jim Arnett**/brother of Danna Stevens/difficult family situation.
- ✠ **Wally Westbrook**/high potassium/recovering from kidney transplant.
- ✠ **David Jackson**/brother of Robert Shock/heart problems/Texarkana.
- ✠ **Norvall Newhan**/cousin of Terry Seaman/pacemaker replacement.
- ✠ **Chris Jacobs**/friend John Cheatham/health and family problems.
- ✠ **Tom Campbell, Ron Cole, Michael Dawdy, Faye Gillin, Romero Gonzales, Debbie Kroeschel, Nancy Lee, Kelly Malone, Kenneth Miller, Marilyn Pate, Marcy Patty, Brittney Rackley, Kaden Serafin, Joella Unruh, Harold Wade and Jim Weldon** are battling cancer.
- ✠ Please remember **Linda Alexander, Azlyne Anderson, Eva Baker, John Brakebill, Avis Burrignt, Lorene Burrignt, Keith & Joan Chambliss, Bud Charleston, Pat Charleston, Leigh Ann Cloutier, Ken Coleman, Caleb Cox, Dot Dawdy, Buster Dobbs, Donna Echternach, Jim Edwards, Joe & Bobbie Fellabaum, Jeri French, Gerald Fruzia, David Garza, Harry Hallows, Shirley Jones, Margret Korner, Marjorie Lockwood, Georgia Meadows, Carletta Moore, Lee Muniz & Helena Jaramillo, Lon & Judy Perry, Bill Pieper, Kim Prah, Gert Robert, Danyce Rundell, Gina Talbott, Julia Thacker, Kay Thornton, Eric Watson, Elizabeth Joan Webb, Karen Weber, Micah West, Jimmy Worley and Howard Yates.**

Friends' Day

Friends' Day will be next Sunday, November 6. Everyone is encouraged to invite three friends. **Invitations** are available in the foyer.

The attendance for Friends Day 2015 was 705. The attendance **goal** for this year is 750. There will be no evening assembly on Friends' Day.

This Week

Today	12:00 p.m.	Meeting for Parents of 2nd through 12th Graders
	6:20 p.m.	Bible Builders: Jesus Finishes His Work
Monday	12:30 p.m.	Ladies' Exercise Class in Family Life Center
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon
	6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals' Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	WOCC Quilters
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Bible Story & Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Singing
Thursday	All Day	Family Life Center Reserved
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class & Potluck Meal
Friday	All Day	Family Life Center Reserved
	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
	6:30 p.m.	Southern Sudan Mission Banquet
Saturday	All Day	Family Life Center Reserved
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Service Project

Upcoming Events

November 6	Friends' Day
November 12	Youth Paintball
November 13	Treehouse Kids Thanksgiving Potluck
	Young Professionals' Thanksgiving Meal
November 16	College Care Package Assembly
November 18	Impact Truck in Area
November 18-19	Men's Retreat
November 20	WOCC Hosts Sunday Night Live
	Last Bible Builders for 2016

Expectant Families

Kendra & Joel Blake	Chelsea & David Sparks
Erica & Jeremy Lunn	Katrisha & Chris Tomberlin
Erin & Billy Parks	Melanie & Morgan Whatley
Jessica & Trey Polvado	

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
OCTOBER DONATION NEEDS:
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Cereal, Breakfast Bars

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