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The Three Edwards

Thomas Costain's history, *The Three Edwards*, describes the life of Raynald III, a fourteenth-century duke in what is now Belgium.

Grossly overweight, Raynald was commonly called by his Latin nickname, Crassus, which means "fat." After a violent quarrel, Raynald's younger brother Edward led a successful revolt against him. Edward captured Raynald but did not kill him. Instead, he built a room around Raynald in the Nieuwkerk castle and promised him he could regain his title and property as soon as he was able to leave the room.

This would not have been difficult for most people since the room had several windows and a door of near-normal size, and none was locked or barred. The problem was Raynald's size. To regain his freedom, he needed to lose weight. But Edward knew his older brother, and each day he sent a variety of delicious foods. Instead of dieting his way out of prison, Raynald grew fatter. When Duke Edward was accused of cruelty, he had a ready answer: "My brother is not a prisoner. He may leave when he so wills." Raynald stayed in that room for ten years and wasn't released until after Edward died in battle. By then his health was so ruined he died within a year . . . a prisoner of his own appetite.*

Isn't that our problem also? We allow our desires to override our good intentions. We become slaves to our appetites. We focus our thoughts, emotions and resources on something physical. And no man can serve two masters.

Jesus came to break sin's power over our lives. That's exactly what Paul is teaching in Romans 8:3 when he says, "For what the law was powerless to do . . . God did." God breaks sin's strangle-hold on our lives and sets us free to follow the Spirit's leading and become an heir of all God's present and eternal blessings.

-Ken Stegall

*Burgess, Aaron. "Tackling Temptation."

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 Flo Mata

Communion Leader Steven Talbott

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:

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, September 4, 2016

9:00 AM Bible Class	330
10:15 AM Worship	510
6:00 PM Worship	188
Contribution	\$34,335.54

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

7:00 PM Bible Class	266
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Deacons

Administration Joel Blake
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Joey Dawson
Bill Malone
Brant Mathis
Youth Matt Hemphill
Terrance O'Connor

Servant Minister

Visitation—Hospital/Shut-Ins Tom Herrick

Notes

Announcements

Best wishes to **Chris and Christina Burns** and their children, **Andrew and Connor King**, on their recent move to Waco, Texas.

Tyrone Mynhier and **Lou Eich** returned September 10 from mission work in Ethiopia.

There will be a brief meeting tonight, Sunday, September 11 following evening assembly in Room A101 for any ladies interested in starting a **weekly workout session**.

Ladies' Bible Class resumes September 13. The study book will be Now I Can Fly by Jane McWhorter. Coffee and snack time begins at 9:30 a.m. and class concludes at 11:00 a.m.

Sign up at the Welcome Center for the **blood drive** to be held Sunday, September 18 in the Education Center.

Please check the **lost and found** items at the table in the foyer. Any items left will be donated to Impact on September 19.

Eastern European Mission Million Dollar Sunday is September 25. Visit milliondollarsunday.org or eem.org to learn more about helping share God's word with Muslim refugees. See Paul Gidden for more information.

Smile for a Child boxes are due by September 25.

The **Quilting Group** will meet on the first and fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Room B101. Donations of fabric and thread are being accepted.

Check the Welcome Center if you have requested the latest sermon series **Knowing God**.

Pick up a copy of the new CD entitled "**Peace**" at the Welcome Center. This recording of 26 classic hymns is by a smaller group of singers called "Seven Oaks."

Notes

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, visits and phone calls while I was in the hospital and rehab. They each meant so much and made me feel so loved! What a wonderful, caring congregation!

Love,
Nell Love

Sympathy

Condolences to Cortney Simpson on the death of her grandmother, Gladys Grissom on September 3 at the age of 82. The funeral was September 8 in Piggott, Arkansas.

Youth News

The first **Youth Invasion** of the season will be tonight, Sunday, September 11 at Sonic Drive-In (Research Forest) following the evening assembly. Youth group members and their families will converge on a local eatery to fellowship together and hopefully overwhelm the establishment—just for fun.

If you signed up to participate in **The Lock: Escape Room** activity, meet at the WOCC building on Saturday, September 17 by 1:00pm to load and depart. The van will return to WOCC at 4:00pm.

The next **Sunday Night Live** will be held at Spring Creek Church of Christ on Sunday, September 18.

Pick up a copy of the new **Youth Calendar** at the Welcome Center or online.

Children's News

The next **Children's Service Project** to assemble busy bags for hospitalized children will be today, Sunday, September 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Supplies will be provided.

Bible Builders will resume tonight, Sunday, September 11. Children are dismissed during the song before the evening sermon. The memory verse is Matthew 16:16—"You are the Son of the living God."

Mommy & Me: Bible Story & Craft Time will be held every Wednesday during the months of September and October at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105. There will be a Bible story and craft each week. Bring a sack lunch and stay for playtime afterward.

Expectant Families

Kaylin & Stephen Booker
Kendra & Joel Blake
Marie & John Denton

Erin & Billy Parks
Katrisha & Chris Tomberlin

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
SEPTEMBER DONATION NEEDS:
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Body Lotion & Toaster Pastries
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice Packs, Snack Packs of Pudding, Fruit & Jello

This Week

Today	All Day	Sunny Glen Donations Due
	5:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry Service Project
	6:20 p.m.	Bible Builders: Jesus is coming!
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Class Resumes
	6:45 p.m.	Young Professionals' Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Mommy & Me Bible Story & Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes—Adults: Brant Mathis
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Youth to The Lock: Escape Room

Upcoming Events

September 18	Blood Drive
	Youth SNL at Spring Creek Church of Christ
September 25	Smile Boxes Due
	Youth Devo
September 30	Family Fun Night: Light the Night Bike Ride
October 1	Children's Service Project/Church Work Day
October 2	Bridal Shower for Lauren Ishmael (bride-elect of Josh Welch)
October 15	Fall Festival
October 22	Children's Ministry Fall Party
	Corn Maze & Fall Party for Youth Group
October 23	Bridge Kids Nuke 'Em & Nachos
November 6	Friends Day
November 18-19	Men's Retreat

Prayers

- ✠ **Nikki Rogers**/admitted to Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital September 7/urinary tract infection and atrial fibrillation.
- ✠ **Joe Fellabaum**/back surgery postponed.
- ✠ **Bill Gerhart**/grandfather of Kaelynn Prichard/tests being run following fall and unusual behavior.
- ✠ **Tom Campbell, Ron Cole, Michael Dawdy, Faye Gillin, Debbie Kroeschel, Nancy Lee, Kelly Malone, Lisa Middlebrook, Kenneth Miller, Marilyn Pate, Marcy Patty, Kaden Serafin, Patty Stovall, Joella Unruh, Harold Wade** and **Jim Weldon** are battling cancer.
- ✠ Please remember **Linda Alexander, Azlyne Anderson, Eva Baker, John Brakebill, Avis Burrignt, Lorene Burrignt, Bud Charleston, Pat Charleston, Ken Coleman, Fran Cote, Caleb Cox, Dot Dawdy, Michael Dugan, Eddie Dunn, Joe and Bobbie Fellabaum, Jeri French, Gerald Fruzia, David Garza, Harry Hallows, Debi Hix, Peggy Hutcheson, Shirley Jones, Margret Korner, Cynthia Lockwood, Marjorie Lockwood, Nell Love, Georgia Meadows, Carletta Moore, Lee Muniz, Lon and Judy Perry, Bill Pieper, Kim Prahl, Gert Robert, Julia Thacker, Kay Thornton, Bill Walton, Eric Watson, Elizabeth Joan Webb, Karen Weber, Micah West, Wally Westbrook, Jimmy Worley, Howard Yates** and **Ellouise Zapalac**.

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