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You'll Find What You're Looking For

The world is filled with good things and bad things. What your life will become is based on what you are looking for. Buzzards consistently find dead carcasses and hummingbirds always find beautiful flowers. That's what they look for. They're happy when they find what they're looking for.

But how different the life of the buzzard from the life of the hummingbird. Who wants to be anywhere near the buzzard? . . . but we go to great lengths to attract the hummingbird. I don't know anyone who has a buzzard feeder in their backyard.

Some people are like buzzards. They are the happiest when they are fussing and fighting over the dead carcass of someone's misfortune. They want to be the first one there to be able to spread the news. So they always keep a sharp eye out for weaknesses in others. They live on garbage.

And then there's the hummingbirds in life. They make you smile. Just seeing one makes you feel happier. They appreciate the beauty in the world. They ignore the trash and rottenness. It's there, but they are not attracted to it - just like the buzzards aren't attracted to flowers. Both birds live in the same world - but they are looking for radically different things.

Our life is shaped by what we're looking for. We find what we're looking for. The course of our life is shaped by what we're attracted to - because that's where we hang out. That's where our heart is.

You can focus on what you don't have and all the problems in life and fill your life with anger, jealousy and hatred - there's plenty of garbage out there to feed on; or you can search for the flowers. You'll find what you're looking for.

- 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 Butch Merriman

Communion Leader Louis Faulkner

Adult Bible Classes:

"Studies in John" by Dave Short
 Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

"Come to Jesus' Meetings" by Robert Dozier
 Sundays in Worship Center A101

"Studies in Matthew" by Joel Blake
 Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s & 30s)

"A Study of Joshua" by Scott Logan
 Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"1 Samuel" by Scott Simpson
 Sundays in Chapel Center C203 (9th-12th)

"1 Samuel" by Rick Medford
 Sundays in Chapel Center C201 (7th & 8th)

"Various Topics" by Chris Tomberlin
 Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203 (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, November 26, 2017

9:00 AM Bible Class	363
10:15 AM Worship	631
6:00 PM Worship	239
Contribution	\$23,802.00

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

7:00 PM Bible Class	287
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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 October 31, 2017, Actual Unrestricted Contributions are \$1,144,210.99 versus Budgeted Unrestricted Contributions of \$1,186,555.48 for a deficit of (\$42,344.49).

Notes

December 3 - 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
 Quinn Tolbert

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
 Brant Mathis

Youth Matt Hemphill
 Terence O'Connor

Servant Minister

Visitation—Hospital/Shut-Ins Tom Herrick

Announcements

Adopt A Family Gifts, wrapped and labeled, are due TODAY. Please place gifts in the Family Life Center. The FLC is closed to playing today due to the gifts.

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly. Song requests may be listed at Welcome Center.

The next **Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, December 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Lupe Tortillas.

Community Bible Class will have their **Potluck Holiday Meal** this Thursday, December 7 immediately following class.

All families who have placed membership in 2017 are invited to this year's **New Members Celebration** Sunday, December 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Flo & Marcia Mata.

Volunteers age 8 and older are invited to sign up at the Welcome Center to **Serve Lunch at Impact Church of Christ** on Sunday, December 31. See Brandon Smith for more information.

Save the date! **All ladies** are invited to attend **Heart to Home's Pizza, Paint, Praise & Prayer** Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. The cost is \$7. Sign up at the Welcome Center by January 7 if you will attend.

Deacon Nominees

Our church family has selected the following nominees to serve as deacons. We are thankful to each of you who participated in the nomination process.

Deacon Nominees:

- ◆ Larry Brabham
- ◆ Adam Fracht
- ◆ Frank Kerze
- ◆ Logan Ingram
- ◆ Robert Shock

Schedule of Events:

November 19 - December 3—Members with objections to any of these nominees are to discuss the objection with the nominee. If there is no resolution, please contact one of the elders.

December 10—Installation of new deacons

Thank you

Wendell and I would like to say thank you to everyone for all the help and prayers that have been sent our way this year. Not only after the storm, but all year long. Its been a year of storms but by God's grace and a lot of prayers, we are still standing.

Thank you for everything,
Mylinda & Wendell Young

Dear WOCC Family,
Words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude for all your care and concern at my father's passing. Your cards, texts, conversations and beautiful plant did much to lift me up and encourage me through a sad time. Thank you for your unflinching love and support. We are blessed beyond measure to call you all family.

Jeanne Riggs
& family

Youth News

Youth Group Parent Meeting will be TODAY at 5:15 p.m. in room A102.

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Jason's Deli (32818 FM 2978, Magnolia 77354).

Youth Group Holiday Devo/Gift Exchange will be Sunday, December 10 immediately following the evening assembly at the Hulett home. Wear your ugliest Christmas sweater, bring a \$1 - \$5 gift to exchange, and a festive finger food to share.

The youth group will go to **Battlefield Houston** Saturday, December 16. The van will leave WOCC at 1:30 p.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person. Please sign up at the Welcome Center and pay Chris Tomberlin by Wednesday, December 13 if you will attend.

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.

Cookies & Cocoa with a Service Craft will be TODAY from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Bring some cookies to share!

Treehouse Kids December Potluck will be immediately following the morning assembly Sunday, December 17. Please bring Mexican food to share.

Sympathy

Heartfelt sympathy to Paula Shiver at the unexpected death of our brother - **Larry Shiver** Friday, November 24. The memorial service was held Wednesday, November 29 at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home. Please know you are in our prayers.

Prayers

- ✚ **Susan Fulwiler**/daughter of Elton & Gail Stubblefield/surgery Monday, December 4 at Palestine Regional Hospital.
- ✚ **Phyllis Lutz**/friend of Nancy Stucky/brain scan shows undetermined object on brain/prayers are appreciated.
- ✚ **Azlyne Anderson**/granddaughter of Danna Stevens/pre-op for heart surgery January 26-27.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, and Nancy Lee.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Shane Albers, Jeff Branton, Mike Ferdinand, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Marty Pedranzan, Meghan Rudd, Garland Spelce and Becky Splawn.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Mary Gambill, Lisa Holland, Carter McIntosh, Judy Perry, Howard Yates and Eileen Young.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Jocelyn Barillas, John Chegin, Cade Clepper, Jim Farley, Geneva Grady, Harry Hallows, Jim Hughes, Robby Kirby, and Johnny Myhnier.**

This Week

Today		First day of Winter Quarter Classes Adopt A Family Gifts Due
	5:00 p.m.	Treehouse Kids Cookies & Cocoa/Service Craft
	5:15 p.m.	Youth Group Parent Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Singing
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Jason's Deli
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Lupe Tortillas
	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
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class & Potluck Holiday Meal
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Little Lambs Play Group
Saturday		

Upcoming Events

December 10	Youth Devo/Gift Exchange - Hulett Home
December 13	Youth Sign-up for Battlefield Houston Due
December 16	Youth - Battlefield Houston
December 17	Sign up for Bible Readers Banquet Treehouse Kids Christmas Potluck - Mexican New Member Party- Mata's Home
December 21	Youth Santa's Wonderland (College Station)
December 24	NO morning bible classes
December 25	Christmas - Church Office Closed
December 27	Potluck Meal & Combined Devo - No Bible Classes
December 31	Serve Impact CofC Meal
January 1	New Year's Day - Church office closed
January 3	Potluck Meal & Combined Devo - No Bible Classes
January 6	Men's Breakfast
January 7	Sign up for Heart to Home's Pizza, Paint, Praise & Prayer Due Congregational Singing Worship Training
January 12-14	CYC - Challenge Youth Conference
January 16	Heart to Home Pizza, Paint, Praise, & Prayer
January 21	Elder/Deacon Meeting
January 27	Bible Readers Banquet
January 28	Bridal Shower - Alyssa Short
January 31	Young Men Lead Singing
February 3	Men's Breakfast

Expectant Family

Laura & Kevin Sim

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

DECEMBER DONATION NEEDS:
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Personal Care Items

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