

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!



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Knowing When to Fold 'Em

Some years ago, a preacher friend came to me for advice about the situation in which he found himself. He had invested several years of his life in a congregation that was experiencing solid growth. The church was nearing the need for additional space and building plans were being considered.

The problem was that one of his elders, a former preacher for that congregation, had obviously decided that he wanted to return to the pulpit of this church. The pressure began subtly but had increased over time to the point that my friend was informed that he would be required to submit to the elders a written copy of his sermons the week before they were to be delivered.

My friend came to visit with me. He didn't like my advice. I advised him to graciously leave. He was adamant. He had spent several years of his life investing his full efforts into this congregation and it wasn't fair that he was being "forced out". I understood his feelings. I still advised him to leave. My reasoning was this – "You have spent X-number of years helping to build this church. Your choice right now is – are you going to allow it to be destroyed by gathering your loyal friends around you and fighting this personal injustice? You cannot win. If you 'win', you lose . . . and more importantly, the church loses. ARE YOU MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE UNITY OF THIS CHURCH?"

He chose to stay and fight. On the bloody morning after . . . the unity of the church was destroyed. Many of his friends were so angry they left the church. In the process, he became so bitter that he left, not only the church and preaching, but he abandoned his wife and children as well. He was willing for the church to suffer in order to vindicate himself. And it did! . . . and it still is!

While I certainly sympathized with his feelings, he put his own welfare, pride and personal agenda before the welfare of the church. Unfortunately, I've seen this type of thing happen numerous times. Paul asked the Corinthian Christians, "Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? (rather than press your dispute to court?)."

Are my rights or my freedoms or my pride more important than the unity and welfare of the Lord's body?

- Ken Stegall

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 Elton Stubblefield

Communion Leader Ben Brockman

Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of the Holy Spirit"
by Dave Short Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

"Search for Significance" by Rick Whitworth
Sundays in Worship Center A101

"Faithful Fathers"
by Scott Blake & Ken Stegall Sundays in Worship Center A102

"Fueled by Christ: Powering Positive Change in a Divided and Distracted World" by David Sparks
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"I Kings" Senior High (9th-12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Sundays in Chapel Center C201

"Toolkit for Christian Living" Junior High (7th-8th)
by Rick Medford & Eric Alarid, Sundays in Chapel Center C103

"Guy Talk" 7th-12th Guys by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays in Chapel Center C201

"Girl Talk" 7th-12th Girls by Ellen Fontenot
Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203

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.

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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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, March 1, 2020

9:00 AM Bible Class	431
10:15 AM Worship	550
6:00 PM Worship	250
Contribution	\$31,410.00

Wednesday, March 4 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	269
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Deacons

Administration Joel Blake
Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton
Building & Grounds Larry Brabham
Ken Purvis
Todd Watrous

Children's Programs Richard Hyde
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Adam Fracht
Quinn Tolbert

Family Life Center Fellowship Chris Davis
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Reaching Out Gavin Dao
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Welcome Center/Visitor Contacts Ben Brockman

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

Worship Eric Kirkland
Bill Malone

Youth Brant Mathis
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.

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through February 29, 2020 are \$234,065 compared with a budgeted amount of \$218,089 producing a surplus of \$15,976.

Notes

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Announcements

Congratulations to Harry Davis who was baptized into Christ Wednesday, March 4. Welcome to the family Harry!

Directory Picture Updates: Is your youngest child missing from your photo? Are your children in school now, but still babies in the directory? Is your hair color or style completely different now? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you most likely need a new church directory photo. Please email updated directory pictures to information@woodlandoaks.org.

Those who have requested copies of **Ken's Sunday morning Romans class**, the recordings are available at the Welcome Center. There is also a sign-up for those who would like to request the Romans class.

There will be an **Usher Meeting/Training TODAY** at 5:00 p.m. in room A101. See Tony Bloom for more information.

Sunny Glen Donations of canned chicken and cooking spray are due **TODAY**. Please place donations in the cart in the foyer.

There will be **NO Ladies Class** this Tuesday, March 10. Classes will resume March 17.

Please welcome our guest speaker, **David Simmons, Executive Director of FACE** (French African Christian Education) Sunday evening, March 15. David will share a lesson and update us on the great work in Benin, Africa in training preachers to fulfill the great commission. <https://www.frenchafricanmissions.com>

WOCC will serve the **Impact Church of Christ Meal Service** Sunday, March 29. We'll have a handful of people completing the meal preparation at Woodland Oaks that Sunday morning from around 8:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. and about 20 people serving the meal down at Impact from 12:15 p.m. until around 2:15 p.m. If you're interested in serving, please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2v0ebic>. Contact Brandon Smith for additional information.

LTC

Bible Bowl Practice meets Sunday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in room A102.

There will be **NO Drama Practice** today, March 8. We will resume March 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please have costumes and bring/wear clothes appropriate for painting.

Puppets Practice will be March 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Foyer. (NO practice today)

Chorus Practice meets Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Thank You

Thank you church family for the love and support shown to us during Daddy's illness and passing. I have missed being with you all. Your prayers, cards and texts held me up during a difficult time.

Love in Christ, Lisa Holland & Family

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Which Wich (Kuykendahl & Flintridge).

Youth Weekly Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Market Street Starbucks.

There will be a **Girls Sleepover** this Friday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. to March 14, 10:00 a.m. at the Fontenot's new home. Please bring sleeping bags and snacks.

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, March 15 immediately following the evening assembly. Girls bring drinks, guys bring snacks.

The **Broomball Lock-In** will be March 20-21. The cost is \$20. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

Treehouse Kids' News

There will be **NO Sprouts Story & Craft Time** this Wednesday, March 11. We will resume March 18.

There will be **NO Bible Builders TODAY**. We will resume Sunday, March 15. The memory verse for March is I Samuel 16:7 - "Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at the heart."

Bring your aprons and join us for the **Ultimate Mother-Son Baking Challenge** Friday, March 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will give you a "blind bag" of ingredients, a recipe and a theme. It will be up to the Mom/Son teams to whip up your most creative and tastiest treat! Dinner will be served. Please RSVP on the Children's Facebook page if you will attend.

Prayers

- ✚ **Roxie Granger**/brain bleed/had a blood clot removed from her brain March 1/ remains in a coma at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands ICU/Room 4110.
- ✚ **Lucky Roll**/recovering at home after visiting hospital with breathing issues.
- ✚ **Wally Westbrook**/recently fell and hurt his knee/surgery was scheduled for March 5/Methodist Hospital The Woodlands/Room 6031/Visitors welcome.
- ✚ **Ella Westbrook**/continues to have knee issues.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, Teri Barker, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Emily Cottle, Joe Guidry, Doris Higginbottom, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, F.R. Mitchell, Malu Oliveira, Gerald Pereiro, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Becky Splawn, Leon Taylor, Marla West.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Erving Alexander, Ken Coleman, Elizabeth Eich, Mary Gambill, Veronica Jones, Richard McFarland, Nancy Palmer, Joyce & Bill Pieper, Laurie Riggs, Joyce Roll.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Angela Birdwell, Penny Cornett, Marie Coury, Mariam Egger, Michele Hobson, Leilani Palmer.**

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

MARCH DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Laundry Products
Sunny Glen: Canned Chicken and Cooking Spray
Arms of Hope: Salad Dressing and Toilet Paper
The Children's Home of Lubbock: Paper Towels

This Week

Today	5:00 p.m.	Sunny Glen Donations Due
	6:00 p.m.	Usher Meeting/Training
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Which Wich
	7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Women's Pickleball
	6:00 p.m.	Advanced Men's Pickleball
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
		Soccer
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	LTC Chorus Practice
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
	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
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Girls Sleepover
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pickleball

Upcoming Events

March 15	Guest Speaker - David Simmons with FACE Youth Devo
March 17	Men's Luncheon
March 18	Quilting Group
March 20	THK Mother-Son Baking Challenge
March 20-21	Broomball Lock-In
March 21	Hannah's Hope Banquet
March 22	Youth Invasion - Crust
March 28	Guy's Conference
March 29	Impact CofC Meal
	Bridal Shower for Kirstin Wade - bride of Elliot Roberts
	Area Wide Youth Devo @ Jersey Village Church of Christ
April 5	Baby Shower for Gloria Glover
	LTC Showcase
April 10-12	LTC
April 18	Golf Tournament
April 19	LTC Awards
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Congregational Meeting

New Member

Eathel Higgins

Harry Davis
New in Christ 3-4-20

Expectant Families

Gloria & Michael Glover
Jessica & Trey Polvado
Laura & Kevin Sim

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