



September 27, 2020

Volume XXVIII—Issue 39

**Elders**

Scott Blake  
Gary Erwin  
Mark Freeman  
Nathan Ingram

Butch Merriman  
Elton Stubblefield  
Raymond Walker

**Staff**

**Pulpit** Ken Stegall  
kstegall@woodlandoaks.org

**Youth** Jordan Fontenot  
jordan.fontenot@woodlandoaks.org

**Children's Coordinator** Jennifer Tolbert  
jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org

**Building Manager** Larry Brabham  
larry.brabham@woodlandoaks.org

**Office Administrators** Karen Ardito  
karen.ardito@woodlandoaks.org

Jessica Weatherholt  
jessica.weatherholt@woodlandoaks.org

**Deacons**

**Administration** Joel Blake  
**Audio/Visual & Media** Mark Jetton  
**Building & Grounds** Larry Brabham  
Ken Purvis  
Todd Watrous  
**Children's Programs** Richard Hyde  
**Education** Matt Fitzgerald  
Adam Fracht  
Quinn Tolbert

**Family Life Center Fellowship** Chris Davis  
Tim Riggs

**Finance** Jeff Fleming  
Brandon Smith  
**Foreign Missions** Paul Gidden  
Brian Lee

**Information Technology** Al Ardito  
**Involvement** Frank Kerze  
**Networks/Special Ministries** Jeremy Haynes  
**Sharing** Kyle Gordley  
Bradley Welborn

**Reaching Out** Gavin Dao  
**Ushers** Tony Bloom  
**Welcome Center/Visitor Contacts** Ben Brockman

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

**Worship** Eric Kirkland  
Bill Malone  
Brant Mathis

**Youth** 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 July 31st, 2020 are \$793,271 compared with a budgeted amount of \$817,834 producing a deficit of (\$24,563).

**Last Week's Attendance**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

9:15 AM Bible Class 211  
10:15 AM Worship 338 @ WOCC  
427 Views online  
6:00 PM Worship 125  
Contribution \$30,032.37

**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**

7:00 PM Bible Class 88

You may give online at:  
<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:  
Woodland Oaks Church of Christ  
6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252  
Spring, TX 77382

**Notes**

**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** 9:15 AM Bible Classes  
10:15 AM Morning Assembly  
6:00 PM Evening Assembly

**Wednesday** 7:00 PM Adult & Youth Bible Classes

September 27, 2020

**Elder of the Day** Butch Merriman  
**Communion Leader** Glenn Addison

**Adult Bible Classes:**

**"How to Keep Fear From Scaring You to Death"**  
by Nathan Ingram & Sam Bradley  
Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Center Auditorium

**"Overcoming . . ."** by Various Teachers  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Center Auditorium

**Teen Bible Classes:**

**"Genesis"** (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
Chapel Center Auditorium

**"1 & 2 Thessalonians"** (7th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
Worship Center Room A102

\*Links for streaming Bible classes and Worship:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUclVYA>  
Youth: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB6iDYyDLiA/>  
Children: Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook Page

**Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:**

0–2 years A105/A106  
3–4 years C103  
5 years—3rd grade Family Life Center  
4th–5th grade A101  
6th grade A102

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ  
7300 Crownridge Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77382  
Phone/Voicemail: (936) 273-0010  
Email: [information@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:information@woodlandoaks.org)  
[www.woodlandoaks.org](http://www.woodlandoaks.org)



**CHANGE**

One day, when our daughter was about twelve years old, my wife decided that it was time to give her bedroom some serious spring-cleaning. Soon the closet was disgorged of its contents and items were pulled from under the bed. All of the things that had once been so valued in the mind of a child—the bits of paper, pictures, various items from fast-food restaurants, the play bank, the play store, and other forgotten items—were soon brought to light. The piles of stuffed animals, dolls, play clothes, and boxes of all sizes and shapes spilled out into the hallway all the way to the living room. Next came the process of sorting—throwing away this item and placing that item in a box to be returned to the closet or under the bed.

This went on from Saturday afternoon until evening and was finally completed on Sunday afternoon. I was called in for various phases of the work, such as reaching under the bed or up into the closet, but mostly I stayed out of the way.

I was given one special task. I was asked to untangle some necklaces that had been unearthed. Some of these were actual pieces of jewelry. Others, however, were the multicolored plastic variety, which are worn by little girls before they begin to feel "grown up."

As I held these necklaces in my hand my mind went back to earlier days. For some reason, I was usually the one given the task of fastening those necklaces for our daughter. I began to recall how they were not really designed for a father's large hands and how many times I had fumbled with these fasteners on a Sunday morning. I was saddened to realize that I am no longer needed for such important tasks. In those days my success as a father was measured by whether or not I could fasten a necklace, tie a bow on the back of a dress, or fix a broken toy.

What happened to my status in fatherhood? The problem is change. Nothing ever stays the same. Change is inevitable. Our children grow up and soon they are no longer children anymore. We grow older. Wrinkles develop. Hair turns gray or falls out. Our own parents begin to age and one day they are not around anymore. Change can be almost imperceptibly slow. Or, it can come in an instant. A medical diagnosis or a phone call late at night can change one's life forever.

There is nothing that we can do about changes in our lives. The daughter that was once twelve years old is now married and lives in her own home, so the process of change continues. Sometimes I wish that I could still sit in the "big chair" with our children and read them stories or watch Sesame Street again, but I can't. We cannot stop change, nor can we return to another time. No matter how much we might want to, there is no way to go back to the "good ole days."

There is only one source of security in this world of change. It is the hope that we have in Christ. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away" (Matthew 24:35). Long before Jesus spoke these words, God's people were aware of his eternal and unchanging nature. Moses, in his blessing on the children of Israel had said, "The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deuteronomy 33:27). David, the psalmist wrote, "The Lord reigns forever...The Lord is the refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you" (Psalm 9:7, 9-10). Isaiah described God's unchanging nature in this way: "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord, is the Rock eternal" (Isaiah 26:4). Perhaps the writer of Hebrews summed it up best when he wrote: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Many things will change in our lives. The only thing that will not change is God himself. No matter what happens, we have the assurance that God and his Son Jesus, love us, are concerned about us, and have made a way for us to live with them in a place where nothing will change.

Phillip Eichman  
Irmo, South Carolina

## Announcements

Please welcome our guest speaker, **Monty Tuttle**, Regional Director of EEM (Eastern European Missions), **TONIGHT** during the evening assembly. Monty will share a lesson and update us on the doors being opened in Eastern Europe as well as upcoming events. <https://www.eem.org/>

**Community Bible Class** will resume meeting this Thursday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center. Preschool child care will be provided and you will be asked to adhere to the guidelines currently used in our other assemblies.

**Men's Breakfast** will resume this Saturday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be provided and Ken Stegall will be the speaker.

Please join us for a **Come and Go Bridal Shower to Celebrate Shana Sepulvado**, daughter of Freddie & Donna Sepulvado, and granddaughter of Ann & Don Gilbert, Saturday, October 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Debra Miller. Shana is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Amazon. Due to COVID-19, we will not be opening gifts and having refreshments in the traditional WOCC way. You will be asked to congratulate Shana, and then take a goodie bag home with you.

There will be a **Blood Drive** Sunday, October 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Contact Kyle Gordley for more information.

For **Listening Assistance** on your phone in the auditorium, connect to the WIFI network "members" (password: ephesians219). Download the AudioFetch app and listen via your headphones or a connected hearing aid. Receivers for the auditorium are also available at the Welcome Center and receivers for the Chapel Center are available in the Chapel foyer.

The **WOCC Faithful Fathers Ministry** has been working on an exciting small group ministry for Dads. Stay tuned for more details . . .

## Expectant Family

Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

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

**SEPTEMBER DONATION NEEDS:**

**WOCC Sharing Pantry: Rice, Beans, Boxed Potatoes**

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly.

**Tuesday Bible Study** meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Fontenot home.

The **Youth Wednesday Bible Class** will meet in room A102.

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, October 4 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center.

## Treehouse Kids' News

There will be a **Virtual Children's Bible Class** with Mrs. Jenn Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Watch live on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook page.

The **Friday Fun Day at Oil Ranch** will be this Friday, October 2 for those who have signed up. The cost is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to WOCC.

## Prayers

✠ **Andrea Finley Nelson**/friend of Jasper Lovoi/has been diagnosed with acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)/Please pray for Andrea as she undergoes chemo.

✠ **Lucky Roll**/was moved to rehab facility last week.

✠ **Danyce Rundell**/continues to struggle with health issues.

✠ **Skip Foreman**/was released from inpatient rehab September 23/ Thank you for your prayers.

✠ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**

✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Joe Guidry, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Rose Talbott, Marla West.**

✠ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Bobbie Fellabaum, Leonard Proctor, Gina Talbott, Jennifer Watrous, Wally Westbrook.**

✠ Please remember friends & family: **Patty Baldwin, Gean Northam, Leilani Palmer, Liam Williamson.**

## This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Monty Tuttle, EEM
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class: Overcoming Discontent by Quinn Tolbert
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's on 1488
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class Resumes
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday		THK Friday Fun Day @ Oil Ranch
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

October 4	Youth Devo
October 6	Lifeline Chaplaincy Virtual Gala
October 9	Youth Homecoming Alt.
October 10	Come & Go Bridal Shower for Shana Sepulvado
October 11	Blood Drive
	Youth Invasion
October 18	Youth Devo
October 25	Impact CofC Meal
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Congregational Meeting
	Youth Invasion
November 26-27	Church Offices Closed
December 6	Winter Quarter Begins

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