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WOODLAND OAKS

CHURCH of CHRIST

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"As Unto The Lord"

Paul writes to the Ephesian Christians, *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord... Servants, be obedient to your masters... as to the Lord."*

The phrase, *"as unto the Lord"* is a key to Christian perspective of life. It takes our attitude about our role in life to a new and higher plane. It demands of us to be in control of our actions regardless of any other parties involved. It causes us to "do what is right" even if no one else in the world does.

Without this perspective, a wife may say, "I don't submit myself to my husband BECAUSE HE DOESN'T DESERVE IT!... or BECAUSE HE'S NOT DOING HIS PART!" But if we are submitting..., *"As unto the Lord"* (or "as if we were doing this to the Lord Himself"), we submit as God instructed REGARDLESS of our husband's actions – because we are doing this for the Lord! Our submission is not dependent upon our husband deserving it. He can make it easier and more pleasant – but we will submit regardless.

Without this perspective, a servant may say, "I don't have to obey my master BECAUSE HE DOESN'T TREAT ME RIGHT!" But "obedience *AS TO THE LORD*" causes him to say, "I'm doing this for the Lord and I will be the best servant I can be... regardless of my master's actions."

Children will obey their parents whether they deserve it or not, because it is *"IN THE LORD."*

Husbands will *"love their wives as Christ loved the Church"* whether they are lovable or not – because our obedience is based on a higher plane than before; and we will obey the Lord even if it is "in spite of" the whole world.

If our obedience to God is contingent upon someone else's action (or reaction – as the case may be), the time will come when we refuse to obey! But if we make our obedience *"UNTO THE LORD"*, nothing can possibly happen that would cause us to refuse obedience to HIM!

Our lives will take on a new dependability and steadfastness with our new perspective. A new calmness and sense of direction comes into our lives.

In Col. 3:17-23 (a passage parallel to Eph. 5:21-6:9), Paul begins his instructions to Wives, Husbands, Children, Fathers, Servants, and Masters (Col. 4:1) with this admonition: *"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."* He also ends that instruction with our new perspective: *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord. And not unto men."*

Let's determine to adopt this new attitude about our lives.

... Ken Stegall

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 8:20 & 10:30 AM
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

TUESDAY

LADIE'S BIBLE CLASS 9:30 AM

WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

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TO THE
CENTER AISLE**

Join us at
**SILVERADO
ALZHEIMERS
HOME**

for services at
2:00 PM today

Sunday, February 10, 2008

Sunday 8:20 a.m. Worship	214
Bible Class	263
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship	144
PM Worship	94
Contribution	\$12,038.70

Wednesday, February 13, 2008

Bible Class	127
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LADIES' BIBLE CLASS CONTINUES

Ladies Bible Class meets each Tuesday morning for coffee & fellowship at 9:30 a.m. with prayer & class from 9:50 to 11:00 a.m. Excellent childcare is provided. The study this session is Conquering Your Giants.

MEN'S LUNCHEON THIS THURSDAY 11:30 A.M.

GARAGE SALE ITEMS FOR IMPACT!

The Impact truck will be here February 22. Refrigerators, furniture and any items that would be useful to families or for the Impact Garage Sale in April are needed. Please contact the church office or Gary Tannahill to arrange pick-up.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

Since renovation of the foyer begin, the staff offices are upstairs. Information for the office staff can be placed in the boxes on the wall by the kitchen.

Update on funds raised for the
Uganda School of Preaching:

Amount Needed:	\$300,000
Amount Given So Far:	\$77,958

Mission Trip to Benin/West Africa

Ed Jones, elder of Benton Church of Christ (Benton, KY) with oversight of the Bible Training Center in Benin (West Africa), has some open spots for a mission trip this summer. The trip includes a three day lectureship for students of the school, and a visit to some bush congregations to check on the work in those areas, as well as look at provisions for two satellite schools. The team will leave July 3 and return July 14. The price is expected to be under \$2,500 for all expenses. If you are interested in going, please see Glenn Addison or Paul Gidden, and they will connect you to Ed.

OUR PRAYER LIST

- **RANDY BATES** had shoulder surgery on Friday.
- **JAY BRADLEY**, the brother of **Sam Bradley**, will have an angioplasty tomorrow. Please pray this will go well and that he will respond to the Gospel message.
- **SHERYL RAINWATER**, the mother of **Bill & Jeanette Malone's** daughter-in-law, has been unable to retain food since her surgery January 30. She had exploratory surgery Wednesday.
- **LARRY PROCTOR**, the father of **Tami Jones**, had surgery to clear blockages in his neck on Tuesday. He is in SE Memorial Hospital. Remember Tami asks that we pray for her dad, as well as her children, sister, and the rest of the family during this time.

Please Continue to Remember: Stan Birkhead, Pat Blake, The Conaways, Caleb Cox, Diane Duncum, Jill Duncum, Betty Ellis, Melanie Helm, Debi Hix, Diana Lege, Hermina Lollar, Donna Malone, Daniel Marshall, The McDougle Family, Landon McWhirter, Ethel Miller, Missionaries, Bill Pieper, Josh Smith, Joey Thacker, Louise Stubblefield, Don Underwood, Nic Whitacre, Jack & Dee White, J. Frank & Joyce Woodard

Those Battling Cancer: Mary Collins, Beverly Emmons, Diane Green, Terry Hayes, Carolyn Hobbs, Jack Hopkins, Dan Kaldor, Vicky Land, Lowell Montgomery, Jody Davis Page, Vickie Ross, Jim Rushing, Beth Taylor, Curt Taylor, Hank Walters

Those Away From Home: Nick Hall, Patrick Clark

Expectant Families: Cindi & Logan Ingram

EGG HUNT NEWS

This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the home of the Freeze family (or at the building if the day is rainy). Directions will be available in the foyer.

There are plenty of plastic eggs left over from last year, but all members are asked to donate stuffers like small toys and non-chocolate candy. Every age is welcome to hunt, but all hunters must be registered as the eggs are customized for each child.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. All donations should be in and all children registered by Sunday, March 2. Please bring finger foods to share.

Dear Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,

Thanks so much for cards, calls, visits and food during my illness. The potted plant you sent to the hospital was beautiful. Thanks so much, most of all for the prayers.

Thanks also for the tray you gave for our going away gift. We will treasure it in our new home.

In Christian Love,
Helen Samford

Dear Family,

Thank you so much for all the care and concern for Elton and me. The azalea plant is just beautiful! It still has a few unopened buds.

The food provided has been wonderful! It certainly was needed! Elton has been thankful he did not have to cook (me, too).

All the cards, phone calls, and notes of encouragement have lifted my spirits. Being "laid up" is certainly not my style.

The prayers offered in my behalf have helped to make me feel encouraged and I know the healing is taking place.

What a wonderful family to be a member of and have so many brothers and sisters!

Lovingly,
Gail Stubblefield

ATTENTION LADIES

Sign up sheets will be posted on the WINGS board through the end of February in hopes of gaining insight into what activities WOCC ladies are interested in pursuing in the coming year. Please let us know which areas you are interested in serving in!

BABY SHOWER



A shower to celebrate the upcoming arrival of Carly Rae Ingram, daughter of Logan & Cindy Ingram, will be held on Saturday, March 8, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Marty Justice. Cindi is registered at Babies-R-U's & Target.

Pregnancy Assistance Center North's (PACN) Summer Volunteer Training Seminar

February 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, 29 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Crossroads Baptist Church

6565 Research Forest Drive, The Woodlands

Training: How to handle crisis intervention, effectively share the Gospel with clients, use proven counseling techniques, etc.

For More Information: Call 936-441-7755 or email pacn@pacn.org

Help make a difference in the lives of many!

(PACN is a non-profit 501(c)3 Christ-centered organization)

A NEW SISTER IN CHRIST

We rejoice in the decision of ERIN SMITH to put our Lord on in baptism. ERIN made her decision and was baptized by Ken Stegall Tuesday, February 12th. She had been visiting with her family for some time. ERIN, husband Brandon, and sons Drew and Luke live at (omitted in online version) Please meet the SMITHs and get to know them. You will be glad you did.

LTC PRACTICE

Every Sunday

Elementary (Grades 3-6)

Chorus: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Puppets: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

JH/HS Teams

Puppets: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Chorus: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Drama: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Bible Quiz: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

2ND SATURDAY DINNER/DEVO

The Young Professionals class has home devotionals the 2nd Saturday of each month. The sign-up sheet for 2008 is in the Magnolia Room. If you would like to attend or host a devo, add your name to the list in the Magnolia Room or call John Oliverio. This is a time to bring your favorite snack food and enjoy fellowship and God's word in a home setting. All are welcome.

Men's Softball Starts TOMORROW!



It's finally here! Our first softball game of 2008 is scheduled to begin tomorrow, **Monday, February 18** with two games at **8:30 and 10:30 PM**. Beginning in 2008, annual registration with WCAA is mandatory; so, be sure to register with WCAA at www.wcaaonline.org to play any of the sports offered by WCAA.

If you are interested in joining us for an evening of fellowship and playing a fun sport, please let me (Paul Gidden) know. We can always use more players.

Today:

8:20 AM First Morning Worship Service
 9:30 AM Bible Classes (*Offered for all age groups. See one of the greeters for more details.*)

Adult Classes:

Auditorium *Jesus as a Rabbi (Elton Stubblefield)*
Magnolia Room *Discovering God's Way of Handling Money (Video Series facilitated by Rick Medford & Gary Tannahill)*

10:30 AM Second Morning Worship Service
 2:00 PM Silverado Alzheimer's Home Service
 LTC Practice
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly

This Week:

Tues, 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Class: *Conquering Your Giants*
(Pasta Primavera Lunch at WOCC Café)
 Wed, 7 PM Bible Classes (*Offered for all age groups.*)
Adult Auditorium Class: A Study in Forgiveness
 Thurs, 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon

Next Week:

Feb 24, 2 PM LTC Practice Continues
 Feb 26, 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Class: *Conquering Your Giants*
 Feb 27, 7 PM Bible Classes (*Offered for all age groups.*)

Area Wide Men's Retreat February 29-March 1 at Camp Holy Wild, New Caney
 (Call the church office or see the flyer in bulletin for more information.)

Those Chosen To Serve

February 17, 2008 (This Week) 8:20 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.

Host	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper	
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
Attendance Cards		Grant Tucker	N/A
		Logan Tucker	N/A
Lord's Table Leader	Dave Short	Chuck Hix	N/A
Coordinator	Jimmy Atkinson	Bill Malone	N/A
Servers for Month	Austin Short	Terence O'Connor	
	Aaron Hopper	Mike Yanochik	
	Nathan Lockwood	Steve Aloway	
	Zach Frazier	Jordan Blake	
	Cooper Riggs	Freddie Sepulvado	
Closing Remarks/Prayer	Sam Bradley	Sam Bradley	Sam Bradley
Nursery	M. Welch/Open	N. Yanochik/E. Jackson	N/A
Site Safety & Security	Ken Purvis	Richard Middleton	N/A

February 24, 2008 (Next Week)

Hosts	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper	
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
Attendance Cards		Grant Tucker	
		Logan Tucker	
Lord's Table Leader	Glenn Addison	Charles Smithson	
Coordinator	Hal Egger	Richard Middleton	
Closing Remarks/Prayer	Mark Freeman	Mark Freeman	
Nursery	Angie & Alyssa Short	A. Rivera/Open	
Site Safety & Security	Hal Egger	Bill Malone	

ELDERS

SAM BRADLEY GARY ERWIN
 MARK FREEMAN BUTCH MERRIMAN

DEACONS

ADMIN/FELLOWSHIP TIM RIGGS
 AUDIO/VIDEO MARK JETTON
 SHARING MINISTRY GARY TANNAHILL
 RICK MEDFORD
 BUILDING & GROUNDS KEN PURVIS
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