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WOODLAND OAKS

CHURCH of CHRIST

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“A Time to Break Down... A Time to Build Up”

In January, 1990 I was privileged to make a trip to Romania to deliver some 17,000 Romanian Bibles to people who had not been allowed to possess a Bible for approximately forty years. We were also bringing food for orphanages in the country. It was an exciting time for the people of that country. Less than a month earlier, the President, Nicolae Ceaușescu and his wife had been tried and executed as a result of a national uprising. People were elated. His downfall was one of the defining moments in the demise of Communist rule in Eastern Europe. Bucharest was alive with celebrations. Monuments of Stalin were being dragged down and destroyed. In gratitude for our concern for his country, the mayor of Bucharest presented me with a “freedom flag”- a Romanian flag which had the Communist insignia cut out of the center (It’s still one of my prized possessions).

The thought kept going through my mind, “There is a world of difference between ‘tearing something down’ and ‘building something better in its place’”. Ecclesiastes 3:3 says, “[There is] ... *a time to break down, and a time to build up.*”

It occurs to me- after the events of this past week (the voters of Massachusetts filling the vacated Senate seat of Edward Kennedy with a Republican)- that it can be really easy to get into a lifestyle of “trying to defeat something.” Regardless of your political affiliation, how long has it been since you cast a vote to “get something done” rather than to “stop something from happening?”

It also occurs to me that this mindset could become a way of life if we let it. Even a spiritual mindset! We can lose sight of our mission when we exclusively focus on the negative. Don’t misunderstand; we must constantly be vigilant in our stand against sin and divisiveness. And we must do so with our whole heart. But let’s remember that our mission in life is to take the gospel to the lost. So let’s remind and encourage each other to not get stuck in a “stand against/breaking down mode” and neglect to “build up” the Lord’s kingdom.

- Ken Stegall

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY	
BIBLE CLASS	9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP	8:00 & 10:30 AM
EVENING WORSHIP	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	
LADIES BIBLE CLASS	9:30 AM
WEDNESDAY	
BIBLE CLASS	7:00 PM
THURSDAY	
COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS	10:00 AM

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS DUE
BY 12 NOON EACH THURSDAY.

**PLEASE
PUT YOUR
COMPLETED
ATTENDANCE CARD
IN THE
COLLECTION PLATE**

Please join us for
a service at
SILVERADO
ALZHEIMERS
HOME
today at 2 PM.

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies' Day

Saturday, February 20th

Speaker: Gilda Shelby

We'll be meeting at the building,
please plan to join us!

More information coming soon!!



BIBLE BUILDERS

Don't forget BIBLE BUILDERS, meeting Sunday evenings during worship. This is for children 2 years old through kindergarten.

This week's memory verse is Matthew 5:3- "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

SIGNUP FOR READING YOUR BIBLE IN 2010

The sign up sheets to commit to reading the Bible in 2010 are in the foyer. Please stop by and add your name to the list of those who plan to complete their reading of the Bible in this coming year. The schedule for the bible readings will be in the bulletin (usually on the Church Happenings insert) every week, as well as on the web site. **There are also copies of the schedule for the year in the foyer.**



ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

TODAY AT 4 PM

IN THE MAGNOLIA ROOM

CHILDREN'S HOMES COMING

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ supports Medina Children's Home in Medina, Texas and Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito, Texas. Representatives of the homes will be in Houston during the first week of March to collect food and other items. Please consider bringing the following items to WOCC to meet their needs.

Medina Children's Home: 1) salad dressing and 2) Ritz crackers.

Sunny Glen Children's Home: 1) diapers (4-5), 2) liquid laundry detergent, and 3) liquid fabric softener.

Marked boxes will be placed in the Church Foyer for your contributions.

Thank you for your help.

DISHES IN THE KITCHEN

There are several dishes collecting in the kitchen. Please check to see if any of these belong to you. Dishes unclaimed by the end of the month will go to Impact.



PRAYER CARDS

Woodland Oaks is a praying congregation. As a help in our prayer life, we now have cards available in the foyer which can be used to add names of those needing prayers to your personal prayer list. Feel free to pick one up.

SHARPEN YOUR TOOLS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Learn what the Bible says about handling money and possessions in a concise but comprehensive one-day seminar at the South County Community Center on January 30. Registration is \$25 per person (including box lunch). For more information, go to www.JourneyWoodlands.org or call 832-764-0135. As with any human presentation, examine the Scriptures to see what is so (Acts 17:11).

THANK YOU

*Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,
Thank you so much for sending the beautiful arrangement. It brightened up a dark time. We also appreciate the many prayers for Paylin. We know she is doing so well because of them.*

*Sincerely,
The Adams*

*Dear Woodland Oaks Church of Christ
I just wanted to wish everyone a happy New Year and blessings to come. Things are great in the Air Force. I hit my one year mark in November 2009, and you know what that means...pay increase! I thank everyone for their warm gifts, cards and phone calls. Thank you again for all that you have done.*

*Love,
Ashley Mize*

P.S. Recently I discovered Memorial Road Church of Christ in Edmond, OK. It is quite large, but has a wonderful congregation!

PERU 2010

Planning is underway for this summer's mission trip to Lima, Peru and the orphanage. The children are looking forward to our visit. Last year 62 people went to work with the children. For those of us from Woodland Oaks we are able to talk and visit with our missionary, Mario Calle. Please consider this opportunity of a lifetime.

The date for the trip is July 17-25th. A \$300 deposit is due by February 14th.



The total cost of the trip will be determined when we have the airfare set which should be soon. If you are interested in a side trip to Cusco the return date is July 28 and there is an additional fee of approximately \$750. Due to the popularity of this work there is limited space on the trip.

HELPING HAITIANS AFTER EARTHQUAKE

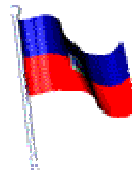
At this early stage of emergency response, there are probably many Christian groups mobilizing to help the Haitians.



Two organizations that have a good track record are WFR Relief Ministry (West Monroe, LA) and Healing Hands International, Nashville, TN (<http://www.hhi.org>). If you want, you can

donate money to either of these efforts:

www.wfrchurch.org/relief or 1-888-541-2848.



Today:

8:00 AM Morning Worship Assembly
 9:30 AM Bible Class (*Offered for all age groups. See one of the greeters for more details.*)

Adult Classes

Auditorium **Family—A Shadow of Things To Come**

Nathan Ingram

1st Floor Church Annex **“A Study of Romans**

Ken Stegall

10:30 AM Morning Worship Assembly
 2:00 PM Silverado Service (*see bulletin front for more information*)
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly

Sunday, January 17, 2010	
Sunday 8:00 am Worship	153
At Retreat	54
Class	218
Sunday 10:30 am Worship	197
PM Worship	176
Contribution	\$15,231.50
Wednesday, January 20, 2010	
Bible Class	NC

THOSE CHOSEN TO SERVE

January 24, 2010 (This Week)	8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Hosts	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
Lord's Table Leader	Randy Bates	Brian Lee
Coordinator	Larry Abston	Brant Mathis
Closing Remarks	Mark Freeman	Mark Freeman
Nursery	Lorie Addison	Gayla McDougal
Site Safety & Security	Pedro Salazar	Bob McDougle
January 31, 2010 (Next Week)		
Hosts	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
Lord's Table Leader	John Oliverio	Carl Evans
Coordinator	Bill Malone	Matt Hemphill
Closing Remarks	Butch Merriman	Butch Merriman
Nursery	Debra Miller	
Site Safety & Security	Ken Purvis	Richard Middleton

ELDERS	
SAM BRADLEY	GARY ERWIN
MARK FREEMAN	BUTCH MERRIMAN
ELTON STUBBLEFIELD	
DEACONS	
ADMIN	TODD STEPHENS
FELLOWSHIP	TIM RIGGS
SHARING MINISTRY	GARY TANNAHILL RICK MEDFORD
BUILDING & GROUNDS	KEN PURVIS
EDUCATION	BOB WELCH
FINANCIAL	JEFF FLEMING
HOSPITAL VISITATION	JOHN CHARLESTON
MEMBER INVOLVEMENT	HAL EGGER
OUTREACH & MISSIONS	GLENN ADDISON PAUL GIDDEN
SPECIAL MINISTRIES	DAN GRAY NATHAN INGRAM
YOUTH	RANDY BATES
WORSHIP	BILL MALONE
MINISTERS	
PULPIT	KEN STEGALL
YOUTH & FAMILY	CORY WADDELL
OFFICE STAFF	
SECRETARY	JENNET GRAY MARTY JUSTICE
BIBLE CLASS COORDINATORS	
CRADLE ROLL	JEAN ERWIN
PRE-SCHOOL	JOANIE ROBERTS
ELEMENTARY	BOB WELCH
YOUTH	CORY WADDELL
ADULT	CLEO TARVER
SUPPORTED MISSION WORKS	
UGANDA SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM	
STEVE AUSTIN TEXAS GULF COAST BIBLE INSTITUTE	
RALPH WILLIAMS COORDINATOR OF SCHOOLS IN ASIA & AFRICA BEAR VALLEY BIBLE INSTITUTE EXTENSION SCHOOL PROGRAM	
RON CLAYTON INDIA	
CONGO, AFRICA	
PAT SCHEAFFER ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS	
BENIN SCHOOL OF PREACHING WEST AFRICA	
EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSIONS	
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