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WOODLAND OAKS

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Why Is It So Difficult To Accept God's Gift?

Why do we find it so difficult to accept God's righteousness as a gift? We certainly realize that our righteousness is hardly a shadow in comparison to His, right?

Then why do we struggle to accept His gift?

Maybe because of **the magnitude of the gift**. I've known some folks (maybe I know him really, really well) who have some difficulty accepting a gift... especially if it is something extremely valuable. If someone wanted to give you a necklace that was the only possession she had that belonged to her deceased mother, would you have difficulty accepting it? Do you realize that it cost God His only son to offer you His righteousness?

And maybe because when we accept such a gift, it **"obligates" us to the giver**. Certainly not because they intended it so; they gave it as a demonstration of their genuine love for us. But to accept a truly sacrificial gift ties us to the giver forever. We must be willing to accept the *relationship* that comes with acceptance.

And maybe most of all because of **what it will cost us** to accept God's righteousness. We must totally give up our own righteousness. God's righteousness does not "complete" our righteousness; we must accept the reality that we have no righteousness. That means that I must realize that if you add up all my righteousness, I'm a negative number! When I measure myself with all the rest of the sinners in this world, I've convinced myself that I'm a pretty good guy. But when I truly begin to see my holy God, I know I have absolutely no righteousness.

Paul said that regarding righteousness that comes from law, he was faultless. "But now," he said, "*I consider [everything I have been proud of to this point in my life] rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from law, but that which is through faith in Christ- the righteousness which comes from God and is by faith.*"

There is much at stake here. Whose righteousness will you claim when you stand before God?

- 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.

FAMILY CAMP

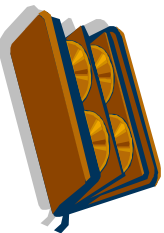


Sign up today for FAMILY CAMP, June 25—27. This year's theme is "Come and Get it". Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

THE BOILLAS

If you have missed Ron and Cathy Boilla lately, it's because the long drive three times each week to worship with us has become burdensome. They are in the process of seeking a congregation closer to their home. The nine years they invested with us during the formative years of Woodland Oaks have been a treasure to us and their place in our hearts will remain warm. We look forward to their occasional revisits.

THE TRUE GOSPEL



If you are interested in a set of CDs of Ken's lessons on "THE TRUE GOSPEL" please sign the sheet on the shelves in the foyer.

BIBLE BUILDERS



Hey Bible Builders! Tonight is our field trip to our benevolence room. Don't forget your canned goods!"

Save the date!!!

Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 14th—June 17th

Registration is open today! You can register on the church web site or on a paper copy (bulletin insert & extras are on the table in the foyer).



VBS Volunteers -Mark your calendars! Volunteer Orientation—choose from one of the following dates:
Wed, June 2 at 6 PM or Sun, June 6 immediately following evening service. Both meetings will be in the Magnolia Room.

Decorating Night—Friday, June 11th at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided!

GOSPEL SINGING



You are invited to attend a special free Gospel Singing Concert featuring acappella group "Straight Company" from Louisville, Kentucky. Please join Erving and Linda Alexander after Sunday Evening service on May 30th to congratulate all 2010 Graduates. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Coming Friday



June 25

The Impact Houston church of Christ is a mission near downtown Houston for poor families and the homeless. You can help by donating items for their distribution or for an upcoming garage sale. To arrange pick-up of large items, please contact the church office or Gary Tannahill. Smaller items can be left in the east stairwell in the new building; please mark "IMPACT."

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO HELP!

We have two opportunities to serve as coordinators of our children's Bible classes (preschool & elementary ages), and also several opportunities to teach during the Summer quarter. Please contact Bob Welch if you are able and willing to help.



LOST AND FOUND



A small blue New Testament Bible was left on the bench in the butterfly garden Wednesday evening. If this is yours, contact the church office.

If you, or someone you are aware of, needs food to get you through a time of need, please notify the church office so we can call the appropriate people.

Men's Softball Resumes

The men's softball team played quite well a couple of weeks ago. We took a break last week and resume play this week with two games, tomorrow, **Monday, May 24 at 8:30 and 10:30 PM.** Leave the shades home! The weather is warming so come on out and cheer your team. If you are interested in playing softball, please Paul Gidden. We'd love to have you join us for Christian fellowship and for playing a great sport together.



THANK YOU

Dear Members of Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,

"Twalumba Meninge" – Thank you so much for making over 200 baby blankets and over 400 baby caps for babies in Zambia. The washcloths, soap, single-edged razor blades, candles and Ziploc bags which you donated are greatly appreciated. This summer your donations plus others will be used to make Clean Delivery Kits so the pregnant women of Zambia can have a safe delivery. A woman using a kit is more than 13 times likely to survive the birth and have a healthy baby.

We also appreciate the medicines, cough drops and glasses that were donated for the Medical Mission trip this summer. Thank you for your "*participation in the gospel*," Php. 1:5. Your generosity shows your love for the Zambian people and your desire that they receive not only physical help but, more importantly, they have the opportunity to listen to the teaching of God's Word.

In Christian love,
Louie and Sandra Jetton
Mark and Michele Broadway

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 Growing Spiritually—John Rowe
1st Floor Church Annex
“Family—A Shadow of things to Come” - Nathan Ingram
 10:30 AM Morning Worship Assembly
 2:00 PM Silverado Service—*Led by the Powers Family*
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly

Sunday, May 16, 2010	
Sunday 8:00 am Worship	199
Class	351
Sunday 10:30 am Worship	270
PM Worship	225
Contribution	\$13,435.26
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	
Bible Class	148

THOSE CHOSEN TO SERVE TODAY

May 23, 2010	8:00 Service	10:30 Service
Hosts	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
First Prayer	Terrell Aycock	Howard Yates
Communion Coordinator	Brant Mathis	Matt Hemphill
Prayer	Todd Miller	David Singletary
Scripture Reading & Prayer	Elton Stubblefield	Scott Cannon
Closing Remarks	Butch Merriman	Butch Merriman
Nursery	Michelle Leighton	Janice Tadlock
Lead Coordinator	Bob McDougal	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	
MISSION PRINTING	
ARLINGTON, TEXAS	
SUPPORTED CHILDREN'S HOMES	
ARMS OF HOPE	
CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN	
CHILDREN'S HOMES OF LUBBOCK	
OLIVE BRANCH MINISTRIES—PERU	
SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME	