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**Back to Normal**

The last year or so has been a struggle for many to say the least. We have had to face challenges we never would have imagined and make decisions we never dreamed we would have to make. Throughout these events there has been one singular goal that nearly everyone on any side of ‘the issues’ has been striving for; getting back to normal. Obviously not everyone agrees on what ‘normal’ looks like, or whether or not we should be aiming for a ‘new normal’, but for at least the majority of folks, there has been a desire to return back to the routines we had all become accustomed to before the events of the last year. Each goal our society has set in the last year has been aimed at returning us to this state of perceived normality.

Nobody had to explain to society that things were no longer normal, it was simply understood by all of us. It was clear that there were things which were either missing or greatly altered from the state we knew they ought to have been in. We could feel within ourselves that we were missing key components of our functioning society. In other words, we universally agreed that something did not feel right, and we have done everything in our power since that realization to return what was missing.

It is our desire to return things to the way they ought to be, and when something is amiss, we have a strong sense of it. We have this irresistible understanding of what ‘ought’ to be. In looking at all the hot-button issues which are discussed daily in our country, it is this sense of what ‘ought’ to be that people continue to appeal to, but because they lack any sense of its source or meaning, they filter it through their own desires and opinions, to the point that what ‘ought’ to be seems to be an indiscernible enigma. It is not just this pandemic that has given us the sense that something is awry. Constant battles about injustice, hate, disparity, and poverty flood our public forum. While we may find ourselves swept into the emotional rush of discerning the political nature of these issues, have we ever stopped to address why these issues have become so important to a secular society? Why do those who live outside the values of the Creator care so deeply about His creation?

The answer is clearly seen, that the argument of what ‘ought’ to be is itself proof of our divine design and purpose. Built into us is an understanding of truth, justice, righteousness, and love. Paul says in Romans 8:18-25 that all of creation feels this longing to return to the state it was created for. While some things may still be right, there is something that is missing, and all of creation, ourselves included, feel this longing. Paul points out that it is this longing, and hope, that is itself proof of what it is we are hoping for. While we may long for our society to return back to its state of ‘normal’, we understand that when and if such normality resumes, something will still be missing; our unhindered relationship with God. We still live in a world broken by sin, and it causes us pain and discomfort, but we know by the hope living within us that there is a day coming when all that separates us from God will be done away with, and we will return to our original purpose; eternal life with God.

-Jordan Fontenot

**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**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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**Elder of the Day**                      Scott Blake  
**Communion Leader**                Trent Tadlock

**Adult Bible Classes:**

**“The Sword of the Lord  
 – The Who, The Will, The Word, The Way”**  
 by Marty Miller  
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Center Auditorium

**“Following the Example of Jesus”** by Various Teachers  
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Worship Center Auditorium

**“Such Bible, Much Read”** (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood  
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Magnolia Room (C106)

**Teen Bible Classes:**

**“1,2, & 3 John”** (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot & Josh Watrous  
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
 Chapel Center Auditorium  
**“Gospels”** (7th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Chapel Center Auditorium

*\*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/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB61DYyDLiA/>  
 Children: Woodland Oaks Children’s Ministry Facebook Page

**Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:**

0–1 year	A105/A106
2 years	A107
3–4 years	C103
Kinder–1st grade	C201
2nd–3rd	C106/Magnolia Room
4th–5th grade	A101
6th grade	A102

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**Missions**

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, [woodlandoaks.org](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

**Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions for 2020 were \$1,430,086 and budget was \$1,417,578 producing a surplus of \$12,508.

**Last Week’s Attendance**

**Sunday, April 11 2021**

9:00 AM Bible Class	287
10:15 AM Worship	440 @ WOCC 318 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	175
Contribution	\$33,366.02

**Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

7:00 PM Bible Class	187
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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**

## Bible Class Time Change

Beginning **TODAY** we will resume having **Coffee and Donuts** between Bible class and Worship assembly.

In order to accommodate this change, **Bible classes** will start at 9:00 a.m. Worship assembly will remain at 10:15 a.m.

## Announcements

Congratulations to **Chelsea & David Sparks** on the birth of their son, **Garen River Sparks** on April 9, weighing 7 pound and 12 ounces.

**Family Camp 2021** is just around the corner! Save the date and plan to join us in Palestine, TX June 11-13 for a great weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship. The cost is \$125 per family or \$60 per individual. Registration opens **TODAY**, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at: <https://bit.ly/3wW37Om>.

The **WOCC Quilting Group** will be meeting tomorrow, April 19th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The group will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month in the quilting room (C102) in the Chapel Center. If you are interested in joining please contact Joyce Pieper or Regina Evenstad.

Please join us for a Drive-by **Baby Shower honoring Morgan Greenwade** Sunday, April 25 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Chapel Center Breezeway. Morgan & Jackson are expecting a baby boy and are registered at babylist.com.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Join us for a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, April 25 immediately following the evening assembly.

Please join us for **Popcorn & Praise** on Sunday, May 2 at 5:00 p.m. for freshly popped popcorn, a cold drink, and fellowship before our singing service at 6:00 p.m.. If you would like to help with Popcorn and Praise, please see Jennifer Tolbert.

**Vacation Bible School** will be June 2-4th from 9:00-11:45 A.M. Our theme is "Here Comes the Son." VBS is open to children ages 4-6th grade. Registration is open and you can sign up at: <http://www.woodlandoakskidministry.com/>. Please invite your friends!

We are currently in a **CCLI Reporting Period**. Please let Robert Thompson know of any song printed, used digitally, or streamed.

Masks are available at the Welcome Center.

## Faithful Fathers

The Faithful Fathers Ministry will have an **Olympics Event** at the Ingram's place on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event is for all Dads and their children to come out and enjoy some food and fun while spending quality time together.

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

**APRIL DONATION NEEDS:**

**WOCC Sharing Pantry: Tomato Products & Pasta**  
**Children's Home of Lubbock: Disposable Diapers Size 4**  
**Arms of Hope: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Clorox Wipes**

## Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be **TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Chipotle@Market St.(9595 Six Pines Dr #1080, Spring, TX 77380).

**Tuesday Bible Study** meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at the Starbucks at Market Street.

**Girls Retreat** will be April 23-25. The cost is \$20. Registration is now open at: <https://forms.gle/dSnaCRRdYgJdWQYd6>. Meet at the building at 5:30 p.m. this Friday, April 23. We will leave no later than 5:45 p.m. Bring money for food on the way there and back. Please pack: Bible, bathing suit, tennis shoes, one formal outfit for dinner Saturday night, beach towel, toiletries, and your favorite board game.

Mark you calendars for the next **Elevate Hike Day** on Saturday, May 1. More details coming soon!

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, May 2 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center.

## Summer Camps

**Camp Bandina:** Registration has now opened for camp! The session dates this year are June 6-12 and the cost is \$150 per person, and \$140 for each additional camper from the same family. Students entering the 7th grade through 12th grade may attend. You can register at the link below. The deadline is June 1. <https://bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com/registration/>

Registration is now open for **Camp Red Oak Springs**. This camp is open to children ages 10-18. Cost is \$145/camper. We attend Session 5: July 5th-10th. You can register and learn more at <http://www.campredoaksprings.com/>. See Matt Fitzgerald if you would like to volunteer or for more information.

**Camp Wyldewood:** Session 4: July 11-22. This camp is open for ages 8-18. Cost is \$425/camper. Registration for Wyldewood can be found on their website: <https://www.campwyldewood.org/>.

Save the Date: **Camp Awesome** will be July 28-August 1 in Buda, TX. This camp is open to children who have completed the 3rd-6th grades. Cost is \$165 (\$150 Early Bird). Please stay tuned for registration. See Jennifer Tolbert or Jordan Fontenot for more information.

## Treehouse Kids

There will be a **2 Year Old** class on Wednesday nights taught by Anne Jetton and Sarah Blake. The class is located in A106.

The children's ministry will have a **Mother's Day Service Project** on Sunday, May 9 between Bible Class and Sunday morning service. We specifically need helpers on Friday morning, May 7 and to set up Sunday morning. If you would like to help, please see April Kerze or Jennifer Tolbert.

## Expectant Families

Allison & Ben Brockman  
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald  
Morgan & Jackson Greenwade  
Erica & Jeremy Lunn

Lindsey & Doug Peak  
Hannah & Kolt Phillips  
Erin & Cody Powers  
Maegan & Brett Rodriguez

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
		Registration for Family Camp Opens
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Chipotle @ Market St.
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class (Adult: Steve Baker)
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Denny's on 1488
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Youth Girls Retreat

## Upcoming Events

April 25	Senior Banquet Pictures Due Baby Shower for Morgan Greenwade Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion @ Jack In the Box
May 1	Men's Breakfast Elevate Hike Day
May 2	Senior Banquet Letters Due Popcorn & Praise Sunday Social Congregational Singing Youth Devo
May 8	Senior Banquet
May 9	Mother's Day Service Project Youth Invasion
May 14	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out
May 15	Faithful Fathering Olympics Event
May 16	Youth Invasion
May 22	Elevate Hike Day
May 23	Youth Invasion

## Prayers

- ✠ **Joyce Pieper**/prayers for continued pain following shoulder surgery April 8.
- ✠ **Bruce Caraway**/lost his battle with brain cancer/Please keep his wife and children in your prayers.
- ✠ **Anika Matheidas**/daughter-in-law of Michael & Laura Matheidas/vein surgery this Tuesday, April 20/Please pray that this procedure will correct the problems she is still experiencing with her leg and lead to a full recovery.
- ✠ **Butch Stone**/friend of Richard Hyde/was diagnosed with leukemia and it is progressing quickly/Please keep Butch and his son, **Colby Stone**, in your prayers.
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Jennifer Woodward Banks, Paola Bejaran, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Mike Howard, Jerry Malone, Susan May, Andrea Finley Nelson, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow, Marla West.**
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Judy Bollman, Mary Nell Bollman, Ken Coleman, John O'Connor, Judy Perry, Donald Southall, Danna Stevens.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Todd Grant, Leilani Palmer.**

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)