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GUARD THE PERIMETER

When there is a need for a guard, where do we post him? At the perimeter, right? Why at the perimeter rather than the center of the area to be protected? Because the enemy is out there somewhere, and we need to be alerted to his presence before he infiltrates our ranks.

As individuals, as families and as the church, it is vital that we set guards. Or, more specifically, that we all ARE guards. We must be trained to be effective as guards.

GUARDS MUST BE PLACED AT THE PERIMETER

If we wait until the enemy is in our midst, we are likely to be defeated. The closer he gets to us, the greater the danger. Thus, we post guards at the perimeter. That's where our hearts must be guarded. We are diligent to keep our enemy as far away as we possibly can.

Unfortunately, some like to play with danger. They love to stay in the "gray areas." They like to see how close to the edge they can go. They are easily persuaded that the enemy is their friend. When they let him in, they find out too late that he's not. And he's far more vicious than they believed.

They've never experienced his heartless devastation. Now they watch helplessly as their family, the church or their own life is ravaged and destroyed. They let him in. They could have said "No" and sounded an alarm, but they didn't.

GUARDS MUST BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE REAL ENEMY

Not everything and everyone is an enemy. If we cry "wolf!" at every movement, we soon become ineffective because others must learn to ignore us in order to function.

But the enemy is real. He is a master of disguise. He can really look harmless – like a sheep. So we need to either have experience in applying God's word to identifying the enemy or we need to listen to those who do- Thus the qualifications for elders who have overcome youthful tendencies and who have proven themselves responsible. An apology sounds hollow after you've let the enemy in.

The place and time to stop the enemy is at the perimeter- before he gets in.

-Ken Stegall

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	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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Elder of the Day Mark Freeman
Communion Leader Bob Klemm

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, 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 18 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class	279
10:15 AM Worship	484 @ WOCC 286 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	150
Contribution	\$29,558.81

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	138
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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
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Notes

From the Elders

April 16, 2021

Woodland Oaks Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you have noticed, our service attendance continues to increase and after much prayer and discussion we are going to make the following changes with our assemblies and Bible classes.

Beginning on Sunday, May 2, we will open a third section with no seating restrictions. The far-right section (as you enter the auditorium from the back) will continue with seating in every other row. We will continue to have temporary seating available in the foyer as needed. We encourage members to leave the "foyer" seating for those who are more comfortable with maintaining socially distanced seating.

Also, we have recently added a 2-year-old Wednesday Bible class that is being taught by Anne Jetton and Sara Blake. This class meets in the 12-24-month classroom.

As a reminder, Sunday morning Bible classes have been moved up to 9:00 a.m., with worship services following at 10:15 a.m. There are no changes in our streaming services.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation, support and encouragement and we look forward to our next assembly and classes.

Your elders

Announcements

Congratulations to **Hannah & Kolt Phillips** on the birth of their daughter, **Gemma Leonore** on April 15, weighing 9 pound and 6 ounces and measuring 21 inches long.

Please join us for a Drive-by **Baby Shower honoring Morgan Greenwade TODAY** 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 TODAY** at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Join us for a **Congregational Meeting TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, May 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

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.

Congregational Singing will be Sunday, May 2 during the evening assembly. Song requests may be listed at the Welcome Center.

There will be a **Blood Drive** Sunday, May 9 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sign up at: https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/334524.

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 is now open at: <https://bit.ly/3wW370m>.

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

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.

Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be **TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Jack In the Box (7950 Research Forest Dr, The Woodlands, TX 77382).

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

Mark you calendars for the next **Elevate Hike Day** on Saturday, May 1. Meet at WOCC at 4:30 p.m.

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

The **2021 Senior Banquet** will be May 8 at 11:00 a.m. for Seniors and Juniors families only. Contact Jordan for more information.

Elevate will be June 25- July 3. The cost is \$275 per person. Please sign up at: <https://forms.gle/i2asVbU11SJe8aTb9> and place a \$75 deposit by May 23. There are only 20 spots available.

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

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.

Thank you

Dear Woodland Oaks Family,

We want to thank all of you for the many cards, gifts, gift cards, and kind words following Gary's resignation as an elder of this congregation for 25 years. We both are very appreciative.

Woodland Oaks is a very special place, and we look forward to worshipping with all of you for many more years.

In Christian love, Gary & Jean Erwin

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

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Senior Banquet Pictures Due
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	3:00 p.m.	Worship
	4:30 p.m.	Baby Shower for Morgan Greenwade
	6:00 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		Congregational Meeting
		Youth Invasion - Jack In the Box
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class (Adult: Chris Davis)
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
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	4:30 p.m.	Elevate Hike Day

Upcoming Events

May 2	Senior Banquet Letters Due
	Popcorn & Praise Sunday Social
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
May 8	Senior Banquet
May 9	Blood Drive
	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
May 28	Youth Induction
May 30	Bridal Shower for Sarah Payne (bride elect of Joshua Foster)
May 31	Church Offices Closed
June 2-4	VBS
June 4	VBS Family Fun Night & End of School Luau
June 5	Men's Breakfast

Prayers

- ✠ **Tyrone Mynhier**/Please pray for safe travels to Ethiopia.
- ✠ **Don Stewart**/brother-in-law of Stephanie Baker/diagnosed with a brain tumor and had surgery/Please keep Don and his wife, Pam, in your prayers as he recovers.
- ✠ 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, Judy Chandler, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Mike Howard, Jerry Malone, Susan May, Andrea Finley Nelson, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Butch Stone, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow, Marla West.**
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Judy Bollman, Mary Nell Bollman, Ken Coleman, John O'Connor, Joyce Pieper, Judy Perry, Donald Southall, Danna Stevens.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Todd Grant, Anika Matheidas, Leilani Palmer, Colby Stone.**

Expectant Families

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

Lindsey & Doug Peak
Erin & Cody Powers
Maegan & Brett Rodriguez

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