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ONE OF THE PREACHER'S "HATS"

One of the unique things about being a preacher is the position you are in - between the congregation and the eldership. Some view it as a curse; others, as a blessing.

Your position might be summarized by saying that you are a "middleman" or perhaps a "facilitator". You can, at least in some ways, represent the concerns and thoughts of the congregation to the elders and, on some occasions, you can represent the elders to the congregation. The advantage of this position is that if you are a peacemaker, you can often help avoid or clarify misunderstandings which otherwise could escalate into divisive issues.

One thing which can hinder your effectiveness in this role is if you do not have the confidence of both the elders and the congregation. That has to be earned. Effectiveness requires some level of objectivity. It also often requires that you be willing and able to effectively express things so that first impressions will be reconsidered. It must be evident that you love the Lord's church and that you genuinely care about everyone involved.

It's sad that some preachers are the product of teaching which instills an attitude of adversity against elders. They begin their ministry with an attitude "It's us against them." They follow the mantra, "It's easier to ask forgiveness than permission." They move a lot. Each time, they blame "bad elders." Interesting... how some preachers seem to have the bad luck of having to always deal with bad elders.

I don't mean to leave the impression that there are no elders who are poor shepherds. There are some. A few have personal agendas or unresolved problems which cause them to be ineffective or even destructive. There are a few preachers that way too. But both are the exception, not the norm.

I consider it a privilege to have the opportunity to be a peacemaker. Although, the "one in the middle often gets kicked by both sides", he also sometimes gets to feel the satisfaction of knowing that he helped avert a disaster. And much of the time, no one else knows it... except his wife... and God.

- 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 Butch Merriman
Communion Leader Glenn Addison

Adult Bible Classes:

"True Justice, Kindness & Compassion" - A Study of the Minor Prophets by Chris Wright

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

"A Study of 1st Timothy" by Bob Klemm

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

"Young Adult" (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center Magnolia Room (C106)

Teen Bible Classes:

"Joshua" (7th -8th) by Jordan Fontenot

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"Shared Experiences" (9th -12th) by Various Teachers
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-205

"Do Hard Things" (7th-12th Boys) by Jordan Fontenot
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-205

"Christian Dating" (7th-12th grade Girls) by Jaime Faulkner
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-203

*Links for streaming Bible classes and Worship:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUcIVYA>
 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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Worship Eric Kirkland
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 Brant Mathis
 Youth Terence O'Connor

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 through June 30, 2021 are \$859,952 compared with a budgeted amount of \$715,043 produces a surplus of \$144,909.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 1 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class	265
10:15 AM Worship	425 @ WOCC 370 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	141
Contribution	\$31,059.02

Wednesday, August 4, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	108
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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

Announcements

There will be a **Teacher Workday** this Saturday, August 14! See Jennifer Tolbert for more information.

Please welcome our guest speaker, **Jim Canfield**, with BICA (Biblical Institute of Central America Honduras) on Sunday evening, August 15. Jim will share a lesson and update us on the great work in Honduras in training disciples and planting and nurturing churches in Central America.

Ladies Bible Class will be back in September! Sign-up at the Welcome Center. We're looking forward to a great year ahead!

Prayers

- ✚ **Evelyn Lancaster**/had a stroke and is in Methodist Hospital in The Woodlands/Please keep Evelyn, David, and the family in your prayers.
- ✚ **Ken Coleman**/was hospitalized with double pneumonia.
- ✚ **Lottie Prichard**/recovering from TIA attack July 28.
- ✚ **Don Southall**/doing well from heart surgery and was released from the hospital July 31 to continue therapy at home.
- ✚ **Camellia Jackson**/sister of Robert Shock/hospitalized with internal bleeding.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Rodney Burke, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Phillip Bailey, Jennifer Woodward Banks, Paola Bejaran, Judy Chandler, Judy Davis, Michael Dawdy, Steve Foley, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Rita Huffstutter, Mike James, Jerry Malone, Phil Martinez, Susan May, Andrea Finley Nelson, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Don Stewart, Butch Stone, Nancy Stucky, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **John Charleston, Dennis Daulton, Roger McDonald, Mary Jane Nevels, John O'Connor, Becky Splawn, Michael Williams, Howard Yates.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Josh Blackner, Walt Shaffer, Jerry Smith, Elton Stubblefield.**

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly.

Tuesday Bible Study will meet this Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at Market Street and will be followed by a **Movie Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the Salazar Home.

Girls/Guys Night will be this Friday, August 13! See Jordan Fontenot for more details!

Treehouse Kids

The **Geronimo Adventure Park Bridge Kids Event** has been postponed to a later date. A new date will be announced soon. Please see Jennifer Tolbert for more information.

The **Back to School Bash** will be this Saturday, August 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at WOCC.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the words of encouragement and gift as we moved to Dallas to be closer to family. We miss you all so much and look forward to visiting soon.

Love,
The Weatherholts

We would like to THANK the volunteers that took Impact kids shopping and those that donated money. There were 40 happy kids on Saturday!

Glenda Haggard
Brandon Smith

Expectant Family

Maggie & Daniel Spears

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
AUGUST DONATION NEEDS:
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Jello, Pudding Packs & Mixes, Seasoning & Gravy Envelopes, Condiments (mustard, catchup, mayonnaise)
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Toilet Paper, Napkins, Floor Cleaner, Cereals

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Women)
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Men)
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Movie Night—Salazar Home
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
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 Basketball
Friday		Youth Guys/Girls Night
Saturday		Teacher Work Day
	6:00 p.m.	Back to School Bash

Upcoming Events

August 15	Guest Speaker—Jim Canfield (BICA) Youth Invasion
August 16	Quilting Group
August 17	Youth Bible Study time changes to 7 pm
August 22	Youth Invasion
September 4	Men's Breakfast
September 5	Fall Quarter Begins Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
September 6	Church Offices Closed
September 10	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out
September 12	Youth Invasion
September 14	Ladies Bible Class Begins
September 18	Hannah's Hope
September 19	Youth Invasion
September 26	Guest Speaker Dr. Richard England (FACE) Youth Invasion
October 1-3	Youth Girls Retreat
October 3	Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing
October 8	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out
October 16	Fall Festival
October 24	Impact CoC Meal Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting
November 5	Youth Guys/Girls Night
November 6	Teacher Appreciation Banquet
November 7	Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
November 12-14	Youth Fall Retreat
November 14	Friends Day
November 25-26	Church Offices Closed