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HE KNEW WHAT HE WANTED

Years ago, when I was traveling to China regularly, I made friends with the owner of a jewelry store in Hong Kong. I asked him if there was a simple way to tell the difference between quality pearls and cheap ones. He took me back to his office and gave some simple guidelines and then said, "Now you can grade them yourself." He proceeded to lay three pearl necklaces under a black light with instructions, "Tell me which one is the most expensive and which one is the cheapest." To my surprise, I did.

Jesus told a story about a man who was a pearl broker. He bought and sold pearls. He knew pearls. One day he found the most exquisite, perfect pearl he had ever seen. He went out and sold the farm to buy it. He knew what he wanted.

A scout for the Chicago Cubs called manager Charlie Grimm. He was so excited he could hardly talk. "Charlie! I've found the greatest young pitcher I've ever seen! He struck out twenty-seven straight hitters. Nobody touched the ball until one foul ball - in the ninth inning. I've got the kid right here with me. Do you want me to sign him?"

"No," replied Charlie. "Find the guy who hit the foul ball and sign *him*. I'm looking for hitters."

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to get sidetracked? We start out the Christian race with clear vision, determination and enthusiasm . . . then life happens. We get bogged down or "opportunity" knocks. We take our eyes off the goal. We forget what we wanted. Soon it just doesn't seem as important anymore.

Many are called; few are chosen. Many start; few finish. Finish your race. Sell the farm if you have to . . . but finish the race.

-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 9:15 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 Michael Matheidas

Adult Bible Classes:

“Judges: Is God my god?”
 by Michael Matheidas
 Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.
 Worship Center Auditorium

“Christian Attitudes” by Mac Brockman
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
 Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

“Revelation” (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot
 Sundays @ 9:15 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:

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

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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, January 3, 2021

9:15 AM Bible Class	199
10:15 AM Worship	312 @ WOCC 576 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	148
Contribution	\$42,971.02

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	120
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You may give online at:
<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>
 Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
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Deacons

Administration Joel Blake
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Building & Grounds Larry Brabham
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Children’s Programs Todd Watrous
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Foreign Missions Paul Gidden
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Involvement Frank Kerze

Networks/Special Ministries Jeremy Haynes
Sharing Kyle Gordley
 Bradley Welborn

Reaching Out Gavin Dao
Ushers Tony Bloom
Welcome Center/Visitor Contacts Ben Brockman

Visitation - Hospital & Homebound/Men’s Ministry Robert Shock
Worship Eric Kirkland
 Bill Malone
 Brant Mathis

Youth Matt Hemphill
 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 October 31, 2020 are \$1,155,005 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,172,228 producing a deficit of (\$17,223).

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Madeleine Henss**, granddaughter of Rudy & Judy Henss, who was baptized into Christ Thursday, December 31. Welcome to the family Madeleine!

The **Blood Drive** is **TODAY** from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Please join us for a **Come and Go Baby Shower for Jessica Weatherholt** Saturday, January 23 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the WOCC Worship Center Porte-Cochère. For social distancing, please drop off the gift, receive a treat, and drive off. Jessica is having a baby boy, Tyler, and is registered at Amazon and Target.

There are **Thank You notes from the Impact Church of Christ** families that received Christmas gifts for those who would like to view them at the Welcome Center.

The **Men's Retreat** has been postponed to a later date.

There is a **2021 Bible Readers' Sign-Up** at the Welcome Center for those who plan to read through the Bible in 2021.

Save the date! The **2020 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up individually at the Welcome Center by February 7 and indicate whether you will attend.

Thank You

Woodland Oaks Family,

Thank you so much for supporting our Impact families for Christmas this year. In this crazy year it means so much and was such a blessing!

We are so thankful for your long term love, prayers, and support to the Impact families and children.

In Him, Caroline Morales & Impact Staff

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the love and kindness that you have expressed to our family during our time of sorrow. We appreciate the cards, plant, texts, calls and prayers. We feel blessed to be part of this congregation.

In Christian Love, Shelley and Tom Bennett

Dear WOCC Family,

Not feeling well, B. Jack and I went to the doctor on November 25 and both tested positive with COVID-19. On November 30, he was admitted to ICU and passed on December 6.

B. Jack enjoyed getting to know so many of you while taking photos for the church. His photography was a gift God gave him many years ago.

The kind, loving man you saw was the same precious person of God that we his family saw everyday.

Thank you for your cards, calls, the beautiful flowers, and food. Your love and concern helped get us through this difficult time.

Love, Ann Wilson & Family

Youth News

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

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Jetton home.

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, January 17 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center.

The **Youth Winter Retreat** will be February 12-14 at Hensel Camp, located outside of Marble Falls, TX. This event is open to students 7th-12th grade. The cost is \$30 per person. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, February 7. If you are interested in chaperoning please contact Jordan Fontenot.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Terry Hopper at the loss of his mother, **Sandra Lafferty**, Sunday, January 3. Arrangements are pending. You can read the obituary and find more information at:

<https://www.addisonfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Sandra-Lafferty-2/#!/Obituary>. Please keep Terry and the family in your prayers.

Prayers

- ✠ **Rebecca Osborn**/MRI of her heart scheduled for Tuesday, January 12/Please pray for her to have good results and some solutions.
- ✠ **JJ Jefferson**/friend of Glen Alexander and Robert Shock/died December 25/Please keep JJ's family and especially his wife, **Willa**, in your prayers/Willa had a major stroke 2 weeks before JJ's death.
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Jennifer Woodward Banks, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Barbara Conrad, Fred Conrad, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Mike Howard, JJ Lovoi, 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: **Alison Bloom, Bryce & Meredith Caldwell, Ken Coleman, John O'Connor, Elton Stubblefield, Mike Williams.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Caleb Bloom, Estefany Bloom, Santiago Bloom, Susan Bloom, Leilani Palmer.**

Expectant Families

Cecilia & Tony Bloom	Lindsey & Doug Peak
Allison & Ben Brockman	Hannah & Kolt Phillips
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald	Maegan & Brett Rodriguez
Morgan & Jackson Greenwade	Chelsea & David Sparks
Erica & Jeremy Lunn	Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Blood Drive
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
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
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery

Upcoming Events

January 17	Youth Devo
January 23	Baby Shower for Jessica Weatherholt
January 24	Impact CofC Meal (no volunteers required)
	Youth Invasion
February 6	Men's Breakfast
February 7	Sign-Up for 2020 Bible Readers' Banquet Due
	Sign-Up for Youth Winter Retreat Due
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
February 12-14	Youth Winter Retreat
February 14	Youth Invasion
February 20	Bible Readers' Banquet
February 21	Youth Devo
February 28	Youth Invasion
March 6	Men's Breakfast
March 7	Sunny Glen Donations Due
	Spring Quarter Begins
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
March 14	Youth Invasion
March 21	Youth Devo
March 26-28	Texas Bible Bowl Program
March 28	Impact CofC Meal (no volunteers required)
	Youth Invasion
April 3	Men's Breakfast
April 4	Congregational Singing
June 6-12	Camp Bandina
June 11-13	Family Camp
July 11-22	Camp Wyldeewood

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

JANUARY DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Breakfast Items: Cereal (dry and cooked), Jelly, Breakfast Bars, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Canned Fruit, Juice Packs
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Paper towels, Floor cleaners, Liquid fabric softener, All-purpose liquid cleaners

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