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“SPINNING” THE TRUTH

It’s hard not to believe something you want to believe. I’ll repeat anything that substantiates what I want to believe. Opinions become substantiating evidence. We read and view and cite only sources which support our belief.

Some of us even read our Bible this way. We already know what we believe, and we will only see those scriptures which prove we’re right . . . even if we must take them out of context.

That’s right . . . I’m writing about the value of truth . . . again. For the umpteenth time.

I want to make a request. Please don’t send me any more emails (or any other communication) that begins with “I don’t know if this is true or not, but . . .” If you have to begin with that disclaimer, it’s almost certainly NOT true. And if you don’t know if it’s true or not, either find out or don’t send it!

You are a Christian. If I can’t depend on what you say to be true, I’m probably not going to listen to you when you talk about the Bible.

I know you value your opinions. But don’t let your opinions become so important that you lose your Christian influence.

The world has always played fast and loose with the truth. But God’s people don’t. We value truth above all else. We criticize folks for “putting a spin” on the facts. Do you see any irony in this definition of spin? “To make **yarn** by drawing out, twisting and winding fibers.” But it’s spin only when they do it, right?

Let’s be people of truth. Not convenient truth. Not politically correct truth. Not spin truth.

“Simply let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.” Jesus said that.

[Only] the truth will set you free. Anything less . . . or more . . . only tightens the bonds of slavery.

-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 Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Matt Fitzgerald

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 Will Fitzhugh

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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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 May 31, 2021 are \$717,682 compared with a budgeted amount of \$605,036 produce a surplus of \$112,646.

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, July 11, 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class	306
10:15 AM Worship	505 @ WOCC 256 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	188
Contribution	\$34,254.84

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	160
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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

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ is proud to announce **Kyle Jetton** as the honoree of the **2021 John Jackson Memorial Scholarship**. Congratulations Kyle!

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

Impact Back to School: Volunteers are needed to take Impact kids shopping for school clothing and to eat on Saturday, July 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign up at the table in the foyer. Contact Glenda Haggard for more information. Donations are also welcome if you cannot take a child.

Pickleball will be moved to Tuesday, July 20 this week due to Jabberwacky.

There is a need for someone to lead a **Cook Team for Men's Breakfast**. Each team rotates cooking once every 4 months. Please contact Robert Shock if you can help.

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

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Jimmy Atkinson at the loss of his father, **Glenn Atkinson Sr.**, on Tuesday, July 13. The visitation will be July 22 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the funeral service will be July 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home. You can read the obituary and find more information at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/houston-tx/glenn-atkinson-10269962>. Please keep Jimmy and the family in your prayers.

Treehouse Kids

Brown Bag & Bouncin' Bears: Grab or pack your favorite brown bag supper and meet us at Bouncin' Bears (6526 FM 2920 Road, Spring, TX 77379) for a fun night of bounce houses! We will have the place to ourselves this Saturday, July 24 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.! Reminders: Everyone must wear socks! No seafood, tree nuts or red dye is allowed on premises.

Please RSVP for this **Bridge Kids Event** (3rd—6th graders)! It's going to be so much fun! Drop off will be August 5 at 9:45 a.m. at **Geronimo Adventure Park**! We will be going with Champions church of Christ! Wear close toed shoes, bring a sack lunch and glove. The cost is \$35 per kid. RSVP on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page or email Jennifer Tolbert: Jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org.

Children's Bulletins and Busy Bags are available at the Welcome Center.

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Raising Cane's (6730 Farm to Market Rd 1488, Magnolia, TX 77354).

The next **Jabberwacky** will be hosted by WOCC **TOMORROW**, July 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive at 6:00 p.m. to help set up.

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. at Market Street.

Summer Camps

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. Registration is now open at: <https://camp-awesome.square.site/>.

Prayers

- ✝ **Phillip Bailey**/friend of Mac Brockman/surgery July 16.
- ✝ **Don Southall**/surgery went well July 13.
- ✝ **Bryce & Meredith Caldwell**/departed for Ethiopia July 16.
- ✝ **Jaime & Louis Faulkner**/positive with COVID-19 and **Jonathan** has been experiencing symptoms/Please keep the Faulkner family in your prayers.
- ✝ **Sarah Mayo**/positive with COVID-19 along with 7 other members of her family/Please keep Sarah and her family in your prayers.
- ✝ **John Charleston**/released from hospital July 12.
- ✝ **Rodney Burke**/surgery July10 went well.
- ✝ **Michael Williams**/in Pheonix, AZ awaiting double lung transplant due to lung damage from COVID-19.
- ✝ **Elton Stubblefield**/former member/fell and broke his femur/he had surgery to stabilize the fracture.
- ✝ **Howard Yates**/surgery July 12 went well/Howard is doing much better and was released from the hospital July 14.
- ✝ 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, 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, Marla West.**
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Dennis Dalton, Clint Edgar, Pharis Fowler, Evelyn Lancaster, Cynthia Lockwood, Corey McEwen, John O'Connor, Terence O'Connor, Joyce Pieper.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Leilani Palmer.**

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

JULY DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Peanut butter, Jelly, Snack Crackers, Sandwich Bags, Snack Packs, Juice Packs

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Raising Cane's
Monday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	6:00 p.m.	Jabberwacky @ WOCC
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Women)
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Men)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth 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
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	THK Brown Bag & Bouncin' Bears

Upcoming Events

July 25	Elder/Deacon Meeting Youth Invasion
July 26	Jabberwacky - Katy CoC
July 28-August 1	Camp Awesome
July 31	Impact Back to School
August 1	Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
August 2	Jabberwacky - League City CoC
August 5	Bridge Kids Event @ Geronimo Adventure Park
August 7	Men's Breakfast
August 8	Youth Invasion
August 13	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out
August 14	Teacher Workday Back to School Bash
August 15	Youth Invasion
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

Thank you

Dear members,
Thank you for all the calls, cards, and prayers during Clint's illness. They have been so encouraging and uplifting for all of us. We are very blessed to be a part of this loving and caring family.

In Christian love, Clint, Nena, & Evan Edgar

Expectant Family

Maggie & Daniel Spears