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### The Biggest Loser of All

When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I was selected as “Best Boy Athlete” in the school. Big man on campus.

But the rest of the story is - the campus wasn't very big. In fact, I think there were about 15 students in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and the other grades were about the same size.

We were barely able to field a football team. The fastest guy in school insisted he couldn't run wearing a helmet, so when he needed to catch someone, he would throw his helmet off so he could run.

I don't remember if we had a school classification system or not, but if we did, it had no bearing on which schools we played. We played the schools closest to us. ALL of them were several times our size! So we never won a game! Not football . . . not basketball. So that made me the best loser of all!

I think maybe this helped prepare me to eventually understand the difference between “righteousness by works” and “righteousness by grace through faith.”

Regardless of how good I thought I was . . . and how good others told me I was - I lost! I could ignore that reality if I chose to, and act like I was really something . . . and most people in school would agree. But I was a loser. We all are lost. There was a higher standard outside our school.

Paul told the Corinthian Christians that it is not wise to compare ourselves with ourselves. We end up commending ourselves (II Cor. 10:12). We think we're pretty righteous when we look at others around us in this world. But we're not. There's a higher standard than the world's standard. It's the one by which we'll all be judged.

Until we realize how totally unrighteous we are, we won't accept God's imputed righteousness. We can always be the big man on campus . . . the biggest loser of all.

- 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

<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** Butch Merriman  
**Communion Leader** Bryce Caldwell

### 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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 Brant Mathis  
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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 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, June 27, 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class	289
10:15 AM Worship	452 @ WOCC 291 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	177
Contribution	\$30,931.52

#### Wednesday, June 30, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class	151
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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

Congratulations to **Ayrton Rochester** and **Olivia Terry**, who were baptized in Christ Sunday, June 27, 2021. Welcome to the family Ayrton and Olivia!

Congratulations to **Erin & Cody Powers** on the birth of their daughter, **Emma Beth**, Wednesday, June 30 weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches. The grandmother is **Debbie Powers**.

Congratulations to **Hailee & Tyson Powers** on the birth of their daughter, **Brooklyn Hope**, Thursday, July 1 weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measuring 20.5 inches. The grandmother is **Debbie Powers**.

**Congregational Singing** will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

The **Church Offices will be Closed TOMORROW**, July 5 in observance of Independence day.

**Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, July 10 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

**Ladies Bible Class** will be back in September! There will be a sign up table in the foyer Sunday morning, July 11. Looking forward to a great year ahead!

## Prayers

- ✚ **Clint Edgar** /at home after being hospitalized after stroke June 27/ Please pray for a full recovery and keep Nena and Evan in your prayers as they care for him.
- ✚ **Cynthia Lockwood**/was released from the hospital June 29/Please continue to keep Cynthia in your prayers for a full recovery from her recent heart attack.
- ✚ **Evelyn Lancaster**/procedure went June 28/she was released from the hospital June 29/Thank you for your prayers.
- ✚ **Don Southall**/will have heart surgery Tuesday, July 13/Please keep Don in your prayers.
- ✚ 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, Mike Howard, Rita Huffstutter, 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, Pharis Fowler, Corey McEwen, John O'Connor, Joyce Pieper.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Maria Euseda, Leilani Palmer.**

## Youth News

**Tuesday Bible Study** resumes this Tuesday, July 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Market Street.

There will be a **Combined Girls/Guys Night** this Friday, July 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. We will have Nerf Games at WOCC. Food will be provided.

There will be a **Youth Invasion** Sunday, July 11 immediately following the evening assembly.

The next **Jabberwacky** will be at Midway church of Christ on Monday, July 12. The van will leave WOCC at 4:45 p.m.

## Summer Camps

**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/>.

**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/>.

## 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 have the place to ourselves 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.

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

## New Members

**Michael & Alicia Lucas**

**Marcia Taylor**

**Ayrton Rochester**

**Olivia Terry**

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
Monday		Camp Red Oak
		Church Offices Closed
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Women)
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Men)
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Soccer
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	7:00 p.m.	Youth Guys/Girls Night
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

July 11	Sign up for Ladies Bible Class
	Youth Invasion
July 11-22	Camp Wyldewood
July 12	Jabberwacky - Midway CoC
July 18	Youth Invasion
July 19	Jabberwacky - Hosted by WOCC
July 24	THK Brown Bag & Bouncin' Bears
July 25	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Youth Invasion
July 26	Jabberwacky - Katy CoC
July 28-August 1	Camp Awesome
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 13	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to David Nevels at the loss of his mother, **Patricia Nevels**, on Sunday, June 27 in Norman, OK. Funeral services were held in Norman on Friday, July 2. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

## Expectant Families

Maggie & Daniel Spears

**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**