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### War or Peace

The Bible has a considerable amount to say about Peace - peace between the Jew and Gentile in the early church. . . peace between God and mankind. . . peace within the body of Christ. God is called “. . . the God of peace.” In the Old Testament the Judge Gideon built an altar which he named “YHWH- Shalom” - “Jehovah, my peace.”

The word peace can carry different meanings. We say at the end of a war when one of the combatants is totally defeated and forced to sign a “peace treaty” that we have peace. But that’s more along the lines of a **truce** than peace. A truce means, from a practical standpoint, that we agree to stop killing one another. That’s a pretty shallow definition of peace. I’m not saying that it’s not desirable, but it falls short of true peace. Hatred may continue. Particularly if one side has been devastatingly defeated. There is a winner and a loser.

A deeper definition of peace is **reconciliation**. That’s the kind of peace that God offers. . . and that he requires from his followers. Not an enforced truce, but a “glad surrender.” The offended totally forgives the offender. The Greek word denotes an exchange. . . i.e. to exchange hatred and anger for unity and harmony. There are no losers. Everyone wins.

In most wars, both sides see themselves as the “offended” . . . the victim. Over the years I’ve learned a great deal by listening to folks who came from a different background than myself. I will always remember the shock I received when I heard a lesson from a gospel preacher, Gottfried Reichel, who was born and reared in Munich, Germany. He was a teenager when he woke up one morning and looked out his window to see Allied tanks in the city square of Munich. I was dumbfounded to hear him say that he decided at that moment that there was no God- because he believed that God was on the side of Germany during that war!

There are many, many people in the world who have been/are being mistreated. They have a just cause. We can fight with one another and kill one another with both sides feeling justified. And “. . . *the bloody morning after. . . one tin soldier rides away.*” OR, we can make the decision that we want peace, not a forced truce, but reconciliation. No more hostility.

For that to happen, we must both lay down our arms, step out from behind our defenses, sit down together and do more listening than talking.

*“He left the splendor of heaven, knowing his destiny was the lonely hill of Golgotha, there to lay down his life for me.”*

- 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>	8:30 AM	Adult Bible Classes - <b>Online Streaming Only</b>
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly - <b>TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Class - <b>Online Streaming Only</b>

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**Elder of the Day** Raymond Walker

**Communion Leader** Hal Egger

### Adult Bible Classes:

“**A Study of the Holy Spirit**”  
by Dave Short Sundays Online Streaming @ 8:30 a.m.

“**Assurance**” by Raymond Walker  
Wednesdays Online Streaming @ 7:00 p.m.

### Teen Bible Classes:

“**Hebrews**” (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Sundays Online Streaming @ 7:00 p.m.

“**James**” (7th-12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Wednesdays Online Streaming @ 7:00 p.m.

### Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0-1 years	A103	1st grade	B202
1 year-olds	A105/106	2nd grade	B203
2 year-olds	A107	3rd grade	B206
3 year-olds	A108	4th grade	B208
Pre-K	A109	5th-6th grade	B209
Kindergarten	B200		

A **Facility Map** and other information is available at the Welcome Center.

A **Secure Check-in System** is active for children ages 0 to 4 years.

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### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday, June 7, 2020

8:30 AM Bible Class 379 Views Online

10:15 AM Worship 237 @ WOCC  
460 Views online

6:00 PM Worship N/A

Contribution \$27,533.52

#### Wednesday, June 10, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class N/A

You may give online at:

<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:  
Woodland Oaks Church of Christ  
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### Deacons

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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 April 30, 2020 are \$443,329 compared with a budgeted amount of \$463,439 producing a deficit of (\$20,110).

### Notes

## Letter from Elders

June 12, 2020

Woodland Oaks Brothers and Sisters,

Three weeks ago we began phase 1 of our plans to reopen our assemblies following our Governor's Executive Orders related to COVID-19. As our state begins to lift requirements we are moving forward with plans to gradually reopen our services in phases. While the pandemic does appear to be slowing, it still remains a very real threat to many of our "at-risk" members and as such, we will remain consistent with the state's guidance on the Minimum Standard Health Protocols for [places of worship](#). We are all anxious to return to "normal" as soon as possible, but it is in the best interest of our congregation's spiritual, physical and emotional health to proceed with caution and protect all members. We do ask for your continued prayers, patience and cooperation.

That said, beginning on Sunday, June 21, we will proceed with phase 2. Highlighted below is a summary of what this phase entails.

- We continue to encourage those in high risk categories for infection to stay home and continue to stream our worship services for your safety. This includes those older than 65, diabetics, those with chronic heart or lung disease, those with immune deficiencies and some pregnant women. Some parents with small children may want to consider staying home and streaming as well.
- The major change associated with phase 2 is that we will resume bible classes where we can safely social distance. This will include a single adult bible class (in the auditorium), a single youth class (for grades 7-12 in the Chapel) and a single children's class (for ages 0 through 6th grade that will be held in the Family Life Center).
- Classes will be taught from 9:15 - 10 a.m. and worship assembly will begin at 10:15 a.m.
- As we transition from class to the assembly, parents are requested to keep your children with you at all times and to address any bathroom needs before the assembly begins.
- All previous guidance on social distancing in worship assemblies will remain in effect. If you have not recently attended our worship services as part of our phase 1 reopening, we encourage you to read the attached document entitled "What to Expect - Phase 1 and 2".

If you will be joining us onsite for worship or classes, we ask you to self-screen before coming to the assembly. If you are running a fever or showing any potential symptoms (cough, chills, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, etc.), please stay home and stream services.

We thank everyone for your ongoing cooperation, encouragement and prayers.

The Elders

[What to Expect - Phase 1 & 2](#)

## Reminders

**Sunday Bible Class** – will be live streaming only at 8:30 a.m. at:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUclVYA>

**Sunday Morning Worship** – 10:15 a.m. – Please arrive at least 15 minutes early. Sunday Morning Assembly will also be live streaming at links above.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Class** will be live streaming only at 7:00 p.m. at links above.

**All group activities scheduled at the church building have been canceled until further notice.**

## Announcements

Woodland Oaks Church of Christ is proud to announce **Heidi Gidden** as the honoree of the **2020 John Jackson Memorial Scholarship**. Congratulations Heidi!

Save the Date! **Camp Red Oak Springs** for ages 10-18 will be June 29 – July 4. Contact Matt Fitzgerald for more information. You can register and find more details at: <http://www.campredoaksprings.com/>.

**Members Needing Assistance** or members who would like to help those needing assistance, please contact Jeremy Haynes.

**Impact Houston Church of Christ Donations** are temporarily suspended. We will not collect donations at the church building until further notice.

## Youth News

**Tuesday Bible Study** will resume meeting at the Fontenot home beginning Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. until further notice. Those who feel uncomfortable attending, the Bible study will continue to be live streamed on Discord/BASIC YouTube Channel.

There will be **Youth Virtual Bible Class** Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. You can watch on the BASIC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB61DYyDLiA/>. Contact Jordan Fontenot for more information.

**TREK** will be June 26-July 4. Those who would like to attend, sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2YiLGZi>. The third payment of \$75 is due June 26. The total amount of \$300 may be paid at any time. Please mail payments to the WOCC PO Box address.

From **Camp Wyldewood**: "We felt that due to the new restrictions from the State of Arkansas and health concerns that come with COVID-19, it would be in the best interest of our campers and staff members not to have camp this summer." Contact Chad Hudelson at: [chad@campwyldewood.org](mailto:chad@campwyldewood.org) with any questions/concerns.

## Treehouse Kids' News

There will be a **Virtual Children's Bible Class** with Mrs. Jenn Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Watch live on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook page.

## This Week

Today	8:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class-Online Streaming Only
	9:00 a.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Virtual Bible Class
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study @ Fontenot Home
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Virtual Bible Class
		Bible Class - Online Only

## Upcoming Events

June 21	Phase II - Bible Classes Resume
June 26	3rd TREK Payment Due
June 26-July 4	TREK
June 29-July 4	Camp Red Oak Springs
July 7	Virtual THK Girls Class Begins
July 19	4th TREK Payment Due
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
July 29-August 2	Camp Awesome

## Prayers

- ✚ **Steven Talbott**/doctors were not able to remove cyst in office/he is scheduled to have it removed at the surgical center Monday, June 15.
- ✚ **Gina Talbott**/has a blood clot behind her right knee/Please pray for her pain levels to subside and her recovery from recent knee replacement surgery.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, Teri Barker, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Emily Cottle, Joe Guidry, Doris Higginbottom, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Malu Oliveira, Gerald Pereiro, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Marla West.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Rodney Burke, Ken Coleman, Pharis Fowler, Mary Gambill, Roxie Granger, Gina Talbott.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Greg Clayton, Leilani Palmer.**

## Expectant Families

Lizzie & Mike Stegall  
Jessica & Trey Polvado

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

**JUNE DONATION NEEDS:  
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Soup & Crackers**

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