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True Love

Over the course of my time in ministry, I have written a lot about love. Love is objectively an integral part of our understanding of faith and of God. It makes up the very nature of who God is, and is the standard factor by which we imitate Him. There is plenty to write about what love is and, more relevant to our society, what love is not. Today the mainstream Christian religion has become deviated by many who foster otherwise baseless ideologies of God's nature and His will for our lives on the basis of a restructuring of the definition of love. In their mind, if love is the most important aspect of who God is, then whatever other teachings they receive through scripture that they feel do not qualify as loving ought to be omitted. Not only so, but they audaciously proclaim that all those who refuse to omit these commands in scripture are not 'true Christians' because they refuse to adhere to the most important principle of scripture, which is love.

This logic seems sound in their own minds, but there is a massive gap in this system of belief; it relies on our own interpretation, or sometimes the world's interpretation, of what love is. Rather than reshaping their own interpretation of what love is to fit to the truth of scripture, the consensus among many popularized organizations claiming to be Christian is to conform the command to love around society's own definitions. In their mind, some commands of Scripture cannot be fulfilled as they violate their own interpretation of what it means to love. The irony is that, by redefining love as they have, they have created a world in which people are taught to hate those who do not agree on their own definition of love, and have created a system in which brother hates brother and justifies it under the banner of love. You need look no further than our own streets to see that this love which the world proposes is not true or right.

John gives us a solid test in his writings of how to know that our love is true. In John's second letter, he writes this,

"And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love."

We cannot love without fulfilling the commands of God. The truest way to show love is to follow the commands which we have been given by God. Anyone who claims that the commands of scripture ought to be ignored or reinterpreted because they do not fit the definition of "love" has misinterpreted what love truly is. If we want to fulfill the greatest commandment, which is to love, we must make adhering to the teachings of scripture a priority, because it is our greatest insight into what it truly means to love.

-Jordan Fontenot

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

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| 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 Scott Blake
Communion Leader Quinn Tolbert

Adult Bible Classes:

**"The Sword of the Lord
 – The Who, The Will, The Word, The Way"**
 by Marty Miller
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
 Worship Center Auditorium

"Following the Example of Jesus" by Various Teachers
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
 Worship Center Auditorium

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

Teen Bible Classes:

"1, 2, & 3 John" (7th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot & Josh Watrous
 Sundays @ 9:00 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:

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| 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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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 March 31, 2021 are \$443,619 compared with a budgeted amount of \$357,522 producing a surplus of \$86,097.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, May 23, 2021

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| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 291 |
| 10:15 AM Worship | 466 @ WOCC 272 Views online |
| 6:00 PM Worship | 181 |
| Contribution | \$20,650.00 |

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

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| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 177 |
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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

Elton & Gail Stubblefield have sold their house and will be moving. Their last Sunday at WOCC will be June 6. Best wishes and thank you for all you have done during your eldership. We will miss you!

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Sarah Payne**, bride elect of Joshua Foster, **TODAY** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Sarah & Josh are registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and theknot.com.

We need **Cookies Donated for VBS!** They can be your best homemade recipe or a package or two from the grocery store. They will be appreciated either way! We just ask that they don't have any nuts, as we have several kids coming with nut allergies. You can drop them off between **TODAY**, May 30—Wednesday, June 2nd during assembly or office hours.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** tomorrow, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be **No Community Bible Class** this Thursday, June 3 due to VBS.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, June 5 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Congregational Singing will be Sunday, June 6 during the evening assembly. Song requests may be listed at the Welcome Center.

Family Camp 2021 will be June 11-13! The cost is \$125 per family or \$60 for individuals. Make checks payable to WOCC and place them in the offering plate, or pay on the church website through the Give tab. There will be a **Family Camp Meeting** Wednesday, June 9 immediately following Bible class in the auditorium. Campers will receive t-shirts, camp folders and all important information will be discussed.

Extra Sermon Copies Available: If you would like to pick up a copy or two of some random sermon CDs or the series, "Following Jesus Without Denominationalism," that are extras, stop by the Welcome Center and help yourself.

VBS

Come join us this Tuesday, June 1 at 5:00 p.m. to help **Set Up for VBS!** There will be a volunteer meeting and a pizza dinner will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer Tolbert if you will attend.

Vacation Bible School will be June 2-4 from 9:00 a.m. -11:45 a.m. Our theme is "Here Comes the Son." VBS is open to children ages 4-6th grade.

VBS Family Fun Night & End of School Luau will be Friday, June 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will have supper & Luau Carnival followed by the VBS Children's Performances & Wrap Session.

Prayers

- ✚ **Carley Clepper**/niece of Keisha Scott/suffering with seizures for the last 5 years.
- ✚ **Michael Dawdy**/brother of Kay Dawdy/diagnosed with lung cancer.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, 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, 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: **Carol Birdwell, Ken Coleman, June Davis, Debbie Dobbs, Ardith Kotzen, Bill Malone (TN), John O'Connor, Don Southall, Howard Yates.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Ernie Bailey, Nancy Lunceford, Leilani Palmer.**

Youth News

Please welcome our **Youth Ministry Summer Intern Will Fitzhugh**. Will currently attends Harding University and is pursuing a degree in International Business. He also plays Running Back for the Harding Bisons football team. He is an outstanding young man of godly character who desires to serve passionately in God's Kingdom. Will is the grandson of Ken and Janis Stegall.

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Market Street.

There will be an **Elevate Hike Day** this Tuesday, June 1 and this Saturday, June 5. June 1: meet at WOCC at 9:00 a.m. June 5: Meet at WOCC at 1:00 p.m.

Those going to **Camp Bandina**, meet at WOCC at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 6. Please bring money for food on the way there and back. One group will return to WOCC Saturday, June 12. A second group will meet at Family Camp Friday, June 11. Please let Jordan know if you are attending Family Camp.

Summer Camps

Registration is now open for **Camp Red Oak Springs**. This camp is open to children ages 10-18. Cost is \$145/camper. We attend Session 5: July 5th-10th. You can register and learn more at: <http://www.campredoaksprings.com/>. See Matt Fitzgerald if you would like to volunteer or for more information.

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 (\$150 Early Bird until June 1). Registration is now open at: <https://camp-awesome.square.site/>.

Treehouse Kids

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

Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
When I received a sack full of cards after retiring from the Eldership, there was a pretty box that contained an Amazon gift card with the cards. The gift card had no name or signature and there was no note with the box. It has taken a private investigation to find out about the card. Just this week, I was told that the gift card came from the congregation!! A very belated THANK YOU!

My prayer for this congregation is for each servant of God to stay in His word, spread the Gospel and we shall meet again. What a reunion we will have!!

May God bless each person here and live for God!

Sincerely in Love, Elton Stubblefield

New Members

David & Robin Smith

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
MAY DONATION NEEDS:
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Canned Vegetables, Fruit & Beans

This Week

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| Today | 9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | Bible Class Worship Bridal Shower for Sarah Payne (bride elect of Joshua Foster) Evening Worship Church Offices Closed |
| Monday | | Pickleball (Women) Pickleball (Men) |
| Tuesday | 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. | Elevate Hike Day VBS Set Up/Decorating Youth Bible Study Soccer |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | VBS Bible Class |
| Thursday | 6:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast—Denny's on 1488 VBS Celebrate Recovery Basketball |
| Friday | 9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. | VBS VBS Family Fun Night & End of School Luau |
| Saturday | 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. | Men's Breakfast Elevate Hike Day |

Upcoming Events

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| June 6 | Summer Quarter Begins Congregational Singing |
| June 6-12 | Camp Bandina |
| June 9 | Family Camp Meeting |
| June 11-13 | Family Camp |
| June 14 | Jabberwacky - Angleton CoC |
| June 20 | Youth Invasion |
| June 25-July 3 | Elevate (Formerly TREK) |
| July 3 | Men's Breakfast |
| July 4 | Congregational Singing |
| July 5 | Church Office Closed |
| July 5-10 | Camp Red Oak Springs |
| July 9 | Youth Guys/Girls Night Out |
| July 12 | Jabberwacky - Hosted by WOCC |
| July 11-22 | Camp Wyldewood |
| July 25 | Elder/Deacon Meeting |
| July 28-August 1 | Camp Awesome |
| August 1 | Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise |
| August 13 | Youth Guys/Girls Night Out |
| August 14 | Teacher Workday |

Expectant Families

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| Allison & Ben Brockman Morgan & Jackson Greenwade Erin & Cody Powers | Hailee & Tyson Powers Maegan & Brett Rodriguez |
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2021 Summer Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Classes will begin June 2 and conclude August 29.

| Dates | Subjects | Teachers | Location |
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| Sundays | "True Justice, Kindness & Compassion" - A Study of the Minor Prophets | Chris Wright | Worship Center Auditorium |
| Wednesdays | "A Study of 1st Timothy" | Bob Klemm | Worship Center Auditorium |
| Wednesdays | Young Adult Bible Class (Ages 18-25) | Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs | Chapel Center Magnolia Room |

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