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### What Time Is It?

Everyone loves short, pithy phrases which state a general truth principle. The grammar term is *aphorism*.

It's fun to have a list of such statements and have a group discussion of their meaning and application. An old aphorism says, "The chickens always come home to roost." How many situations illustrate the truthfulness of that one? I suppose there are hundreds of such sayings.

The beauty of these statements is that they are short, easy to remember and applicable to so many experiences in life. The shortcoming is that they are not absolute. The message may apply to the majority of situations but there are exceptions.

Most of you are somewhat familiar with the Tulsa Soul-Winning Workshop. It began in 1976 and continued through 2016. I attended the first years of its beginning. The phrase that permeated those early years was "What God Controls Grows!" Catchy huh? And I'm confident that it served the good purpose of encouraging evangelism

But, as biblical as that sounds, it's not an absolute. I'm thinking of Noah. I'm thinking of the fig tree that died because of Jesus' curse. I'm thinking of those persecuted Christians mentioned in Hebrews 11 who "... wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground." If everything God controls grows, were they failures?

I'm not belittling motivational mottos. I like many of them. But we need to think through them. Don't elevate them to the level of scripture - regardless of how good they sound.

Biblical wisdom says, "There is a time to plant and a time to uproot, ... a time to build and a time to tear down, ... a time for war and a time for peace." - Eccl. 3

Let's ask God for wisdom to know what time it is.

-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>	9:15 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** Mark Freeman  
**Communion Leader** Daniel Fair

### Adult Bible Classes:

**"How to Keep Fear From Scaring You to Death"**  
 by Nathan Ingram & Sam Bradley  
 Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
 Worship Center Auditorium

**"Overcoming . . ."** by Various Teachers  
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Worship Center Auditorium

### Teen Bible Classes:

**"Genesis"** (7th -12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
 Sundays @ 9:15 a.m.  
 Chapel Center Auditorium

**"1 & 2 Thessalonians"** (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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 Bradley Welborn  
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**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](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

### Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through September 30, 2020 are \$1,027,305 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,063,184 producing a deficit of (\$35,879).

### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday, November 8, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class	229
10:15 AM Worship	387 @ WOCC 436 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	157
Contribution	\$21,049.02

#### Wednesday, November 11, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	166
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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

**Please check the LOST AND FOUND table in the foyer to see if your belongings are there. Anything that is left after November 22 will be donated.**

**College and Military Care Package** monetary donations, item donations and notes of encouragement are due TODAY. You may donate online by choosing the College Basket Fund under the Give tab on the website. If you are writing a check, you can indicate College Basket Fund on the memo line and send it to the secure PO Box or place it in the basket in the foyer. Glenda Haggard and Kendra Blake will also take monetary donations. Please put notes and item donations in the College Basket container at the Welcome Center. Care Packages will be available for pick up on Sunday, November 22 at the Welcome Center.

The **Church Offices Will be Closed** Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27. Bulletin submissions for the November 29th bulletin are due November 24 by 10:00 a.m.

Spring Branch Church of Christ is holding their yearly **Winter Coat Drive**. The coats will be distributed to the church members and several other mission projects within the brotherhood. Please bring donations of new or gently used coats for infants through adults and place them in the bins in the church foyer by Sunday, November 29.

Our church will be participating in the **Texas Bible Bowl Program** at Camp Bandina on March 26-28. This program is open to children in the 3rd-12th grade and will replace LTC this year. The topic is Revelation and the 3rd-6th grade classes currently meet on Wednesday nights. Sign up on the Children's Ministry Facebook. For more information, see Raymond Walker, Richard Hyde, Jordan Fontenot or Jenn Tolbert.

The **Trey & Lea Stronger Marriage Workshop** will be Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and is open to anyone in the congregation who is married. Registration is now open at <https://strongermarriageworkshops.com/upcoming-workshops/>. We will be offering a limited number of childcare spots, on a first-come, first-served basis. If you will need childcare, please reserve your spot by contacting Jenn Tolbert at: [jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org).

## Expectant Families

- Cecilia & Tony Bloom
- Candice & Matt Fitzgerald
- Hannah & Kolt Phillips
- Chelsea & David Sparks
- Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

## Youth News

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

There will be a **Youth Invasion** Sunday, November 22 immediately following the evening assembly.

## Thank you

We want to thank all of our church family at Woodland Oaks for the many cards, letters, texts, phone calls, visits and flowers and especially for the prayers during the days of the illness and passing of my twin sister, Patty Baldwin. They were all so much appreciated and helped me through this most difficult time.

Betty Fowler

The Woodland Oaks Church,  
Thank you for your prayers. Prayers have been answered. I have been blessed, and my cancer has become stable.

In Christian love,  
Tom Campbell

## Prayers

- ✚ **Jacob Harter**/friend & neighbor of Linda & Butch Merriman/5 year old boy battling cancer.
- ✚ **Don Norwood**/grandfather of Jennifer Tolbert/hospitalized after fall.
- ✚ **Susan May**/sister of Sharon Mynes/diagnosed with stage 4 cancer/ Please keep Susan, the family and her doctors in your prayers for strength, encouragement & healing.
- ✚ **Kathy Boyer**/moved to the Broadmoor for rehab.
- ✚ **Erin Smith**/tested positive with COVID-19 November 5.
- ✚ 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, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Andrea Finley Nelson, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow, Marla West.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Skip Foreman, Angie Short, Jennifer Watrous, Mary Williams.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Paula Burrignt, Leilani Palmer.**

## This Week

Today		Youth Return from Fall Retreat
		College & Military Care Package Donations Due
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study @ Jetton Home
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class: Overcoming Prejudice-Tony Bloom
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

November 22	College & Military Care Package Pick-up Youth Invasion
November 24	Bulletin Submissions due by 10 am
November 25	Combined Devo - No Children's Classes
November 26-27	Church Offices Closed
November 29	Winter Coat Drive Donations Due
December 5	Men's Breakfast Trey & Lea Morgan's Stronger Marriage Workshop
December 6	Winter Quarter Begins Congregational Singing
December 11	Youth Girls Vs. Guys Night
December 13	Guest Speaker Keith Kasarjian - Bear Valley
December 23	Combined Devo - No Children's Classes
December 24-25	Church Offices Closed
December 30	Combined Devo - No Children's Classes
January 1	Church Offices Closed
January 2	Men's Breakfast
January 3	Congregational Singing
March 7	Spring Quarter Begins
March 26-28	Texas Bible Bowl Program

**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.  
NOVEMBER DONATION NEEDS:  
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Brownie & Cookie Mixes**