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Sweetening Bitter Water

I don't get out of sorts too often. Or at least I like to think I don't, but I'm out of sorts today. It seems like everything and everyone is trying to push me backwards. I won't bore you with the details because I might find out that you have worse problems than me, and that would really ruin my day.

And right in the middle of me enjoying my mad, a friend sent me an article that evidently God wanted me to read. Here's an excerpt: "Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses saying, 'What shall we drink?' He cried out to the Lord; and the Lord showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet" (Exodus 15:22-25).

". . . we are on a spiritual journey out of the bondage of Egypt, through the wilderness, and into the Promised Land of our destiny. And along the way we can grow weary and worn. We can give into the negative attitude of murmuring and complaining and criticizing. We can let our faith waiver as we begin to forget your faithfulness and deliverance so many times before and start to lose our vision and hope for the destiny you've set before us. We focus on the cup of bitter waters we may be drinking from in the present.

But you are the God who makes our bitter waters sweet. Just like you showed Moses a piece of wood, you remind us of a piece of wood - your cross. The power of your cross and your sacrifice of love for every one of us is (your) power for our salvation, for our healing, for our deliverance that refreshes us and renews us to continue our journey."

-Ken Stegall

Credits to: Gary Liederbach. <onedirection.community>

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	9:15 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Adult & Youth Bible Classes

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Elder of the Day Mark Freeman
Communion Leader Dan Cobb

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.
 Worship Center Room A102

*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
5 years—3rd grade	Family Life Center
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 July 31st, 2020 are \$793,271 compared with a budgeted amount of \$817,834 producing a deficit of (\$24,563).

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 13, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class	243
10:15 AM Worship	359 @ WOCC 423 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	130
Contribution	\$23,357.02

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	82
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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 join us for a **Come and Go Bridal Shower to Celebrate Shana Sepulvado**, daughter of Freddie & Donna Sepulvado, and granddaughter of Ann & Don Gilbert, Saturday, October 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Debra Miller. Shana is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Amazon. Due to COVID-19, we will not be opening gifts and having refreshments in the traditional WOCC way. You will be asked to congratulate Shana, and then take a goodie bag home with you.

Please welcome our guest speaker, **Monty Tuttle**, Regional Director of EEM (Eastern European Missions), Sunday evening, September 27. Monty will share a lesson and update us on the doors being opened in Eastern Europe as well as upcoming events. <https://www.eem.org/>

Community Bible Class will resume meeting Thursday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center. Preschool child care will be provided and you will be asked to adhere to the guidelines currently used in our other assemblies.

For **Listening Assistance** on your phone in the auditorium, connect to the WIFI network "members" (password: ephesians219). Download the AudioFetch app and listen via your headphones or a connected hearing aid. Receivers for the auditorium are also available at the Welcome Center and receivers for the Chapel Center are available in the Chapel foyer.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Carol Roberts at the loss of her mother, and our sister, **Mary Lou Gambill**, September 11. The funeral was held September 18. Please keep Carol and the family in your prayers.

Expectant Family

Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

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

SEPTEMBER DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Rice, Beans, Boxed Potatoes

Youth News

The **Youth Invasion** at Crust Pizza Co. will be **TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly.

There will be **NO Tuesday Bible Study** this Tuesday, September 22. We will resume meeting Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fontenot home.

The **Youth Wednesday Bible Class** will not meet this Wednesday, September 23. The youth are invited to stay in the auditorium with the adult class. Class will resume September 30.

Treehouse Kids' News

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

The **Friday Fun Day at Dewberry Farms** will be October 2 for those who have signed up. The cost is \$10 per person.

Prayers

✠ **Gina Talbott**/was released from hospital September 14.

✠ **Liam Williamson**/3-year-old nephew of Jaime & Louis Faulkner/heart surgery September 17 went well/he will recover in the hospital for about a week.

✠ **Heath Nevels**/cousin of David Nevels/is feeling much better/David & Mary Jane Nevels thank you for your prayers.

✠ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Nancy Stucky.**

✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, David Bass, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Joe Guidry, Mike Howard, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Rose Talbott, Marla West.**

✠ Please remember our members: **Ken Coleman, Bobbie Fellabaum, Skip Foreman, Leonard Proctor, Lucky Roll, Jennifer Watrous, Wally Westbrook.**

✠ Please remember friends & family: **Patty Baldwin, Leilani Palmer.**

This Week

Today	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Crust Pizza Co.
	7:00 p.m.	NO Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class: Harsh Judgements & Faultfinding: Eric Alarid
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's on 1488
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery

Upcoming Events

September 27	Guest Speaker-Monty Tuttle, Regional Director, EEM
	Youth Invasion
October 1	Community Bible Class Resumes
October 2	THK Friday Fun Day @ Dewberry Farms
October 4	Youth Devo
October 10	Come & Go Bridal Shower for Shana Sepulvado
October 11	Youth Invasion
October 18	Youth Devo
October 25	Impact CofC Meal
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Congregational Meeting
	Youth Invasion
November 26-27	Church Offices Closed
December 6	Winter Quarter Begins
December 24-25	Church Offices Closed
January 1	Church Offices Closed

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