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Shaped by Faith? . . . or Fear?

The opposite of faith is not necessarily doubt; often, it's fear . . . maybe far more often.

As you look back on your life, can you see times when you let fear keep you from doing something you really wanted to do? You wouldn't take a particular class because you were afraid it was too hard?

I remember as a kid I wanted to learn to swim, but I was afraid. I was fishing with my dad one day and complaining that I didn't know how to swim. He picked me up and threw me out of the boat into the river. When I surfaced and thrashed my way back to the boat, he would hit my hand with a paddle every time I tried to grab the side of the boat! I learned to swim. I just needed a little helping hand. (Janis still gets mad when I tell that story.)

I wonder how much of our life has been shaped by fear. We wanted to do something . . . to be something . . . to try something - but we were afraid. So, it passed us by.

In a poem entitled "Maud Muller", John Greenleaf Whittier pens these famous words, "For all sad words of tongue and pen, the saddest are these, 'It might have been.'" There are not so many regrets in life about something we tried and failed, but many lives are far poorer because we failed to try.

The Bible tells us that "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." That's because through faith we tap into resources far beyond our own resources and abilities. The Bible also tells us that "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear." So does faith. So does hope. Fear is the enemy of faith, hope and love. Fear strangles them all.

How many times did Jesus tell his disciples, "Fear not." and "O you of little faith. Why are you afraid?" He also told them "I have overcome the world.", "All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth." and "I will never leave you or forsake you."

"I was afraid" is an acceptable excuse for most of us. Saying the words brings all progress to an immediate halt. But it's not acceptable to our Lord. Seriously.

In the closing chapters of the Bible - "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the vile, and murderers, the sexually immoral, and sorcerers, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Can you give an answer to what Jesus asked his disciples - "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

- 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

Sunday 9:15 AM Bible Classes
 10:15 AM Morning Assembly
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly - **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**
Wednesday 7:00 PM Adult Bible Class

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Elder of the Day Scott Blake
Communion Leader Trent Tadlock

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.
 @WOCC

**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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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:15 AM Bible Class 164
 10:15 AM Worship 276 @ WOCC
 490 Views online
 6:00 PM Worship N/A
 Contribution \$27,889.02

Wednesday, September 2, 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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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, 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).

Notes

Update from Elders

Date August 28, 2020

Woodland Oaks Brothers and Sisters,

Effective September 9, we will begin a soft restart of our Wednesday evening services. This will include time for songs and prayer, followed by a combined adult Bible class and combined youth class. The children's Wednesday Bible classes will continue to be streaming only, as there will be no other Bible classes at the building at this time. Our Wednesday assembly will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Effective September 13, we will also begin a restart of our Sunday evening worship assembly. Communion will be offered in the Family Life Center at the designated time. Evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m. Both of these restart assemblies will be streamed.

All current safety protocols for Sunday morning worship will remain in effect for all assemblies. We especially stress the importance of self-screening 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.

Those in high risk categories for infection are encouraged to remain at home and 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.

We thank everyone for your ongoing cooperation, encouragement and prayers. We ask for your continued prayers as we begin the restart of these additional assemblies. We love each of you and appreciate your willingness to take appropriate precautions to protect our members and our community.

Your elders

Announcements

Over the last few weeks, you contributed \$2,000 and 13 boxes to **Smile for a Child**. These will provide Christmas for children in Nicaragua. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Church Offices will be Closed TOMORROW**, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

Sunny Glen Donations of floor cleaner and disinfecting wipes are due Sunday, September 13.

Youth News

Small Groups will continue to meet Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Fontenot if you would like to participate. We will meet at 8:00 p.m. beginning Sunday, September 13.

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at the Fontenot home at 7:00 p.m. until further notice.

There will be **Youth Bible Class** Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. at WOCC.

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.

Scooters and Sno Cones will be Saturday, September 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Bring your favorite scooter or ride on and enjoy a sno cone! Please RSVP on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Page.

There will be a **Friday Fun Day at Dewberry Farms** October 2. The cost is \$10 per person. Tickets must be reserved in advance, so please RSVP on the Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Page by September 18.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls and cards as we faced COVID-19. We truly feel it was prayers that kept us from developing any serious complications. We are blessed by God and our church family and are sincerely grateful.

Steve and Cindy Alloway

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

SEPTEMBER DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Rice, Beans, Boxed Potatoes

Sunny Glen Children's Home: Floor Cleaner & Disinfecting Wipes

This Week

Today		Fall Quarter Begins
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Virtual Bible Class/Small Groups
Monday		Church Offices Closed
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Virtual Children's Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class: Overcoming Envy by Paul Gidden
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's on 1488
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery

Upcoming Events

September 13	Sunny Glen Donations Due
September 18	RSVP due for THK FFD @ Dewberry Farms
September 19	THK Scooters & Sno Cones
October 2	THK Friday Fun Day @ Dewberry Farms
October 25	Impact CofC Meal
	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Congregational Meeting
November 26-27	Church Offices Closed
December 6	Winter Quarter Begins
December 24-25	Church Offices Closed

Expectant Families

Lizzie & Mike Stegall
Jessica & Daniel Weatherholt

Prayers

- ✠ **Joveta Laird**/diagnosed with COVID-19.
- ✠ **Skip Foreman**/has been moved to Park Manor of The Woodlands Rehab Center and is expected to stay for several weeks.
- ✠ **Leonard Proctor**/knee replacement surgery September 1 went well/ he is recovering at home.
- ✠ **Bobbie Fellabaum**/had back surgery Wednesday, September 2.
- ✠ 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, Judy Henss, Bill Malone, Danyce Rundell, Angie Short, Jennifer Watrous, Wally Westbrook.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Heath Nevels, Leilani Palmer.**