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# WOODLAND OAKS

CHURCH of CHRIST

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## FROM “BIG BANG” TO BIBLE READING

Tuesday, October 3, 2006, John Mather and George Smoot were awarded the Nobel Prize for physics for what some scientists have heralded as “the greatest discovery of the century, if not of all time.”

They claim to have found the ultimate proof of the Big Bang theory of the universe’s origins by discovering faint variations in microwave radiation that they claim dates back to just 300,000 years after the Big Bang which is believed to have been the source of the universe.

Have you noticed in life that when we set out to prove a certain premise, we tend to find evidence to prove what we have assumed?

It’s that way in science. When we assume that man evolved from a lower form of life, we “discover” missing links. Never mind that when it may later prove to be a hoax, little mention is made. We just keep looking and finding more “evidence.” It’s hard not to believe what we want to believe.

It’s also true in other areas of life. I’ve noticed over the years that when one partner in marriage finds someone who interests them more than their spouse, they begin “looking for evidence” to justify a divorce. It’s not hard to find what you’re looking for. Suddenly, little things become big things. Your spouse can do nothing right. Things that you’ve accepted for years suddenly become unbearable. And we usually can persuade family and friends that we’re being mistreated. We tend to find what we’re looking for. I suspect that every one of us could be “painted as a villain” by our spouses if they decided to do so – regardless of our true character.

Please know that I’m not saying that truth and facts do not exist. But I am saying that real facts are based on truth – not perception... not interpretation. If these “faint variations in microwave radiation” in our universe do exist, then that’s a fact – based on truth. Personally, I have no way of proving that they do or do not exist. But that’s not my point. My point is – if they do exist, does that prove the “Big Bang” theory? Are there other possible explanations?

Maybe the really big question is, “Why are we so determined to disprove the Genesis account of creation?” And why, on September 14, 2006, was 7<sup>th</sup> grader Maryanne Mangum of Laurel, MD warned by her assistant principal that if she did not cease reading her personal Bible during lunch period, that she would be disciplined?

You say, “That’s quite a leap – from the interpretation of microwave radiation in the universe to a little girl not being allowed to read her Bible in school!” Maybe... maybe not. Maybe there is a common predisposition behind them both.

If God and the teachings of the Bible cramp our lifestyle, we start looking for evidence that will allow us to dismiss Him.

... Ken Stegall

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 AM  
MORNING WORSHIP 8:20 & 10:30 AM  
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 PM

### TUESDAY

LADIE’S BIBLE CLASS 9:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY

BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

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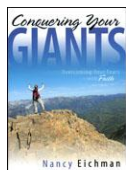
## Sunday, January 27, 2008

Sunday 8:20 a.m. Worship	191
Bible Class	254
Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship	NC
PM Worship	NC
Contribution	\$NC

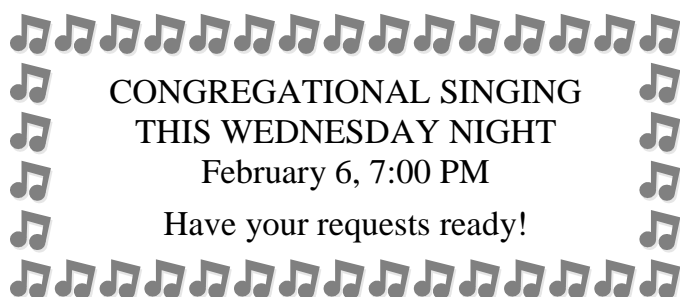
## Wednesday, January 30, 2008

Bible Class	NC
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## LADIES' BIBLE CLASS CONTINUES



*Ladies Bible Class* meets each Tuesday morning for coffee & fellowship at 9:30 a.m. with prayer & class from 9:50 to 11:00 a.m. Excellent childcare is provided. The study guide for this session is Conquering Your Giants. The WOCC Café will serve pizza this week.



CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

February 6, 7:00 PM

Have your requests ready!

## MEN'S LUNCHEON

THIS THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 7, 11:30 AM

CJ'S GRILL

## Children's Valentine Party

All children in the third grade and younger are invited to a Valentine's Party at the church building this Saturday, February 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Fruit and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a treat like cookies or cupcakes and 30 Valentines to exchange. Contact Danielle Welborn or the church office for more information.



NEED AN AUDIO OF A SERMON?

Request forms can be found in a basket on the buffet in the foyer. Complete the form, place it in the basket, and watch for your CDs or tapes to be left in that same basket!



## OUR PRAYER LIST

- **GAIL STUBBLEFIELD** had surgery to repair a broken wrist on Wednesday.
- **PATRICK CLARK**, the brother-in-law of **Karla Taylor**, is in Mosul, Iraq where five of his men were killed in a roadside bomb last Monday.
- **Jeff Fleming** requests prayers for the family of **SCOTT HENRY** who passed away January 25, from a massive heart attack. Please remember his step-son, Jacob Chandler, and wife, Kaye Thornton Henry.
- **Brenda Peak** requests prayers for **CURT TAYLOR** whose cancer has returned.
- **SHERYL RAINWATER**, the mother of **Jeanette Malone's** daughter-in-law, came through her colostomy reversal fine on Wednesday.
- **Lisa Geerman** requests prayers for her employer's wife, **VICKY LAND**, whose having tests to try to find the origin of her cancer.
- **Jessica Coleman** requests prayers for her sister **KRISTA** who is pregnant and has a torn ACL.
- Our Sympathy goes out to the **CRAIG SINQUEFIELD** family. Craig passed away unexpectedly January 29th from a massive heart attack. An informal Celebration of Life was held in his honor at Grace Crossing Church of Christ on Feb. 2nd. Tributes can be left for the family at [www.magnoliafunerals.com](http://www.magnoliafunerals.com). Craig's mother is Susan Sinquefield.

**Please Continue to Remember:** Stan Birkhead, Pat Blake, The Conaways, Caleb Cox, Diane Duncum, Jill Duncum, Betty Ellis, Melanie Helm, Debi Hix, Diana Lege, Donna Malone, Daniel Marshall, The McDougale Family, Landon McWhirter, Ethel Miller, Missionaries, Bill Pieper, Josh Smith, Joey Thacker, Louise Stubblefield, Don Underwood, Nic Whitacre, Jack & Dee White, J. Frank & Joyce Woodard

**Those Battling Cancer:** Mary Collins, Beverly Emmons, Diane Green, Terry Hayes, Carolyn Hobbs, Jack Hopkins, Dan Kaldor, Lowell Montgomery, Jody Davis Page, Vickie Ross, Jim Rushing, Beth Taylor

**Those Away From Home:** Nick Hall, Patrick Clark

**Expectant Families:** Cindi & Logan Ingram

Update on funds raised for the *Uganda School of*

Amount Needed:	\$300,000
Amount Given So Far:	\$56,470
Percentage of WOCC families who have	18%

### PLEASE NOTE



The office staff is happy to help with your church related projects. However, when you need something prepared by the office staff, a notice of two work days is required to insure the staff is able to do the best job for you.



### GET READY

The annual **Sweetheart Banquet** will be hosted by **BASIC** on Saturday, **February 16**.

This year's **Easter Egg Hunt** is scheduled for Saturday, **March 8**. There are plenty of plastic eggs left from last year, but donations of non-chocolate candy and small toys would be appreciated.



More information will follow about these events.

### Men's Softball to Start Soon



It's just around the corner: the start of a new season for men's softball. Get your bags cleaned up and your gloves treated. Start swinging those bats some (or that first hit may sting). The first softball season of 2008 will begin, Monday, February 18. Stay tuned for actual game times. In

the meantime, while working out your arms and legs for another season, be sure to register with WCAA at [www.wcaaonline.org](http://www.wcaaonline.org) to play any of the sports offered by WCAA. Beginning in 2008, annual registration with WCAA is mandatory.

If you are interested in an evening of fellowship and playing a fun sport, please contact Paul Gidden. More players are always needed.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind words of encouragement, cards and prayers during my sister's illness and death. Losing someone is never easy, but knowing she is with God is a great comfort to all of us.



With loving thoughts,  
Jeanette Malone

### OPPORTUNITIES

- Link your Randall's **Remarkable Card** to WOCC's Good Neighbor number (1113) and one percent of your purchases will help fund our mission efforts.
- Join the **e-prayer ministry** by sending an e-mail to [WOCCprayer-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:WOCCprayer-subscribe@yahoo.com).
- Contact Mark Jetton to help in the **Sound Booth**.
- Contact the church office if you or someone you know needs **meals** during a difficult time.
- The Oliverio Family accepts donations for the **food bags** available in the foyer for the needy.
- To help in the **Nursery** on Sunday mornings contact Pam O'Connor.

### CORPORATE MEETING FEBRUARY 10TH MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Corporate Meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday night, February 10th. Please plan to join us for this important opportunity to hear what all is going on here at Woodland Oaks, as well as the budget for 2008.



### LTC PRACTICE

Every Sunday

Elementary (Grades 3-6)

Chorus: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Puppets: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

JH/HS Teams

Puppets: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Chorus: 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Drama: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Bible Quiz: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

### CONSTRUCTION NEWS



The former church offices are being remodeled to provide a larger foyer area for fellowship. The staff offices are now upstairs. Information for the office staff can be placed in the boxes on the wall by the kitchen.

**Today:**

8:20 AM First Morning Worship Service  
 9:30 AM Bible Classes (*Offered for all age groups. See one of the greeters for more details.*)

**Adult Classes:**

**Auditorium** *Jesus as a Rabbi (Elton Stubblefield)*  
**Magnolia Room** *Discovering God's Way of Handling Money (Video Series facilitated by Rick Medford & Gary Tannahill)*

10:30 AM Second Morning Worship Service  
 2:00 PM Silverado Alzheimer's Home Service  
 LTC Practice  
 6:00 PM Evening Assembly

**This Week:**

Tues, 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Class: *Conquering Your Giants—WOCC Café Pizza*  
 Wed, 7 PM Bible Classes (*Offered for all age groups.*)  
**Adult Auditorium Class: Congregational Singing Night**  
 Thurs, 11:30 AM Men's Luncheon at CJ's Grill  
 Sat, 2-3:30 PM Children's Valentine Party at building

**Next Week:**

Feb 10, 2 PM LTC Practice Continues  
 6 PM Annual Corporate Meeting  
 Feb 12, 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Class: *Conquering Your Giants*  
 Feb 13, 7 PM Bible Classes (*Offered for all age groups.*)

**Those Chosen To Serve**

<u>February 3, 2008 (Today)</u>	8:20 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Host	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper	
AV Operator			
Song Leader	Chris Freeze	Chris Freeze	Chris Freeze
Attendance Cards	Collin Knox Carson Knox	Alex Yanochik Luke Yanochik	N/A N/A
Lord's Table Leader	Nathan Ingram	Howard Yates	N/A
Coordinator	Matt Hemphill	Bill Malone	N/A
Servers for Month	Austin Short Aaron Hopper Nathan Lockwood Zach Frazier Cooper Riggs	Terence O'Connor Mike Yanochik Steve Aloway Jordan Blake Freddie Sepulvado	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A
Closing Remarks/Prayer	Butch Merriman	Butch Merriman	Butch Merriman
Nursery	Lorie Addison	M. Bott/C. Haney	N/A
Site Safety & Security	Ken Purvis	Matt Hemphill	N/A
<b>February 10, 2008 (Next Week)</b>			
Host	Nelda Baldacchino	Karen Hopper	
AV Operator			
Song Leader	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor	Sonny Taylor
Attendance Cards	Daniel Watrous	Hunter Bott Zachary Hughes	N/A N/A
Lord's Table Leader	Marty Miller	Lou Giles	N/A
Coordinator	Robert McDougal	Larry Abston	N/A
Closing Remarks/Prayer	Gary Erwin	Gary Erwin	Gary Erwin
Nursery	L. Hemphill/L. Jackson	N. Stucky/N. Rivera	N/A
Site Safety & Security	Bob McDougal	Paul Taylor	N/A

**ELDERS**

SAM BRADLEY GARY ERWIN  
 MARK FREEMAN BUTCH MERRIMAN

**DEACONS**

ADMIN/FELLOWSHIP TIM RIGGS  
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 EDUCATION BOB WELCH  
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 MARK JETTON  
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