

## Taking the Bull by the Horns

As I was growing up, I had a good friend who always said, "Let's take the bull by the horns and get this thing done." It was his way of saying, "Things will not get any better until I make them better."

This is not easy. We are tempted to sweep sin under the rug, ignore problems and hope they will go away, turn away when things get ugly, and sit down to watch when there is conflict. The Bible says that we should roll up our sleeves and face challenges head-on (Ecclesiastes 9:10; Philippians 3:14). The priest was condemned for passing by on the other side when someone needed help (Luke 10:31). Paul had an "as much as is in me" attitude (Romans 1:15). His motto was, "***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me***" (Philippians 4:13).

"Choose . . . whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15; cf. Luke 16:13). We are creatures of choice. Travelers come to a fork of the road and choose their way; every day, we make choices that direct our lives. Jeremiah said, "Stand in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls" (Jeremiah 6:16).

Decide what you need to do and do it. Things will not get better until you make them better. Christ loves us dearly and wants us to make a difference in the world for Him (Matthew 5:16).

Take the bull by the horns and let nothing keep you from living for Christ.

## 2 KINGS CHAPTER ONE

N O R K E N Y E I D G L A D D Y	A F R A I D F I F T Y
S H R E E K P R E N T I E H E S	A G A I N S T F I R E
E S A S B H I M I N T N R S A N	A H A B G I R D L E
C C I I A M O A T A I Q U D I B	A H A Z I A H G I R T
M R I D Z C A N T G H A R A L S	A N G E L G O N E
A O U T R A P H E N C L T R D E	A R I S E H A I R Y
F J A L T S H R C E A P O E E T	B E C A U S E I N Q U I R E
H I M B R A I A B R A D N I B E	B E D I S R A E L
H O R N S N L E A C E O A T N T	C A P T A I N J E H O R A M
T A K E Q U E C J G G C O U R S	C H A M B E R J U D A H
A N Q U I L L E O R A B O I L L	C O M E L A T T I C E
E F I J I L H F U N N I G V L E	C O N S U M E L I F E
D R R J U O I B I N S I N E E A	D E A T H L O I N S
B L A A R U F F O F Q U G S I R	D I E M O A B
E H O A I N G L E F T N M I T S	E K R O N R E C O V E R
D I M E L D R I G R A Y B E L L	E L I J A H R E I G N E D

### 😊 Special Days 😊

#### Happy Birthday, October!

Lexus Medina	3	Jackie Caples	7
Mike Ambrose	10	David Caples	13
Chrishon Dollard	13	Jesse Okiyi	15
Savannah Wedge	25	Chris Dollard	30
Katie Earwood	30	Lenny Skutnik	31

#### Happy Anniversary, October!

David and Jackie Caples	10
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### Think God Can't Use You?, cont'd

Samson had long hair and was a womanizer;  
 Rahab was a prostitute;  
 Jeremiah and Timothy were too young;  
 David had an affair and was a murderer;  
 Elijah was suicidal;  
 Isaiah preached naked;  
 Jonah ran from God;  
 Naomi was a widow;  
 Job went bankrupt;  
 Peter denied Christ;  
 The Disciples fell asleep while praying;  
 Martha worried about everything;  
 The Samaritan woman was divorced, more than once;  
 Zaccheus was too small;  
 Paul was too religious;  
 Timothy had an ulcer;  
 And Lazarus was dead!

Now! No more excuses! God can use you to your full potential.

# WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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**October 22, 2017**

### Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

### Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald  
 Michael Neal Lee Porter  
 Tim Wertz

### Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner  
 Keith George Dan Medina  
 Niles Wedge

### Minister

Ernie Maiwald

### Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following  
 Bible translations for our public worship and study:  
 New King James Version, King James Version and  
 American Standard Version, 1901*

**Welcome, Visitors!**

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

		Morning	Evening
Epistles	October 22	Philippians 3 - 4	Philippians 3 - 4
The Law	October 23	Leviticus 10 - 12	Leviticus 10 - 12
History	October 24	II Kings 1 - 5	II Kings 1 - 5
Psalms	October 25	Psalms 78 - 80	Psalms 78 - 80
Poetry	October 26	Proverbs 8 - 9	Proverbs 8 - 9
Prophecy	October 27	Ezekiel 19 - 24	Ezekiel 19 - 24
Gospels	October 28	Luke 17 - 18	Luke 17 - 18

**Daily Bible Readings  
Bible Class Schedule for the Week**

Week of October 22			
Sunday	Lesson 86	John 11:55-57; 12:1-11	
Wednesday	Lesson 87	Mark 11:1 - 14	
Week of October 29			
Sunday	Lesson 88	Mark 11:15-33	
Wednesday	Lesson 89	Singing Night	

**Think God Can't Use You?**

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember:

- Noah was a drunk;
- Abraham was too old;
- Isaac was a daydreamer;
- Jacob was a liar;
- Joseph was abused;
- Moses stuttered;
- Gideon was afraid;

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**Assignments**

	22 October	29 October
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song	Beauvais	Comeaux
Prayer	Marbury	Merritt
Preside @ Table	Dukes	Foxworth
Assisting	Cottoner	Crayton
Assisting	Caples	Chris Dollard
Assisting	Comeaux	Dukes
Prayer	M. Frazier	Z. Frazier
	22 October	29 October
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song Leader	Beauvais	Comeaux
Prayer	Neal	Mike Ambrose
Communion/Prayer	Dukes	Foxworth
	25 October	1 November
Announcements	Wedge	Wertz
Song Leader	Various	Comeaux
Invitation	Anthony	Beauvais
Prayer	Comeaux	Chris Dollard

*Notes:*

1. *Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.*
2. *Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.*
3. **Transportation.** *If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.*

	October	November	December
<b>Prepare Communion</b>	Short	Wedge	Wertz
<b>Building Lockup</b>	Neal	Wertz	Anthony

**Helpful Contact Addresses:**

**REMINDERS**

<b>Mens Breakfast</b>	11/11/17	8:00am	OC Buffet
<b>EDP Meeting</b>	11/11/17	9:30am	Building

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**For our Prayers**

**New**

- **Ida Dollard** (Chris Dollard's grandmother) is in the hospital in ICU.
- **Naomi Simpson** (Tim Wertz's Aunt) passed away last week. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Updates**

- **Betty Perez** has been admitted into Westminster for rehab. She is in Room 179.
- **Roger Merritt** received his results from his follow-up after surgery to remove a tumor from his bladder. He is cancer free!
- **Bobbie Girard** the surgery for the spot on her arm will be rescheduled.
- **David Caples** will be having 3 MRIs to try and determine the source of his back and leg pain.
- **Hudson Brower** (Christy and Perry Comeaux's nephew) was admitted for three days into the hospital. He is now back home and will be going back to the doctor for a follow-up. He is 4 weeks old.

**Assisted Living**

- **Gayle Swabb** (Whispering Pines - Luray)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)

**Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:**

- **Omer Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's brother) Cancer
- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lucille Goolsby** (Sue Bilbrey's sister-in-law) Cancer
- **Harry Sweet** (Cancer)
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Vicky Smith** (Kennetha Marbury's cousin) kidney
- **Jesse Medina** (Dan's brother) pulmonary hypertension
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Cayla Johnson** (Bobby Johnson's daughter) Colitis
- **Juanita Johnson** (Bobby Johnson's mom) Thyroid Surgery
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Joyce Porter** (Lee's mother) FSG
- **Robert Cottoner** (Jason's father) prostate cancer
- **Angelica Garcia** (friend of Linda Skutnik) acute leukemia
- **Renee Wilson** (friend of Bobby Johnson) cardiac arrest
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer

**Continued prayers for our members**

Bobbie Girard	Alwilda Merritt	Bobby Johnson
Colleen Wertz	Christine Liddell	Betty Perez
Tom White	Deb Neal	Endy Family
Zayda McCorkle	Mike Neal	