



## Words from Woodforest May 2019

### Words from Cassandra:

During Holy Week I was at my local grocery store when I got into a conversation with the checker and bagger as they were checking out my groceries. The conversation was circling around the question of exactly when was Easter? The bagger (who I judged to be in his early 20's) guessed that it must be the coming Saturday. I let him know that no, it was the coming Sunday. Easter is ALWAYS on Sunday. And then I left the store a little bit more than slightly shocked.

This person clearly seemed to have little or no concept of Easter beyond spring flowers, Easter bunnies, chicks, and eggs. He seemed to have no idea it is in any way affiliated with the church. And why should he? If one grows up in the secular world, Easter bunnies and eggs are the only things one sees. This is one religious holiday that has been almost completely co-opted by the commercial market.

Friends, we often think of the mission world as being somewhere else, but it is right outside our doors! What we take for common knowledge ISN'T!!! We live and work with people who have little or no idea of what Christianity is. As uncomfortable as it may feel, we need to seek the Holy Spirit and ask for help to open our mouths and share the Good News with everyone we meet – and not take it for granted that they already know.

Invite someone to church. Any Sunday will do.

Grace and peace,  
Cassandra



## Congregational Life

May 1st 6 pm  
Dine out Dinner

May 15th 10:30 am  
Women's Circle  
Lunch Bunch at Wolf's Hamburgers

May 19th  
Dutch Treat Lunch

May 26th  
End of the month fellowship Potluck



## Vacation Bible School June 24-27 6-8 pm Ages 5 –Teens

**Glory to God who is able to do far beyond  
all that we could ask or imagine by his  
power at work within us!  
Ephesians 3:20**

To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly area-an outpost on Mars-they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

Sessions include:

**Session 1** - Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)

**Session 2** - Queen Ester Takes a Stand (Esther 4-9)

**Session 3** - The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler (Luke 10:25-37)

**Session 4** - Jesus Heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

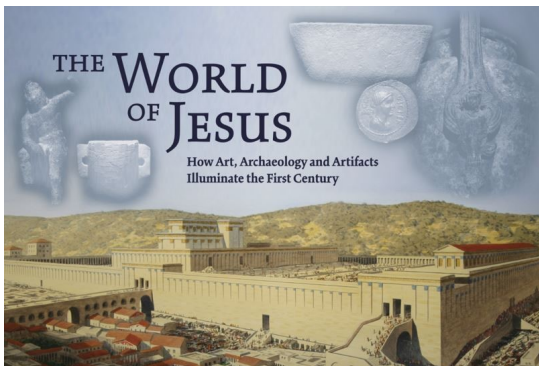
This is a great time to get involved . We need all kinds of volunteers. From helping to prepare snacks to registration to working with the kids. I especially am looking for someone to assist in games. If you can help see Renee. The ever present sign up sheets will soon be on the back bulletin board.

## Senior Field Trips

### Wild Flowers

The annual field trip to see the wild flowers was on Wednesday, March 13. We went to Schulenburg this year. We saw blue bonnets and quite a few Indian paint brush. The day was cool and rainy. It was even cooler in Schulenburg. We were glad we had sweaters and jackets. We ate at Oakridge Smokehouse and the food was good. We shopped at their store where they had a lot of pecans for sale. It was a nice trip.

### Dunham Bible Museum



The field trip on Monday, April 1 was to Dunham Bible Museum. We went to see a special exhibit “The World of Jesus” at Houston Baptist University. It featured approximately 70 artifacts from the early Roman period of the life of Jesus. The exhibit focuses on the world that Jesus knew. Our understanding of this period of history is often flawed by living two thousand years later in a different culture. The goal of the exhibit was to bring to life the first century world.

We started with a 20 minute video. We had a student tour guide that was very knowledgeable. The tour lasted 1 1/2 hours. We had lunch in the cafeteria where we had many choices of food. It was a very interesting day that we enjoyed.

Darlienne Powell

## New Members

### We welcome:

**Jo Ann Nickels** who moved from St Lewis Missouri to Texas 32 years ago. She has 3 children and 16 grandchildren, She loves to quilt and do anything that works with fabric. She recently married Kevin Nichols.

### **Tom Waggoner and Marlene King-Waggoner.**

**Marlene** was originally born in Texas and spent her formative years in Arizona. As a teenager she moved to Houston, Where she graduated from high school and college. She was a teacher for 30 years. She loves to write and was a newspaper reporter and has one book in print.

**Tom** was born in Terrell ,TX. He is a Viet Nam vet. He served in the marines. He graduated from East Texas State University and was a teacher at Galena Park ISD teaching AP History and Government. His hobbies include Astros' baseball and two min pins.

**Mission:**

Easter Lunch gift cards were given to five families to assist in grocery purchases.

Participation in the One Great Hour of Sharing was received on Palm Sunday.

Approximately 60 Fish Fry tickets were donated to the Channelview Senior Citizens Center, Grayson Sr. Citizens, and to the No. Channel Asst. Ministries by WFPC and individuals to welcome those of the community who would not otherwise be able to attend and enjoy the fellowship of the neighborhood.

Forty-four food bags for the homeless were assembled by church members on Pot Luck Sunday. These bags are very needed in our area and are greatly appreciated by those recipients.

**Outreach:**

The new church directories are nearing completion. The "Welcome Booklets" are completed and available on the entrance table. These booklets are so helpful in guiding through the year for all the events of the church.

There was such a great attendance for Easter Service that we hope that the Easter Letter had some part in it. The Letter holds much information and such welcoming words that if we all sent just one the impact would be recognizable.

Linda Norris

**Property Committee**

A single step handrail has been ordered. It will be placed on the step in front of the alter. It is meant to assist in traveling to and from alter. Should be here in a couple of weeks. Johnny Gaskill

**Keep in prayer:**



For people and places in conflict.....

For the homeless, the hungry, the oppressed.....

For those suffering chronic pain, including Krista Bartel and Ruth Flick....

For those who are ill and/or who are recuperating, including Timothy Black, Sandra Horton, Lindsey, and Kathleen Watson...

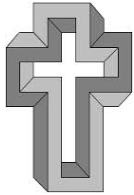
For care givers.....

For those who are grieving.....

For those who are serving in the military and the families who worry about them...

For those needs that God knows and we do not.....

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers.....



### Sunday Schedule

9:00 am—Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am—Worship

11:00 am—Coffee and Fellowship

11:15 am—Sunday School

Communion is celebrated the 1st Sunday of each month.

## May 2019

### Week 1

**SUN. May 5th** 10 am Worship , Communion

### Week 2

**SUN. May 12th** 10 am Worship,  
Mother's Day  
**WED. May 15th** 10:30 am Women's Circle  
Noon Lunch Bunch

### Week 3

**SUN. May 19th** 10 am Worship  
**TUES, May 21st** 6 pm Session Meeting

### Week 4

**SUN. May 26th** 10 am Worship  
Potluck Fellowship Dinner  
**MON. May 27th** Memorial Day

### Clerks Report:

Membership: 66

Average Attendance

3/31 - 4/14.....35

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.....22

Easter.....70

**Susan Maxwell**



**June 24-27**

**August 10**

**October 26**

**November 24**

**December 14**

**December 24**

**December 25**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Fajita Dinner Fundraiser**

**Garage Sale**

**Church Celebration**

**Live Nativity**

**Christmas Eve Service**

**Christmas Worship  
and Brunch**

**A last word...**

**When it rains look for rainbows.....**

**When it is dark look for stars.**