



April 13, 2025

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

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Elder of the Day Mark Freeman

Adult Bible Classes:

- “Parables of Jesus” by Shan Jackson
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- “Conversations about Christ: Practical Strategies for Sharing the Gospel ”
by various teachers: Mac Brockman (4/13 & 4/20)
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- “Studying the Bible in Depth”
by Tyrone Mynhier—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- “Christians and Hardships”
(Young Professionals) by Randy Sparks
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
- “Joshua” by Ross Randow, Colten Cavanaugh, Bryce Caldwell, Chris Fowler
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- “Ephesians” (Young Professionals) by Raymond Walker
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A102
- Teen Bible Classes:**
- “1 Corinthians” (9th–12th) by Aaron Trent
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107
- “Acts” (7th –8th) by Todd Watrous
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
- “World Religions” (9th –12th) by Mike Smith
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
- “Divided Kingdom” (7th –8th) by Brant Mathis
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

A **Facility Map** and other information is available at the Welcome Center.
A **Secure Check-in System** is active for children ages 0 to 4 years.
A **Nursery** is available during Sunday morning worship for children 0-23 months.
For children 24 months and up, there is a **Training Room** available at the back of the auditorium, behind the glass windows.

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Why I Believe the Bible - 1

Why do I choose to believe in the Bible as the authoritative Word of God? That’s a question we all need to be able to answer. Over the next few bulletin articles, I’m going to tell you why I trust the Bible is from God. Before I give the first reason, understand this is a matter of faith. There is no empirical evidence. In other words, I didn’t witness God type pages of the Bible or listen to Him as He dictated each book to their respective authors. There is no tangible evidence that is beyond the shadow of any doubt proving the Bible as the Word of God. It is a matter of faith. It’s not a leap in the dark. It’s not a ridiculous unwarranted belief. There is ample evidence that supports my faith in the Bible as the Word of God. Hebrews 11:6 says, “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

The first reason I believe the Bible is the authoritative Word of God is because I was taught the Bible is the authoritative Word of God. I was raised in the Church. I’m very thankful that my family attended a local Church that had a very high view of Scripture. Our preacher taught from the Bible. When we had guest speakers, they taught from the Bible. From a very early age, I can remember attending Bible class every Sunday morning and Wednesday night. On Sunday nights during the summer, I attended Bible hour. I went to Vacation Bible School every summer. I don’t remember all my Bible class teachers, but the teachers I do remember, did a great job of teaching from the Bible and emphasizing the Bible as the Word of God. It’s so important that we have trained and qualified Bible class teachers that that teach Bible lessons from the Bible. We must teach our children starting in cradle roll what the Bible is and its purpose.

Paul says, “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). God’s word is truth (John 17:17). All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable (2 Tim. 3:16). “The law of the LORD is perfect . . . His testimony is sure . . . His precepts are right . . . His commandments are pure . . . His decrees are true. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward” (Psalm 19:7-11).

I’m so thankful God has graciously given us His Word. May we read it, study it, and apply it to our lives.

God loves you!

Shawn

Keep reading and studying the Word of God!

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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.

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, April 6, 2025

9:00 AM Bible Class	372
10:15 AM Worship	588 @ WOCC 297 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	226
Contribution	\$48,617.49

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class	318
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You may give online at:

<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
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Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through January 31, 2025 are \$195,545.36 compared to a budgeted amount of \$169,665.17 producing a surplus of \$25,880.19.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Jonathan Faulkner** who was baptized Sunday, April 6. Welcome to the family Jonathan!

All 2025 **Bible Bowl** participants, please meet in the Chapel Center TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. Please wear your blue WOCC Bible Bowl shirts.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, April 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Postino Woodlands.

The 2025 **Senior Banquet** will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please sign up by this Wednesday, April 16 in the foyer or by clicking [here](#).

The **Church Offices will be closed** Friday, April 18. Bulletin submissions will be due on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

The **WOCC Celebrate Recovery** was launched 8 years ago by Nathan Ingram and a handful of members. It has provided a safe place to share hurts, habits and hang ups. Please join us on Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. for lite bites and a celebration program which will be led by Nathan Ingram. If you'd like more information about Celebrate Recovery, please contact Tom Kernan.

Please join us for a **Baby Shower honoring Whitney White** on Saturday, April 26 from 2-4 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Whitney and Jeremiah are expecting a baby boy and are registered at babylist.com

The **WOCC Golf Tournament** will be Saturday, April 26. Men & Women, aged high school and above, are able to play. Please sign up in the foyer and see Robert Shock for more information.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** on Sunday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

Bible Bowl Recognition will take place Sunday, April 27th during the evening assembly. Participants please wear your blue WOCC Bible Bowl shirts.

Plan to join us for a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, April 27 immediately following the evening assembly.

The **Senior Saints** will attend the Port of Houston **Boat Tour** on April 29. We will meet to eat at Crust Pizza (Panther Creek) at 11:30 a.m. and depart by 12:30 p.m. for the tour.

Please consider joining us for our **VBS Prep Day** where we will prepare decor, craft and science station packets, and to help ensure a successful VBS! We will meet in the Chapel Center at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29.

WOCC Family Camp 2025 registration is closed. Please email familycamp@woodlandoaks.org if you would like to be on the waiting list.

Interested in helping with **WOCC VBS 2025** being held on July 23-25? We are so blessed to have you with us! Please scan the QR code to sign up to volunteer.



Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer. WOCC Sharing Pantry: Tomato Products and Pasta

Youth News

There will be an **Elevate Hike Day** TODAY at Klein Memorial Stadium. We will leave after the morning church assembly and should return to church around 3:30 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch and change of clothes.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Crust Pizza (Panther Creek).

The next **Girls Dinner Devo** will be Thursday, April 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Kendra Blake. Please RSVP [here](#).

Treehouse Kids

Bible Builders: Children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go through the Bible in a year.

Sprouts Storytime meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in room A109.

The next **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Dinner and Devo** will be on April 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Car Museum in Magnolia, hosted by Maegan and Brett Rodriguez. Please RSVP to Janna or Maegan by April 20. Transportation not provided.

The **April Memory Verse Check-in** will take place April 27 in the foyer, in between Bible class and Worship. Our verse for the month is Job 29:23.

Scan/Click the QR code to read the **April Newsletter** and find more information on upcoming events!



Summer Camp Sign Up

WOCC Camp Awesome registration is currently open. We have a set number of spots, and registration will be first come first serve based upon time stamp. The dates are July 30-August 3. You can sign up [here](#). For more questions, please contact Janna Wilkerson.

Camp Bandina: June 1-7 <https://bandina-cecilhutsonsession.registration/>

Camp Red Oak: June 9-14 <https://form.jotform.com/250586922763163>

Prayers

- ✚ **Pam O'Connor**/surgery rescheduled for Monday, April 14 due to blood clot in leg/Please pray for no further complications and a successful surgery.
- ✚ **Victor Martinez**/hospitalized April 8 with fluid in lungs.
- ✚ **Jennet Gray**/former member/placed on hospice.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Barbara Dickinson, Gary Erwin, James Keeney, Valerie Lowry, Jennifer McLeod, MaryJane Nevels, Laurie Riggs, Gary Smith.**
- ✚ Please remember our friends & family: **Helen Ikerd.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Brenda Booth, Glenda Coyle, Lisa Geerman, Steve Harding, Lacey Hunter, Crissy Kyle, Erika Phillips, Barbara Starr.**

Expectant Families

Lindsey & Doug Peak
Whitney & Jeremiah White

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Elevate Hike Day—Klein Memorial Stadium
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Crust Pizza (Panther Creek)
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Postino Woodlands
Wednesday		Sign Up for Senior Banquet Due
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story Time
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday		Church Offices Closed
Friday-Sunday		Lads2Leaders

Upcoming Events

April 23	Final Sprouts Storytime before Summer Break
April 24	Celebrate Recovery 8 year Celebration Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Kendra Blake
April 25	3rd-6th Boys Devo—Car Museum
April 26	Golf Tournament Baby Shower for Whitney White
April 27	Memory Verse Check-in Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion—Raising Cane's
April 28	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
April 29	Senior Saints Port of Houston Boat Tour VBS Prep Day
May 3	Men's Breakfast Senior Banquet
May 4	Senior Sunday Congregational Singing High School Devo
May 8	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Jenn Tolbert
May 10	Memorial Service for Bob Klemm
May 11	THK Mother's Day Service Project Youth Invasion—CAVA
May 13	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
May 17	Elevate Hike Day
May 18	Speed Fellowship Junior High Devo
May 24	Senior Saints Astros Game
May 25	Memory Verse Check-In

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Mike Lucas at the loss of his mother, **Hatsue Lucas**, on April 4. Please keep Mike and the family in your prayers.

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