



April 20, 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 Marty Miller

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 (4/20), Tyrone Mynhier (4/27)
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 - 2

Why do I choose to believe in the Bible as the authoritative Word of God? Last week I wrote, that I believed in the Bible as the authoritative Word of God because I was taught the Bible is the authoritative Word of God. I have attended Bible class and worship on a weekly basis since birth. I don't say that to pat myself on the back, but to say it was drilled into me by a Church that possessed a very high view of Scripture that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God. The next few reasons will build on one another.

The second reason I believe the Bible is the Word of God is because of the internal evidence. The Bible claims to be of divine origin. The Bible makes some bold claims of inspiration.

Often the words of God are claimed to be recorded in the Bible.

- “And God spoke all these words, saying . . .” (Ex. 20:1).
- “Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying . . .” (Jer. 1:4).
- “The word of the Lord that came to Hosea . . .” (Hosea 1:1).
- Phrases like, “the word of God”, “The LORD said”, “God said”, and “the LORD commanded” are mentioned thousands of times in the Bible.

Several times in the NT a writer quotes the OT giving credit to God.

- “And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, ‘Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit . . .’” (Acts 4:24,25).
- “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed’” (Gal. 3:8).
- “Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says . . .” (Heb. 3:7ff).

Stephen claimed the Jews received the oracles of God. “This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the angel who spoke to him at Mount Sinai, and with our fathers. He received living oracles to give to us” (Acts 7:38).

Paul says “the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God” (Rom. 3:25).

The Bible claims to be Scripture.

- “For the Scripture says to Pharaoh . . .” (Rom. 9:17).
- “And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith . . .” (Gal. 3:8).
- “All Scripture is breathed out by God . . .” (2 Tim. 3:16).

I fully understand the Bible claiming to be inspired doesn't mean that it is inspired. But since the Bible does claim to be the word of God, it deserves our time and consideration. Next week we will look at some external evidences that support what the internal evidence claims.

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

<u>Sunday, April 13, 2025</u>	
9:00 AM Bible Class	420
10:15 AM Worship	610 @ WOCC 274 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	209
Contribution	\$27,725.17
<u>Wednesday, April 16, 2025</u>	
7:00 PM Bible Class	Not Counted

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 March 31, 2025 are \$571,790.99 compared to budget of \$508,995.50 for surplus of \$62,795.49.

Notes

Announcements

WOCC VBS 2025 Registration is now active! Please visit woodlandoakskidministry.com and click on the VBS 2025 tab to learn more about VBS and register your child. WOCC VBS is open to children PREK4- Entering 6th Grade. Your child must have turned 4 years of age by May 31st in order to register and attend. Registration closes June 1st so don't delay- register today!

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be this Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 a.m. at Black Bear Diner on I45.

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 this 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.

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

Please join us for a **Baby Shower honoring Whitney White** this Saturday, April 26 from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Whitney and Jeremiah are expecting a baby boy and are registered at babylist.com

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

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

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** Monday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

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.

Bible Bowl Recognition will take place Sunday, May 4 during the evening assembly. Participants please wear your blue WOCC Bible Bowl shirts.

Family Camp Talent Show registration is now open through June 1. Please scan the QR code to sign up.

Interested in helping with **WOCC VBS 2025** being held on July 23-25? Please scan the QR code to sign up. If you are volunteering and have a child ages 0-3 that will be needing childcare, please register each child [here](#).

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>

Youth News

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

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, April 27 immediately following the evening assembly at Raising Cane's (Research Forest).

There will be a **High School Devo** Sunday, May 4 immediately following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center.

Treehouse Kids

There will be **NO Bible Builders** tonight.

The next **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Dinner and Devo** will be this Friday April 25 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. at the Car Museum in Magnolia, hosted by Maegan and Brett Rodriguez. Please RSVP to Janna or Maegan by TODAY. Transportation not provided.

The final **Sprouts Storytime** before the summer break will be this Wednesday, April 23 at 10:00 a.m. in room A109.

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.

The **3rd - 6th grade boys** will be **Leading Worship** on Wednesday, April 30. Please contact Kevin Wilkerson for details.

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



Prayers

- ✝ **Don & Eve Southall**/continue to struggle with health issues/They very much appreciate all your continued prayers, cards, and visits.
- ✝ **Michael Deming**/leg surgery April 16/prayers for pain, nausea & anxiety.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Barbara Dickinson, Gary Erwin, James Keeney, Valerie Lowry, Victor Martinez, MaryJane Nevels, Pam O'Connor, Laurie Riggs.**
- ✝ 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.**

Thank You

We want to express our sincere thanks for the outpouring of love and support to our family in the passing of our precious Howard. Your calls, texts, cards, meals and especially your prayers have given us strength to endure during this difficult time. Howard truly loved the Woodland Oaks church and prayed it would always remain steadfast and strong.

In Christian Love, Patty Yates and Eric Alarid family

I don't have enough words to properly say thank you for all your prayers and support during and after Bob's illness and death. You have been and are the people of The Book. God has been blessing us through you.

Sandy Klemm and family.

Expectant Families

Lindsey & Doug Peak

Whitney & Jeremiah White

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Black Bear Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class—Salad Luncheon
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story Time -Final meeting before Summer Break
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Kendra Blake's Home
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery—8 Year Celebration Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo—Car Museum
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	WOCC Golf Tournament
	2:00 p.m.	Baby Shower for Whitney White

Upcoming Events

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 Texas Bible Bowl Awards 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

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy at the loss of former member **Jennet Gray** on Friday, April 11. The services were held in O'Fallon, IL and Lebanon, TN. Please keep Dan and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#).

Heartfelt condolences to Pat Blumenshine at the loss of her husband, and our brother in Christ, **Bill Blumenshine** on Saturday, April 12. There will be a private family graveside service. In lieu of flowers, charitable donations can be made on behalf of Bill to Smile Train at www.smiletrain.org. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#). Please keep Pat and the family in your prayers.

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