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**Last Week's Attendance** 

Sunday, April 20, 2025

9:00 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Contribution

7:00 PM Bible Class

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Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts

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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** 

Celebrate Recovery: Tom Kernan

Bill Malone Jordan Blake Youth Brant Mathis Daniel Fair

Daniel Fair Trent Tadlock Kevin Wilkerson

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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Or mail contributions to our PO Box at: Woodland Oaks Church of Christ 6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252 Spring, TX 77382 We are honored you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Thank you for visiting us today! We look forward to meeting you!

Welcome to Woodland Oaks Church of Christ

#### **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

April 27, 2025

**Elder of the Day** 

Mac Brockman

#### **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: Tyrone Mynhier (4/27 & 5/4) 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 <u>0-23 months</u>.

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 - 3

Last week we looked at some internal evidence that supports the Bible being the authoritative Word of God. The Bible claims to be of divine origin. The Bible claims it's words are the words of God, inspired by the Spirit of God, and the living oracles of God.

I believe the Bible is the authoritative Word of God because the external evidence supports the internal claims of inspiration. A number of non-inspired Christian writers beginning in the 1st century quote from Scripture and give witness to its authenticity.

- Ignatius was born in AD 37 and died in 108. He wrote 7 short epistles which contain 19 quotations from the NT. Just before his death he wrote to the Church in Ephesus thanking them for their kindness. In that letter he mentions that Onesimus comforted him in prison just as Onesimus comforted the apostle Paul in prison (Philemon 1).
- Polycarp was born in AD 70 and was martyred in 155. He was a convert and student of the apostle John. He wrote a long letter to the Church at Philippi. In the letter, he refers by name to Paul's letter to the same Church and quotes 40 times from 11 other NT books.
- Clement of Rome wrote several letters, one of which was written to the Christians at Corinth around AD 80. This letter shows he was familiar with the writings of Paul, Peter, and the gospel of John. He alludes several times to the Hebrew epistle and quotes 31 times from 17 other NT books.
- Irenaeus (AD 120-202) was a student to Polycarp and was martyred for his faith. In his 5 volume work, "Against Heresies," scholars contend he quotes from 21 of the 27 NT books. In all, he quotes the NT 767 times.
- Clement of Alexandria was born around AD 160 and died in 220. He calls the Scriptures divinely inspired and says that the existence of God is proved by the Law, the Prophets, and the blessed gospels. In his works he refers to every book in the OT except Ruth and Song of Solomon. He also quotes from every NT book except James, Philemon, and 2nd Peter. In all, nearly 400 quotations from the NT are found in his writings.

Although the above men and many others typically didn't quote "Bible verses" word for word, in theory, we could reconstruct a majority of the Bible from the vast times they quote from Scripture. Next week, we will look at some of the evidence we have from non-Christian writers. The above information was taken from "Why We Believe The Bible" written by George W. Dehoff.

God loves you! Shawn

Keep reading and studying the Word of God!

## **Announcements**

Please check the **Lost & Found** table in the foyer for your items. All unclaimed items will be donated!

We are looking to gauge interest for the **2026 Texas Bible Bowl.** The topic is "Joshua, Judges, and Ruth" and is open for Children 4th Grade - Adults. If you are wanting to participate in the Texas Bible Bowl in 2026, please complete the following form no later than Sunday, May 4. Thank you! <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAJH7dCqxTspCSjzml9D-c0q-9M6rE-Nj2ourS\_ZZAs5Eklg/viewform?">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAJH7dCqxTspCSjzml9D-c0q-9M6rE-Nj2ourS\_ZZAs5Eklg/viewform?</a>

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** TODAY at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

Plan to join us for a **Congregational Meeting** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Worship Auditorium.

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** this Tuesday, 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. this Tuesday, April 29.

There will be a **Young Professionals Devo** this Tuesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring a drink, entree, side, or sweet for a potluck dinner. We will eat together, share thoughts on Scripture, and sing! Contact Karen Isherwood with any questions.

This Wednesday, April 30 is the 5th Wednesday of the month, therefore there will be **NO Fellowship Meal.** 

**Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, May 3 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

For those signed up to attend the **2025 Senior Banquet**, it will be this Saturday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

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

**Men's Luncheon** will be Tuesday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Beck's Prime on Grogan's Mill

**Lads2Leaders Awards/Recognition Banquet:** Everyone involved in Lads to Leaders, or who would like to participate in L2L next year, or would just like to learn more about the program is invited to attend! The Banquet will be Sunday, May 18 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center. Dinner will be provided. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 7 if you will attend at: <a href="https://forms.gle/pRMCcLpiD5XuxzbR8">https://forms.gle/pRMCcLpiD5XuxzbR8</a>

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

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!

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.

#### **Youth News**

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

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

The next **Girls Dinner Devo** will be Thursday, May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Jenn Tolbert. Please RSVP here.

## **Treehouse Kids**

The next **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Devo** will be held this Friday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Founders Park in Willis. This devo is being hosted by the Randy and Barbie Sparks Family. The theme will be "May the 4th Be With You", so please feel free to send your child with a light saber if they would like to do so. Please RSVP by TODAY to Barbie Sparks or Janna.

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

**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** has concluded for the 2024-2025 school year. We will resume in September.

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

There will be a **Journeyland Experience Night** this Wednesday, April 30 for our PreK—6th Grade Bible Classes..

# **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 <a href="here">here</a>. 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**

- ➡ Erika Phillips/daughter of Victor & Graciella Martinez/ recent CAT scan was clear/The MRI of the brain showed a couple of tiny spots that will be monitored/ Please pray that there will be no findings in the upcoming scans in May.
- Please remember our members: Sara Blake, Michael Deming, Barbara Dickinson, Gary Erwin, James Keeney, Valerie Lowry, Victor Martinez, Marvlane Nevels. Pam O'Connor. Laurie Riggs. Don & Eve Southall.
- 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

Inis week		
Today		RSVP Due for 3rd-6th grade Boys Devo
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.	Memory Verse Check-In
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	4:30 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
		Youth Invasion—Raising Cane's (Research Forest)
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class—Visitation
	11:30 a.m.	Senior Saints Port of Houston Boat Tour
	12:00 p.m.	VBS Prep Day
	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals Dinner Devo
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class-No Fellowship Meal/Journeyland Experienc
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	3rd—6th Grade Boys Devo- Founders Park, Willis
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Banquet

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# **Upcoming Events**

May 4	Senior Sunday		
	2026 TX Bible Bowl Survey Due		
	Congregational Singing		
	Texas Bible Bowl Awards		
	Combined Youth Devo		
May 6	Men's Luncheon—Beck's Prime on Grogan's Mill		
May 7	Sign Up Due for L2L Awards/Recognition Banquet		
	Quilting Group		
May 8	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Jenn Tolbert		
May 10	Memorial Service for Bob Klemm		
May 11	THK Mother's Day Service Project		
	Family Camp Payments Due		
	Youth Invasion—CAVA		
May 13	Youth Tuesday Bible Study		
May 17	Elevate Hike Day		
May 18	Speed Fellowship		
	Lads2Leaders Awards/Recognition Banquet		
May 24	Senior Saints Astros Game		
May 25	Memory Verse Check-In		
-	Youth Invasion		
May 26	Church Offices Closed		
May 31	Youth Induction		
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# Thank you

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, calls, and emails during my surgery recovery. All is going great and it was so comforting and encouraging to have everyone's expressions of love and concern for me.

Blessings to all, Gary Smith

<u>Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.</u>

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Tomato Products and Pasta