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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, April 27, 2025

9:00 AM Bible Class

612@ WOCC 10:15 AM Worship 221 Views online

6:00 PM Worship

Contribution

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class

You may give online at: https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at: Woodland Oaks Church of Christ 6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252 Spring, TX 77382

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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.

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

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

May 4, 2025

Elder of the Day

Scott Blake

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 (5/4), Rocky Rutledge (5/11)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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May 4, 2025

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Why I Believe the Bible - 4

Last week we looked at some external evidence that supports the Bible being the inspired and authoritative Word of God. Men who did not write the Bible but knew the men who did, quoted Bible letters as authoritative.

I believe the Bible is the authoritative Word of God because of the many archaeological finds that support the text of the Bible. Archeology is the study of ancient things. It's a wide field of study that usually involves digging up and dusting off any relic of the past. This article is centered around Biblical archeology. Biblical archeology produces evidence that verify the historical accuracy of the Bible. Nelson Glueck, a famous biblical archaeologist once said, "It may be stated categorically that no archaeological discovery has ever controverted a biblical reference" and "scores of archaeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible." Here are a 3 biblical archaeological discoveries that verify the

The Ketef Hinnom Scrolls. In 1979, Israeli archaeologist Gabriel Barkay was excavating a burial cave at Ketef Hinnom, just southwest of Jerusalem. The tomb was dated late 7th century BC. Two small silver scrolls were discovered. It took three years to unroll the scrolls. The first word they were able to decipher was the name "Yahweh." After much work, they were able to read the entire scroll. It contained the priestly benediction from Numbers 6. The smaller scroll also contained the benediction from Numbers 6.

The Dead Sea Scrolls. In 1947, shepherds stumbled upon a cave in a rugged, arid area on the western side of the Dead Sea. What they discovered was soon proclaimed the greatest archaeological find of the twentieth century. Over the next few years, over 800 fragmentary documents, mainly consisting of Hebrew writings on leather (with a few on parchment), including fragments of 190 biblical scrolls were found. Most of these are small, containing no more than one-tenth of a book; however, a complete Isaiah scroll has been found. Almost every OT book is present, and there are also other writings valued by the community that dwelt in those caves. It appears the earliest scrolls date to the mid-third century BC, and most to the first or second centuries BC.

The Pilate Inscription. In June 1961, Italian archaeologists led by Dr. Frova were excavating an ancient Roman amphitheater near Caesarean-on-the-sea and uncovered an interesting limestone block. On the face is a monumental inscription which is part of a larger dedication to Tiberias Caesar which clearly says that it was from "Pontius Pilate, Prefect of Judah." This is the only known occurrence of the name Pontius Pilate in any ancient inscription and verifies that he was a person that lived during the time of Jesus, exactly as written in the biblical narrative.

The Bible will always be under attack because people don't want to submit their lives to God. Since Adam and Eve, people have a strong desire to live by their own rules and not by the Word of God. Jesus said, "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it" (Matthew 7:24-27).

God loves vou! Shawn

Keep reading and studying the Word of God!

Announcements

Congratulations to Rocky & Gina Rutledge on the birth of their first great grandson, Stetson Brooks, on Sunday, April 27 in San Diego, CA. Stetson weighted 7 pounds and 15 ounces and was 21" long!

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

We are still needing Bible Class Teachers for the Summer Quarter. Please contact Mike Arnold or Matt Fitzgerald if you can help!

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

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

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 TODAY, May 4. Thank you! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpOLSdAJH7dCqxTspCSjzml9D-c0q-9M6rE-Nj2ourS ZZAs5Eklg/viewform? usp=sharing

Men's Luncheon will be Tuesday, May 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Beck's Prime (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 this Wednesday, May 7 if you will attend at: https:// forms.gle/pRMCcLpiD5XuxzbR8.

Bob Klemm's Memorial Service is scheduled for this Saturday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the WOCC Worship Auditorium. Find more info here.

Speed Fellowship will be Sunday, May 18 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center!

WOCC VBS 2025 Registration is now active! Please 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!

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.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy at the loss of former member Mike Hughes on Friday, April 25 from pancreatic cancer. The funeral service was held April 30 at Forest Park Funeral Home. Please keep his wife, Lisa, sons, Zach & Jake, and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary at: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/the-woodlands-tx/johnhughes-12354797.

Heartfelt condolences at the loss of **Sandra Collins** on Tuesday, April 22. Sandra was a member of Spring Woodlands CoC & Grace Crossing. She attended WOCC many times and then livestreamed our worship when homebound. The services will be May 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Forest Park Funeral Home with a small reception to follow. Please keep Sandra's son, Mark, and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary at: https:// www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/the-woodlands-tx/sandra-collins-12349685.

Youth News

There will be a Combined Devo TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center.

The next Girls Dinner Devo will be this Thursday, May 8 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Jenn Tolbert. Please bring a swimsuit. Current 6th grade girls are also invited! Kindly RSVP here.

There will be a **Youth Invasion** Sunday, May 11 immediately following the evening assembly at Cava (6700 Woodlands Pkwy, Ste 170).

Mark your calendars! The next **Elevate Hike Day** will be Saturday, May 17!

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.

The WOCC Children's Ministry is partnering with our Faithful Fathers Ministry to show how much we honor, love, and appreciate our Mother/Mother Figures! Kiddosplease visit the **Mother's Day Flower Bar Booth** on Sunday morning, May 10 to pick out a flower to take to your Mom. While you're there, bring her along and take a picture at the photo booth!

The May Memory Verse Check-in will take place May 25 in the foyer, in between Bible class and Worship. Our verse for the month is Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the Lord: they are a reward from Him."

Scan/Click the QR code to read the May 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

- **Marylane Nevels**/scheduled to have outpatient colon surgery May 9.
- Please remember our members: Sara Blake, Michael Deming, Barbara Dickinson, Eathel Higgins, James & Carolyn Keeney, Philip Leonardos, Valerie Lowry, Victor Martinez, Pam O'Connor, Laurie Riggs, Michael Salas, Don & Eve Southall.
- Please remember our friends & family: **Helen Ikerd.**
- The 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

<u>Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.</u> WOCC Sharing Pantry: Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut butter, Jelly

This Week

Today		Senior Sunday
		2026 TX Bible Bowl Survey Due
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	TX Bible Bowl Awards
		Combined Devo
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Beck's Prime
Wednesday		Sign Up Due for L2L Awards/Recognition Banquet
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	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—Jenn Tolbert's Home
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Service for Bob Klemm

Upcoming Events

May 11	THK/FF Mother's Day Service Project		
	Family Camp Payments Due		
	Youth Invasion—CAVA (6700 Woodlands Pkwy)		
May 13	Men's Prayer Breakfast		
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		
June 1	Summer Quarter Begins		
	VBS Registration Closes		
	Deadline to Sign Up for Family Camp Talent Show		
	Bridal Shower for Heidi Gidden—bride elect of Kade Hulett		
	Congregational Singing		
	Youth Invasion—Freddy's		
June 1-7	Camp Bandina		
June 2	Monday FUNday		
June 3	THK Outing—Snow Cones		
June 4	Family Camp Meeting		
June 6	Church Offices Closed		
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Thank You

Dear Church Family,

The out pouring of love at the baby shower made us truly feel at home. We want to thank everyone, especially the hostesses for everything. We are truly blessed to have a church family such as Woodland Oaks.

Thank you again, Jeremiah & Whitney White

Words cannot convey just how grateful I am to have spent my challenge week alongside many of your members! As my AIM team and I prepare to spend the next 18 months serving in Tauranga, New Zealand, we cannot help but reflect back on how we experienced Christ so fully through each of our interactions with you. Our week of training under the mentorship of your church family replenished me in ways that I cannot begin to describe. Thank you for both your prayers and financial support!

> Until they all hear, Elise Siklosi Adventures in Missions Class of 2027