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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, December 7, 2025

9:00 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship 6:00 PM Worship

Contribution

Wednesday, December 10, 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

Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts upported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Deacons

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Celebrate Recovery: Tom Kernan Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant **Grief Share:** Sherry Reaves Heart to Home: Patricia Osborn Ladies Ministry: Sharon Freeman Parking Transport: Philip Leonardos Prison Ministry: John Cheatham, Blake Westerfeld

Senior Saints: John & Denise Tolbert Young Professionals: Hayden Talbott &

Karen Isherwood

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through October actual \$1,835,570.93 vs budget of \$1,683,600.50 for surplus of \$151,970.43.

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

December 14, 2025

Elder of the Day

Mark Freeman

Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John" by Logan Cates Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"Parables of Jesus—Part 2" by Shan Jackson Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

"New Testament Concept of Worship" by Joel Blake Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

"The Book of Daniel" by Brant Mathis & Trent Tadlock Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"Proverbs" (9th—12th) by Scott Logan, Shawn Montandon, Daniel Fair Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

> "Genesis" (7th –8th) by Aaron Trent Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

"Apologetics 2" (9th –12th)

by Jordan Blake, Kaleb Steinhauer, Cameron Gardner Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

"Hebrews" (7th -8th) by Nathan Lockwood, Seth Dillon, Colton Cavanaugh Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

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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Oh, To Be Like Thee

By Richard Bower

As Christians, we are to take on more and more of the character of Jesus Christ. Romans 8:29 says that God predestined us to "be conformed to the image of His Son." As we live our lives for the Lord, there is a spiritual transformation into His image. "And we all,, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:18).

This change is a transformation of the mind. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Iesus . . . " (Phil. 2:5), which moves us to submission and obedience to God. "Jesus answered, 'The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:29-31).

We must pattern our conduct after Christ. "The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:6). We will become more caring and compassionate, just as Jesus did. "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt. 9:36).

We must be honest, teaching the truth in love, and forgiving just as Christ forgave us. "But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:15).

We must be an example to others and be able to say, "Imitate me, *just as I also imitate Christ*" (1 Cor. 11:1).

On the Day when Christ returns, we will take on the heavenly nature of Christ. "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).

Our focus should not be on what would Jesus do, but rather on what did Jesus do. Do that!

God loves vou! Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

Announcements

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Suppe**r TOMORROW, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, December 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Chili's (1110 Lake Woodlands).

There will be **NO Ladies Bible Classes** for the remainder of the year.

There will be **NO Community Bible Class** for the remainder of the year. Classes will resume Thursday, January 8!

For those signed up to attend the **Senior Saints**: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Crighton Theatre will meet at WOCC this Friday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. We will eat at McKenzie's BBQ and Burgers in Conroe. The play begins at 7:30 p.m.

Our **Cookies and Cocoa Social** will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC. The entire congregation is invited. Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookie or treat for our Cookie Swap. Disposable containers preferred. Thank you!

Join us for our **New Years Eve Game Night!** We will meet in the Chapel Center at 5:00 p.m. to enjoy pizza and games. We will break at 7:00 p.m. to come to the auditorium for our church devo. At 8:00 p.m. we will resume our game night and enjoy desserts. Babysitting will be provided for \$10 per child in the gym. For questions see Lizzie Stegall or Alix Randow! Please sign up by December 21 at:https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F0E4FAFAF2EAAF85-59431645-nyegame.

On Wednesday, December 31, we will have a combined devotional service led by our boys and young men instead of classes. If your son would like to participate by **Leading a Prayer, Song, or Reading a Scripture**, please have him contact Frank Kerze in-person or via text by Sunday, December 21 with what he would like to lead.

There will be a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, January 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the WOCC parking lot. Please sign up at: https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive-schedule/400832.

The Montandons & O'Connors invite you to a **Come & Go Reception in Honor of John & Elle O'Connor** on Sunday, January 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Please join us for the **Healthy Families Parenting & Marriage Workshop** by Trey & Leah Morgan on Saturday, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please register by January 10 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf4ahvp9HnfXualXeOuZ_PY8n8f11krd92XBWTdxKIqlmx-XQ/viewform?usp=header.

Prayers

- Peggy Giles/blood clots are clear/will remain on anticoagulant treament/thank you for your prayers and encouragement.
- **Linda Reeve**/scheduled to have outpatient back surgery on December 19.
- **† Kay Felker**/friend of Robert Shock/surgery after fall for broken femur.
- Please remember our members: Kiara Coyle, Kaylie Harding, Darryl Hermann, Debi Hix, Valerie Lowry, Cherene McDonald, Cleve McMillion, Laurie Riggs, Terry Seaman, Sonny Taylor.
- † Please remember our Friends & Family: Roger Borne, Elmo & Mary Collins, lared & Krista Harding.
- Members battling cancer: Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Denise Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Carolyn Keeney, Cynthia Lockwood, Rhonda Mashburn, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Harold Mangham, Rhonda Mashburn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock.
- Friends & family battling cancer: Brenda Booth, Linda Garms, Steve Harding, Lacey Hunter, Jennifer Jones, Ty Mynhier, Erika Phillips, Robert Redden, Marina Spargo, Barbara Starr, Bryan Titlow.

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Whataburger (6203 FM 1488).

Sign up for the **Youth Winter Retreat** is now open! The retreat will be January 9-11 at Camp Hensel. The cost is \$30. Please sign up by Thursday, December 25 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduV1E9xy6ow-TzBR83G4Bsj-Xh4ldS-if]T3ilWn 6EU0F4A/viewform.

Youth December Newsletter: https://app.smore.com/n/ypjxq.

Treehouse Kids

Our **December Memory Verse Challenge** will be Sunday, December 21 between Bible class and Worship in the foyer. Our verse of the month is: 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

The **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Devo and Lock In** will take place on December 21 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the FLC following evening services. Pickup will be at 8:00 a.m. December 22. Please RSVP to Kevin Wilkerson by this Thursday, December 18.

December News Letter: https://app.smore.com/n/yng79

Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped put together my college care package. Thank you so much for your prayers and kind words of encouragement to get me through this semester!

Love, Rachel Flournoy

Thank you for the snacks, gift cards, and encouraging notes in the college care package. It was the highlight of my semester! I appreciate your kindness!

Love. Sadie Flournov

Thank you so much for the college care package! It will be great as I study for finals. I appreciate y'all thinking of me!

Aubrey LeMaire

I'd like to thank the church and its members who've supported my move to college and given me this gift bag for finals. I'll never forget my original church family.

Love, Hines Lovoi

Thank you so much for the care package! All the snacks will be very helpful during finals!

Love, Jack Winford

Thank y'all so much for the care package! It was very thoughtful of y'all to keep me in mind, expecially before finals!

Luc LeMaire

Roger and I want to thank everyone for the prayers, texts, calls, cards & meals we received during his recent surgery & recovery. We couldn't have made this without your encouragement, love and support. Thanks again.

Linda & Roger Borne

Thank you so much for your generous contributions for the college care packages. The college students really appreciate your thoughts, prayers, and generosity.

In Christian love, Denise Tolbert

Expectant Families

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Emily & James Dillard Alyssa & Tim Park Elle & Jackson Pate

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		TX Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Whataburger
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Chili's (1110 Lake Woodlands Dr.)
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday		RSVP for 3rd-6th Grade Boys Lock In Due
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints - The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Upcoming Events

December 21	Sign Up Due for New Years Eve Game Night
	THK Memory Verse Check In
	THK Sunday Social: Cookies & Cocoa
	Youth Invasion
December 21-22	3rd - 6th Grade Boys Lock In
December 23-26	Church Offices Closed
December 24	No Assembly
December 25	Sign Up for Youth Winter Retreat Due
	No Celebrate Recovery
December 31	New Years Eve Game Night
	Combined Devo—No Children's Classes
January 1	Church Offices Closed
	No Celebrate Recovery
January 3	Men's Breakfast
January 4	Blood Drive
	Come & Go Reception in Honor of John & Elle O'Connor
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Invasion
January 6	Men's Luncheon
	Young Professionals Dinner Devo
January 8	Community Bible Class Resumes
January 9-11	Youth Winter Retreat
January 10	Sign Up Due for Healthy Families & Marriage Workshop
January 15	Youth Girls Dinner Devo @ home of Trisha Hyde
January 17	Healthy Families Parenting & Marriage Workshop w/Trey & Lea Morgan
	Youth Service
January 18	High School Devo
January 25	Junior High Devo

New Members

Michael & Erin Saladin Michael Jr. Keven & Karen Conrad

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

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Personal Care: Shampoo, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Hygiene Products