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A Case For A Paper Bible

First things first: I am not anti-electronic Bible. In fact, I know people who basically must use one if they are going to be able to read the text. A lot of older people with failing eyesight have been blessed by being able to blow up the font size on a tablet to very large sizes so they can continue to read God’s Word. I use an electronic Bible from time-to time. So, this is not an article meant to say, “don’t ever use one of those techy things.” However, I do want to encourage the vast majority of us (especially parents) to use old-fashioned paper Bibles far more often and also encourage our children to do so. Why? Here are just a few reasons to consider:

My Children (and Others) Know What I’m Doing. If I am reading from my phone and my kids walk through the room, what will they think I am doing? (Answer: staring at my phone!) But If I am holding that special book, that makes a great impression. Dad is taking this moment to look into God’s Word.

You Remember More. It has been shown in study after study that reading from a paper book leads to far more retention of the information than reading from a screen (even when reading the exact same material). There is just something about reading from paper that triggers our brains to grab more of the information and hold onto it. If there is anything that we should want to remember, it should be God’s Word.

There’s Something to be Said for a One-Purpose “Thing.” When I pick up my phone, tablet, or computer, I can do any number of things. But when I pick up my Bible, my mind immediately knows what I am doing. I am going to read and study so that I can do my best to be drawn closer to my God.

It Isn’t All about Ease. The main reason I hear people give for using a screen for their Bible is “it’s just easier.” Often, they are talking about the ease of finding a text. Maybe . . . but maybe not. It may be easier at first (and for a while) to find a text using the phone, but if you will stick with a paper Bible, you will find, over time, that you can flip from John to Jonah or from Luke to Lamentations without even really thinking about it. It becomes almost second nature because you have so familiarized yourself with the book.

What Will I Leave Behind. As I get older, this has started becoming precious to me. I bought a new Bible a few months ago. My hope is that it is the last “main” Bible I ever buy. If I have lived a godly life, there is no thing I could leave to my wife or my children that would be of more value than the book that helped me be close to God.

Again, I am not saying that no one should ever use a screen. There can be a place for them. But I do deeply believe we lose something when we exclusively use a screen to read the Bible. These are just some reasons to consider. No matter what you choose, though, being in the Word is what matters. Let’s never lose sight of that.

– Adam Faughn www.faughnfamily.com/a-case-for-the-paper-bible

God loves you,

Shawn

Are you caught up in your daily Bible reading going?

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

Communion Leader Brandon Jezek

Adult Bible Classes:

“A Study of Colossians” by Michael Matheidas
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
 “Four Inspired Witness Accounts of the Gospel” by Bob Klemm
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
 “Biblical Archeology Review: Can You Dig It?” by Marty Miller
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
 “The Church of the Bible” (Young Professionals) by Mac Brockman & Todd Watrous
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
 “Windows on the Parables” by Various Teachers
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
 “Young Adults” (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center Room C201

Teen Bible Classes:

“High School Bible Class” (9th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107
 “Jr High School Bible Class” (7th –8th) by Morgan Whatley
 Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
 “High School Bible Class” (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
 “Jr High School Bible Class” (7th –8th) by Daniel Fair
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0–1 year	A103
1 year	A105/A106
2 years	C106
3 years/Pre-K	A108
Kindergarten	B200
1st grade	B202
2nd grade	B203
3rd grade	B206
4th grade	B208
5th grade	B207
6th grade	B209

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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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, March 26, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	375
10:15 AM Worship	530 @ WOCC 251 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	223
Contribution	\$29,032.75

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	251
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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
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Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through February 28, 2023 are \$302,428 compared with a budgeted amount of \$286,502 produces a surplus of \$15,926.

Notes

Announcements

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, April 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Red Phoenix.

Family Camp 2023 is just around the corner! Save the date and plan to join us in Palestine, TX June 9-11 for a great weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship. Online registration is now open at: <https://bit.ly/2023WOCCFamilyCamp>. The cost is \$125 per family (in same household) or \$60 per individual. See Brant Mathis for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!! Mark your calendar for **WOCC Annual VBS 5/31 - 6/2**. The theme this year is Keepers of the Kingdom. Attendee (Age 4/PreK - 6th Grade) registration will begin April 16, but now we need volunteers! Last year we topped 150 registrants. Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center. There's something for everyone to do from baking cookies to photography! Contact Ashley Blake for more information about opportunities to serve.

Thank You

I am so blessed to have a church family like Woodland Oaks Church of Christ. I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for my sister Maxine Montgomery. Your prayers, cards, and kind expressions of love toward me and my family have been much appreciated. Maxine is now in the presence of our Lord and at peace.

Love, Joyce Pieper & Family

Just wanted to let you all know that the surgeon reports that my back surgery went well and now needs several months of rest and healing. Thars and I wanted to thank all the folks who reached out in prayer to ask God for healing. Thank you all and thank the lord for his Grace!

Pat Higginson

Prayers

- ✝ **Nancy Walker**/hospitalized March 30 at Methodist Hospital/No visitors please.
- ✝ **Melissa Farris**/upcoming thyroid biopsy/please pray results come back clear.
- ✝ **Brian Dixon**/friend of Richard Hyde/recent heart surgery.
- ✝ **Kenny & Ashley Aycock**/former member/Please keep Ashley & Kenny in your prayers as Kenny deals with health issues.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Mary Nell Bollman, Katy Britton, Laura Carnes, Coleen Edwards, Karen Farr, Skip Foreman, Jeri French, Victor Martinez, Brantley McMurray, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Robert Shock, Mary Williams, Howard Yates, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Karen Beathard, DC Brown, Danielle Grace, Pat Higginson.**
- ✝ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Janice Tadlock, Michael Williams.**
- ✝ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Darren Brooks, Judy Chandler, Tesa Cornett, Melissa Hightower, Toni Mansker, Phil Martinez, Diane McConnell, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Raymond Smith, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

Youth News

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at Market Street.

Those signed up to attend the **Camp Hensel Easter Retreat**, we will depart WOCC this Friday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. and return April 9. The cost is \$40. Please bring money for a meal on the way back. See Jordan Fontenot for more information.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, April 16 immediately following the evening assembly.

Treehouse Kids

Bible Builders: Children ages 2yrs-Kinder will be dismissed at Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year" and learn about how God has interacted with His people throughout the ages.

Parents of all 3rd-6th grade **Dorcas girls:** There will be a special service project for our older girls planned for this Thursday, April 6, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Chick-fil-A tray, chips, fruit, and cookies will be served. We will be making special blankets for patients of Texas Children's Hospital. Please be sure to let Jane-Ann Fleming know if your daughter will be able to attend.

Our next **Dorcas Class**, for girls ages K-6th grade, will be Saturday, April 15 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Expectant Families

Katy & Jacob Britton
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy at the loss of **Jim Culpepper** March 25. The visitation will be April 3 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Earthman Funeral Directors. The funeral will be April 4 at 10:00 a.m. at The Hunters Creek Chapel at Earthman Funeral Directors. You can read the obituary [here](#).

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of tomato products & pasta

Summer Camps

Registration for this year's summer session at **Camp Red Oak Springs** is now open. Early bird pricing is available from March 1 - May 31. Visit www.campredoaksprings.com to register. We attend Session 5, which runs from July 3 thru July 8. A packing list and other details can be found on the camp website. If anyone has questions, please contact Matt Fitzgerald.

Camp Bandina: June 4—10 Find more info and register at: <https://bandina-cecilhutsonsession.com/>.

Camp Wyldewood: July 9—20 Find more info and register at: <https://www.campwyldewood.org/>.

Uplift at Harding University: June 17-22 See Jordan Fontenot if interested!

This Week

Today	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
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Red Phoenix
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	4:30 p.m.	Dorcas Class Service Project
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		GriefShare
		Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	11:00 a.m.	Youth Depart for Camp Hensel Retreat

Upcoming Events

April 7-9	Youth Hensel Easter Retreat
April 15	Dorcas Class
April 16	VBS Registration Opens
	Youth Invasion
April 22	Mother Son Date Night
	Youth SNL Devo
April 23	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Speed Fellowship
	Congregational Meeting
	Youth Invasion
April 29	Hike Day
April 30	Youth Invasion
May 6	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class Widowed Lunch
	SNL Devo
May 7	Sunday Social
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
May 13	Senior Banquet
May 14	Go Serve Sunday
	Youth Invasion
May 20	Golf Tournament
	Hike Day
May 21	Youth Invasion
May 27	Youth Induction
May 28	Youth Invasion
May 29	Church Offices Closed
May 31-June 2	VBS
June 3	Men's Breakfast
June 4	Congregational Singing
June 4-10	Camp Bandina
June 9-11	Family Camp

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