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Peter and Prayer

1 Peter is wonderful little book. It's easy to read, consisting of only 5 chapters. Peter addresses several different things. He writes about the living hope we have in Jesus. He calls us to be holy. He addresses the marriage relationship, suffering as a Christian, and he encourages shepherds to care for the sheep. The topic of prayer is not a main theme but it is mentioned 3 times within the letter, and what Peter says about prayer is very important and deserves our attention. Listen to what the Spirit says.

- *“Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered”* (1 Peter 3:7).
- *“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil”* (1 Peter 3:12).
- *“The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers”* (1 Peter 4:7).

Through Peter, the Spirit of God reveals that our prayer life is very dependent on our attitude and manner of life. You may say, “Well that’s a no-brainer” and you would be right. But I find it intriguing the way we chose to live can impede our prayers from reaching God’s ears or can expedite our prayers. Peter says the prayers of a husband can be blocked from God if he doesn’t live in a right relationship with his wife. Wives, your prayers can be hindered as well. The way I approach my marriage is a big deal to God. Failing to exhibit self-control and living a sober life will inhibit your prayer life. WHY? Because God’s ears are open to the prayers of the righteous. God listens and takes into consideration the prayers of his faithful children. That’s a big deal and ought to cause us to reflect on our lives. Prayer is one side of the relationship I have with God. Prayer is critical to my relationship with God. Be a godly spouse, pursue righteousness, and live in self-control and your prayers will be heard by your heavenly Father.

QUESTION: What aspects of our life do you need to change so that your prayers are not cut off from the ears of God?

God loves you,
Shawn

Have you read your Bible this week?

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 Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Ben Brockman

Adult Bible Classes:

- **“Isaiah; God’s Greater Deliverance”** by Chris Wright
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
 - **“From the Sermon on the Mount to the Ascension”** by Bob Klemm
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
 - **“A Study of Galatians”** by Morgan Whatley
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
 - **“Both Jew & Greek; God’s Battlefield”** (Young Professionals) by Michael Yanochik
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
 - **“Everything We Need”** (2 Peter 1:3-11) by Various Teachers
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
 - **“Young Adults”** (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Magnolia Room
- ### 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 Nathan Ray
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
 - **“Boy Bible Class”** (7th –12th) by Nathan Ray
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
 - **“Girls Bible Class”** (7th –12th) by Various Teachers
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	A107
3 years/Pre-K	A108
Kindergarten	B200
1st grade	B202
2nd grade	B203
3rd grade	B207
4th grade	B208
5th grade	B206
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, August 13, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	392
10:15 AM Worship	588 @ WOCC
	259 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	276
Contribution	\$32,205.78

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	260
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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 June 30, 2023 are \$915,425, compared with a budgeted amount of \$827,672 produces a surplus of \$87,753.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Emma Green** who was baptized Wednesday, August 16! Welcome to the family Emma!

Congratulations to **Katy & Jacob Britton** on the birth of their daughter **Caroline "Callie" Renee** weighing 6 pounds and 15 ounces and measuring 20 inches. Proud siblings are **Cayden, Maddie**, and **Abby**.

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Megan Harris**, bride elect of **Reece Anderson**, TODAY from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Megan and Reece are registered at Amazon and Pampered Chef.

Speed Fellowship: TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please arrive early.

Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper: Tuesday, August 22 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center.

We are still needing **Bible Class Teachers** for the Fall Quarter for Wednesday night 2-year-olds, 3-year-olds, and Journeyland music & memory. Please see the sign-up board in the foyer or contact Jenn Tolbert, Matt Fitzgerald, Steve Baker or Quinn Tolbert.

The **Safety Team** is expanding responsibility and needs additional volunteers. Duties include congregational protection, monitoring CCTV/2-way radio communications, and Ushers. Anyone with Fire Safety background is needed as well. Anyone 21 years of age or older should contact Nathan Ingram, Henry Meek, Bill Worley, Ron Crawford, or Tony Bloom.

Heart to Home Sign Up is now open! [Heart to Home](#) is a year long opportunity for women in our congregation to gather monthly in small groups to build and foster strong relationships. Each September the groups form and begin a new year. Please sign up (even if you have previously filled out a form) by August 27. Women will be divided as "moms" and "sisters." Moms serve as hostesses and sisters are the guests.



Ladies Bible Class: begins meeting Tuesday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center. Please sign-up at the table in the foyer.

If you are interested in playing on the **Church Softball League**, please sign up [here](#) by September 3. Games are on Mondays at varying times depending on the week (6:30, 7:30, or 8:30 p.m.) All ages 14+ are welcome. See Megan Harris for more information.

The **Faithful Fathers Ministry** have been given the opportunity to serve at Camp Hope on September 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dads and children will be serving lunch to veterans at Camp Hope in Houston, Texas. Camp Hope is a great work that aims to bring hope and healing to veterans and their families suffering from the effects of combat-related post-traumatic stress. This is a great opportunity for Dads and their children to serve those that have sacrificed for our country. There will be a signup table in the foyer for those interested. Please contact Chuck Bryant or Adam Fracht with questions.

Save the Date! The **Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat** will be October 20-22 at Frontier Camp Retreat Center in Grapeland, TX!

From the Elders

Dear Brethren,

We will begin a process to select additional deacons for the congregation TODAY. Thank you for carefully and prayerfully considering your choices when determining whom you nominate as your deacons.

Congregational nominations by members will begin on August 20th and conclude on September 10th. The targeted date for installation is November 5th.

Kind Regards, Your Elders

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Chipotle on 1488.

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

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** on Sunday, August 27. The van will leave during morning worship and return at about 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please see Jordan if you are wanting to help!

There will be a **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** on Monday, August 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ashley Blake's home. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Ashley Blake.

Save the date! There will be a **Youth Group & Parent Meeting** Sunday, September 10 immediately following the morning assembly in the Chapel Center. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP [here](#).

Treehouse Kids

Sprout's Craft Time is back beginning August 23! Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for science, craft and playtime! Preschoolers and homeschoolers welcome! We will be meeting in the Maker Space, room B201 (2nd floor of Education Building). Pack a lunch and stay a while!

Texas Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl Practice meets Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Grades 3rd—6th will meet in the Magnolia Room. Grades 7th—12th will meet in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

Prayers

- ✠ Deepest sympathy to Beth Wade at the loss of her aunt, **Ruth Huse**, on Sunday, August 13. The funeral will be Monday, August 21 in Weatherford, TX. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- ✠ **Mary Young**/diagnosed with Lymphoma/beginning palliative care/please keep Mrs. Mary and the Talbotts in your prayers.
- ✠ **Debi Hix**/underwent test for liver and pancreas that indicate high levels/please pray that the doctors will determine the problem and solution soon.
- ✠ **Glen Evans**/father of Jaime Faulkner/lung has completely healed/was released from the hospital August 14.
- ✠ **Michael Williams**/stamina issues
- ✠ **Janice Tadlock**/further bloodwork came back good as not returning cancer.
- ✠ **Gary Smith**/scheduled to have by-pass surgery August 21 at Methodist Downtown.
- ✠ **Tyrone Mynhier**/appointment August 22 to schedule upcoming heart surgery
- ✠ **Mary Jane Nevels**/was scheduled to have surgery August 18.
- ✠ **Tony Bloom**/knee replacement surgery scheduled for Wednesday, August 23.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Erving Alexander, Melissa Farris, Ethan Jetton, Bobby Joyner, Roger McDonald, Butch Merriman, Janey Moreland, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Gina Talbott, Debra Thompson, John Tolbert.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Kevin & Jerri Bryan, Rodney Hyde.**
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Joanie Roberts, Pam Sharp, Janice Tadlock, Scottie West, Michael Williams.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Joel Boone, Darren Brooks, Judy Chandler, Tesa Cornett, Dorcas Dillard, Dan Fayweather, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Barbara Starr, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

Expectant Families

Lindy & Jeremy Haynes
Angel & Matt Houser

Alix & Ross Randow
Tarah & John Splawn

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Megan Harris
	5:00 p.m.	Speed Fellowship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion— Chipotle on 1488
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saint Potluck & Game Night
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Craft Time Resumes
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class—Kevin Montgomery (Adult 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
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)

Upcoming Events

August 27	Impact CoC Meal
	Heart to Home Sign Up Due
	Youth Invasion
August 28	Youth Group Girls Dinner Devo
September 3	Fall Quarter Begins
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
September 4	Church Offices Closed
September 5	Ladies Bible Class Resume
	Men's Luncheon
	Heart to Home Moms' Meeting
September 6	Wednesday Fellowship Meals Resume
September 9	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class
	SNL Devo
September 10	Heart to Home Meet & Greet
	Youth Group & Parent Meeting
September 15	Southern Sudan Banquet
September 16	Faithful Father Service Project

Thank you

I wanted to thank the church and everyone who contributed to my college box. I am deeply grateful for the kindness you all have shown me and the lovely gifts! May god bless you all!

Thank you for your time,
Ana Luiza Mascarenhas

Thanks to everyone for the many prayers, calls, cards, and text during my illness.

In Him, Robert Shock

Dear Church Family,
Mark and I would like to thank you for your words of encouragement, prayers and letters to Ethan while he has been at Fort Moore for Basic Training. We fly out to see him Tuesday, and Ethan's graduation is Thursday morning. He should be flying out from there to Virginia for advanced training. I will update you with his new address as soon as we have it.

Love, Anne Jetton

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Pudding Packs & Mixes, Seasoning & Gravy Envelopes, Condiments (mustard, mayo, ketchup)
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Dry Pasta, Hamburger Helper, Sunscreen, Ketchup

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