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Am I In Or Out?

Sin is rebellion against God and it deserves the death penalty (Rom. 6:23); but forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life are found in Jesus (Eph. 1:7; Rom. 6:23). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift (2 Cor. 9:15). There are some who subscribe to the idea that we can't "really know" we are saved until Jesus returns and we stand before him with sweat on our brow and fingers crossed, anxiously waiting to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matt. 25:21). Once we hear those words, then we know "we got it right!" That kind of theology is based on OUR ability to stay in between the lines. That's a fearful way to live. There's no assurance or confidence in that kind of faith; only fear, confusion, and uncertainty. John writes, "I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Our salvation in Jesus isn't wishful thinking.

Chris McCurley wrote, "Sadly, in our efforts to deny the "once saved, always saved" doctrine we sometimes give the impression that a Christian is constantly teetering between heaven and hell—one minute your saved, the next minute you're not. Our security in Christ is constantly wavering. As a result, we live life in perpetual fear—I hope I don't die before I have the chance to repent! I have a bad thought—'Oh, I'm out.' Then I repent, 'Now I'm back in.' I say a bad word, 'Oh, I'm out again.' I repent, 'Ok, I'm back in.' Folks, if that's how it is, then there is no such thing as assurance of salvation."

John writes, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). Walking in the light gives us assurance. Later in the same letter, John makes a contrast between those who "practice righteousness" and those who "make a practice of sinning." There's a huge difference between a condemned sinner (who practices sin) and a forgiven saint (who practices righteousness but still struggles with sin). Let me illustrate. Imagine two different people with the same black and white picture of a butterfly. They are both given a box of crayons and told to color the butterfly. The first person begins to hastily and carelessly color the butterfly without concern they are doing a sloppy job and coloring outside the lines. The second person carefully and thoughtfully begins to color the butterfly using a variety of vibrant and beautiful colors, very mindful to stay in the lines but occasionally strays outside the lines in a few places.

Chris McCurley continues, "Christians have an assurance policy. It's underwritten by God. Jesus paid the premium. You will not be denied, even though you have a pre-existing condition. You have full coverage. So, revel in your salvation KNOWING that this life is going somewhere!"

Christians will still struggle with sin as we walk in the light. Let's find assurance and peace in the fact Jesus has saved us completely and wholly (Heb. 7:25).

God loves you,
Shawn

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 Marty Miller
Communion Leader Scott Logan

Adult Bible Classes:

- "Be Careful" by Scott Blake
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- "David: A Man After God's Own Heart" by Randy Sparks
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- "Daniel—God's Sovereignty" by Dave Short
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- "Handling Money God's Way" by Gary Tannahill & Dennis Chrisco
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center Room B204 Library
- "Fruit of the Spirit" (Young Professionals) by Tony Bloom & Doug Peak
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
- "Amos—The Boldness of Faith" by Scott Logan
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 Room A102

Teen Bible Classes:

- "Romans" (9th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107
- "Genesis" (7th–8th) by Brant Mathis
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
- "Judges" (9th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
- "JR High 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	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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Celebrate Recovery: Nathan Ingram

Missions

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

Contacts:

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	405
10:15 AM Worship	578 @ WOCC
	175 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	258
Contribution	\$69,466.88

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	310
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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 September 30, 2023 are \$1,368,178, compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,241,508 produces a surplus of \$126,670.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Angel & Matt Houser** on the birth of their son **Landry Brock** weighing 6 pounds and 5 ounces and measuring 20 inches. Proud siblings are **Serenity** and **Reiden**.

We are now accepting resumes for the **Building and Grounds Facilitator**. At this time we are only looking within our congregation to fill this vacancy. If you are interested or would like more information about the position, please contact John Tolbert, Sam Washburn or Scott Green. Please submit resumes by December 22.

If you are interested in singing **Christmas Carols** to the homebound members, please get in touch with Robert Shock. We are looking for all ages.

The **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be tomorrow, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center.

Community Bible Class will have a **Potluck Lunch** this Thursday, December 14 immediately following class. This will be the last class before the holiday break. Classes will resume Thursday, January 11.

There will be a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, December 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please sign up at: <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive.schedule/377443>.

The Prestoncrest congregation in Plano will be hosting a **Conference on Evangelism** and church growth on February 23-25, 2024. For those interested in attending, you can register and find more information at Prestoncrest.org/story.

Camp Red Oak Springs has inquired about WOCC anchoring a new week of camp. If you have any interest in helping or learning more, then please fill out the short survey in the link [here](#). The potential new week of camp will be the week of July 14, 2024.

Texas Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl Practice meets Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Grades 3rd—6th will meet in the Magnolia Room C106. Grades 7th—12th will meet in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

Thank you

Dear WOCC,
Thank you so much for the snack bag and notes! I really appreciate the kind notes and prayers during the craziness of finals.
Aubrey LeMaire

Dear Church Family,
Thank you very much for the snack bag and gift cards. I appreciate y'all very much!
Hunter Bott

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of personal care products (shampoo, liquid & bar soap, toothpaste, hygiene products, baby care items).

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Raising Cane's on Research Forest Dr.

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** today. The van will leave during morning worship and return around 2:00 p.m. Please see Jordan if you are wanting to help!

The Youth Group has a **Service Opportunity** on Thursday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. We will be singing with the Senior Residents at Heritage Oaks in Conroe. Singing Hymns and Christmas Songs are a great upliftment to the residents! Contact Randy Sparks for more information.

The **Youth Progressive Dinner** will be Saturday, December 30. Please meet at WOCC at 5:00 p.m. and bring a \$10 gift to exchange. RSVP on the youth website: <https://www.basicyouthministry.com/>.

Treehouse Kids

The next **Dorcas Class** (for girls K- 6th grade) will be Saturday, January 6. Meet in the Chapel Center from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

Prayers

- ✝ **Don Raney**/suffered a fall and is requesting prayers.
- ✝ **Ernie**/father of Angel Houser/suffered cardiac arrest/in need of prayers for upcoming heart surgery.
- ✝ **Dan Fayrweather**/friend of Ken & Perry Cornett and former elder at Bammel CoC/passed away last week/service will be December 29 @11 a.m. at Bammel Chapel.
- ✝ **Charles Smithson**/biopsy was rescheduled for December 6/Please keep Charles in your prayers.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Betty Fowler, Harry Davis, Skip Foreman, Laurie Riggs, Angel Salas, Lewis Tadlock, John Tolbert, Stephen Williams.**
- ✝ Please remember our friends & family: **Dean "Jr" Guyton, J. Paul Spelce**
- ✝ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Joanie Roberts, Charles Smithson, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✝ Friends & family battling cancer: **Paul Melton, Mary Aldaz, Darren Brooks, Tesa Cornett, Dorcas Dillard, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Phil Martinez, Paul Melton, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Rose Talbott.**

Expectant Families

Janna & Kevin Wilkerson

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Impact CoC Meal
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Practice
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Cane's
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	9:30 a.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
	7:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
	7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Class & Potluck Meal
		Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball

Upcoming Events

December 17	Blood Drive
	Youth Invasion
December 19	Men's Luncheon - House of Pies
December 20	Quilting Group
December 21	Youth Service
December 22-26	Church Offices Closed
December 24	No Evening Worship (Communion available @ 6 pm)
December 27	Combined Devo—No Meal/No Children's Bible Classes
December 30	Youth Progressive Dinner
December 31	Area Wide Youth Devo hosted by Harding
January 1	Church Offices Closed
January 2	Men's Luncheon
January 6	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class
January 7	Congregational Singing
January 10	GriefShare
January 18	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Lindsey Thomas' Home
January 20	Youth Service
January 28	Parent Workshop
February 3	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class
February 4	Congregational Singing
February 5	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Montandon Home
February 9-11	Youth Winter Retreat
February 23-25	Evangelism Conference—Preston CoC
March 2	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class
March 3	Spring Quarter Begins
	Congregational Singing
March 10	Daylight Savings Begins
April 5-7	Texas Bible Bowl
April 6	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class
April 7	Congregational Singing
May 4	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class

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