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### Zaphenath-paneah and his brothers

Sibling rivalry had its beginning with Cain and Abel and it has been causing problems in families ever since. In Genesis 37, we are introduced to 11 brothers who despised one of their younger brothers, Joseph. Joseph had a dream that his family would one day bow down to him. This enraged his brothers, they sell him into slavery, and then tell their father a wild animal killed him. Joseph becomes a slave, is accused of rape, and thrown into prison. In Genesis 41, God gives Joseph the ability to interpret Pharaoh's dream of the seven plump cows and the seven thin cows and the seven plump ears of corn and the seven thin ears of corn. Joseph told Pharaoh there would be seven years of abundant harvest followed by seven years of extreme famine. Joseph also suggests how to solve the problems that would result from seven years of famine. This pleased Pharaoh and Joseph was set over all the land of Egypt, second only to Pharaoh, and was given the name Zaphenath-paneah or "one who discovers hidden things."

During the seven years of famine, Joseph's brothers visited Egypt looking for food and found themselves unknowingly bowing before Joseph just like his dream revealed. Remember Genesis 37? Well, Joseph has a little fun with his brothers and accuses them of being spies. He tests their honesty and asks them to bring back their younger brother Benjamin. Israel moves his entire family to Egypt and is reunited with his son Joseph and meets two grandsons, he didn't know he had.

For 13 years, Joseph's life was turned upside down and he endured some evil and unjust circumstances. I would guess there were times when Joseph asked God "Why?" At the end Genesis, Joseph speaks to his brothers and says, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today." (Genesis 50:19,20). Joseph isn't saying that what happened to him in the past 13 years was good. He means, that God worked through all the unjust things that Joseph endured to bring about a good thing; numerous people were kept alive. God's promise to Abraham was kept because He used the evil actions of others to get Joseph where He needed him to be, in Egypt. It's impossible to look ahead in times of distress and see where God is taking us, but I can remain faithful to God, trust Him, and glorify Him in the moment.

God loves you,

Shawn

ARE YOU CAUGHT UP ON YOUR DAILY BIBLE READING?

## 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

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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**Elder of the Day** Marty Miller  
**Communion Leader** Gavin Dao

### Adult Bible Classes:

- “A Study of 1st Corinthians” by Dave Short  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- “John, Jesus and Discipleship” by Rocky Rutledge  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- “Reaching Out— In Christ” by Gavin Dao, Chris Wright, Jeremy Haynes  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- “Demolishing Strongholds” by Jordan Fontenot & Shawn Montandon  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- “The Bible— From God or Man” 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 the Chapel Center C201

### Teen Bible Classes:

- “Demolishing Strongholds” by Jordan Fontenot & Shawn Montandon  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- “High School Bible Class” (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101
- “Jr High School Bible Class” (7th –8th) by Daniel Fair  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-106

### 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](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday, January 8, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	455
10:15 AM Worship	638 @ WOCC 305 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	315
Contribution	\$25,939.58

#### Wednesday, January 11, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	291
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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  
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### Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through November 30, 2022 are \$1,533,008 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,374,375 produces a surplus of \$158,633.

### Notes

## Announcements

Congratulations to **Kristina Meeks** who was baptized Sunday, January 8. Welcome to the family Kristina!

We are excited to announce Nathan Ray will be our **Summer Intern** this year. Nathan will work closely with Jordan Fontenot and our youth. Nathan is from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is finishing his junior year at Freed-Hardeman University. If you are interested in hosting Nathan in your home this summer, please contact Brant Mathis, Scott Simpson, or Jordan Fontenot.

There is a **2023 Bible Readers' Sign up** at the Welcome Center for those who plan to read through the Bible in 2023.

The **2022 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. Those who have completed reading the Bible for 2022, please sign up individually at the Welcome Center and indicate whether you will attend by January 29.

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, January 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Eden Café.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, January 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

Save the Date! The **Men's Retreat** will be Friday, January 27 & Saturday, January 28! This year's speaker will be Jeff Jenkins. The cost is \$25. Sign up is now open at the table in the foyer. See Robert Shock for more information.

The Prestoncrest congregation in Plano will be hosting a **Conference on Evangelism** and church growth on Feb 3-5, 2023. For those interested in attending, there is an RSVP/sign-up in the Welcome Center. More information is available at [Prestoncrest.org/story](http://Prestoncrest.org/story).

There will be a 2nd Annual Sheltered in Grace Gathering **Ladies Retreat** on February 17-19 at Camp Blessing in Benham, TX. The cost is \$175. You can register at [shelteredingrace.com](http://shelteredingrace.com). See Jennifer Tolbert for more information.

WOCC will be hosting the concluding **Ultimate Escape Workshop** session for teens, parents and those interested in discussing God's plan for sexuality, as well as societal misinformation on Feb 25-26. Steve Holladay from [ultimatescape.org](http://ultimatescape.org) will be leading the workshop discussions. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan on attending. There is a schedule available at the Welcome Center. See Jordan Fontenot, the Youth Deacons, or the Elders for more info.

## Expectant Family

Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences at the loss of our sister, **Joyce Roll**, Wednesday, January 11. The graveside service was held January 14 at Forest Park Lawndale. Please keep the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/houston-tx/joyce-roll-11101445>.

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

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of breakfast items (cereal, jelly, breakfast bars, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, juice packs, coffee)

## Youth News

**January Calendar:** <https://www.smores.com/kgpq9>.

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Mod Pizza (Woodlands Parkway).

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

The next **Youth SNL Devo** will be this Saturday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Farris Home.

The **Youth Winter Retreat** will be February 10-12 at Hensel Camp, located outside of Marble Falls, TX. This event is open to students 7th-12th grade. The cost is \$30 per person. Please sign up at the table in the foyer or at: <https://tinyurl.com/y2mmr9zw>. Registration closes Wednesday, February 1.

## Treehouse Kids

**Bible Builders** resumes TONIGHT! 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.

**Sprout's Craft Time** will resume this Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. in room B201.

**Friday Playdates** resume this Friday, January 20! Meet us at Alden Bridge Park on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for a fun playdate! All ages welcome! Bring a lunch and make a morning of it!

Our next **Dorcas Class**, for girls ages K-6th grade, will be this Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m., in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

**Family Movie Night:** Please join us for a family fun night this Saturday, January 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.! Movie theatre concessions will be served. Bring a pillow or sleeping bag so you can be comfy while you watch! Located in the FLC.

**Bible Buddy Adoption Fair:** Are you wild about Jesus? Please join us for our new Bible Buddy Family Reading Challenge! We have new buddies ready for adoption and a new reading plan that is all about why we love Jesus! When you adopt a buddy, you make a commitment to read and teach your buddy all about Jesus! Pick up your Bible Buddy Sunday, January 22 from 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. during donut time and after worship in the foyer.

**Bridge Kids: Karaoke and Games with Champions:** Bridge Kids (Grades 3-6) are invited to join us as we host the Bridge Kids from Champions Church of Christ for a Karaoke and Game Night Saturday, January 28 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the FLC at WOCC. We will be serving corn dogs and chips. Please bring a box of Capri Suns to share.

## Texas Bible Bowl

**Bible Bowl Practice** will meet every Sunday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

## New Member

Reece Anderson

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship-Steve Holladay
	11:30 a.m.	Ultimate Escape Workshop & Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Parkway)
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Men
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Eden Cafe
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery GreifShare Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	10:00 a.m.	Friday Playdate
Saturday	9:20 a.m.	Dorcas Class
	5:30 p.m.	THK Movie Night
	6:00 p.m.	Youth SNL Devo @ Farris Home

## Upcoming Events

January 22	Bible Buddy Adoption Fair Elder/Deacon Meeting Youth Invasion—Freebirds (Lake Woodlands)
January 27-28	Men's Retreat
January 28	Bridge Kids Event: Karaoke & Games with Champions CoC
January 29	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper
February 1	Registration Closes for Youth Winter Retreat
February 3-5	Conference on Evangelism—Prestoncrest Congregation
February 3-10	AIM Challenge Week
February 4	Men's Breakfast 2022 Bible Readers Banquet
February 5	Sunday Social: Trail Mix Bar Congregational Singing
February 7	Men's Luncheon
February 10-12	Youth Winter Retreat
February 10	THK Daddy Daughter Date Night
February 12	Bridal Shower for Lacye Neely
February 17-19	Sheltered In Grace Gathering Ladies Retreat

## Prayers

- ✠ Please remember our members: **Karen Farr, Laurie Riggs, Mary Williams, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Michael Brothers, Kevin Cornett, Vicky Dodson, Myron Stewart.**
- ✠ 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, Judy Chandler, Tesa Cornett, Melissa Hightower, Toni Mansker, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Raymond Smith, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

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