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The Words We Use

Our words are powerful and possess the ability to influence others for good or bad! They have the potential to hurt and to heal. How often do you think about the words you use? Our normal way of communication is to speak as our words come to mind. Scripture reveals something a little different. James instructs us, *“Be quick to hear and slow to speak”* (James 1:19). Solomon wrote, *“A fool multiplies words”* (Eccl. 10:14). Wisdom teaches us to give thought to what we say before we say it, because our words can’t be taken back once they have been uttered. We can’t erase our words. We must give thought to our words and be careful how we use them because *“the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire”* (James 3:5) and *“no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so”* (James 3:8-10). As followers of Jesus, we must allow the Spirit of God to control our speech. Here are some biblical principles that should govern the words we use.

- **Listen first.** *“If one gives an answer before he hears, it is his folly and shame”* (Prov. 18:13).
- **Tell the truth.** *“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another”* (Eph. 4:25).
- **Be kind.** *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you”* (Eph. 4:31,23).
- **Don’t say everything that comes to mind.** *“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips”* (Ps. 141:3)!
- **Let the Spirit of God help you choose your words.** *“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person”* (Col. 4:6).
- **Use your words to honor the LORD.** *“Oh magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together”* (Ps. 34:3). See Ps. 145:1-3.

The words we choose communicate thoughts, ideas, feelings, and desires. May the LORD, help us exercise wisdom and self-control when we speak. *“Whoever guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin”* (Prov. 13:3). Be careful what you say, because your words reveal your heart. *“Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks”* (Matt. 12:34).

Remember God loves you,
Shawn

How is 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 Butch Merriman
Communion Leader Zane Bolen

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 Worship Center Room A102
- **“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 Worship 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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Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant
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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 5 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	419
10:15 AM Worship	556 @ WOCC 178 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	206
Contribution	\$41,764.44

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	276
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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
Spring, TX 77382

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through December 31, 2022 are \$1,687,180 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,488,906 produces a surplus of \$198,274.

Notes

Announcements

If you are interested in **Hosting our Summer Intern Nathan Ray** in your home this summer, please contact Brant Mathis, Scott Simpson, or Jordan Fontenot.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** tomorrow, March 13.

There will be **No Ladies Bible Class** Tuesday, March 14. Classes resume March 21.

There will be **No GreifShare Meeting** Thursday, March 16. Classes resume March 23.

The Faithful Fathers Ministry will have a **Game Day** at the Ingram's place on Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is for all Dads, Granddads, and their children to come out and enjoy some food and fun while spending quality time together. Please RSVP to Chuck Bryant, Adam Fracht, Todd Watrous, or Steve Aloway.

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 in April, 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.

Texas Bible Bowl

We will have a **Bible Bowl Review Night** TONIGHT in the Chapel Center at 6:00 p.m.!

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy at the loss of former member, **Sharon Hill** on March 2. The Celebration of Life was held at Grace Crossing Church on March 11 Please keep the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#).

Heartfelt condolences at the loss of **Pat Hill** (proceeded in death by husband Ron Hill - former preacher at Hidden Valley Church of Christ). The funeral was held March 11 at Hidden Valley Church of Christ. Please keep the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#).

Prayers

- ✚ **Danyce Rundell**/health issues/please pray for healing.
- ✚ **Pat Higginson**/former member/scheduled to have back surgery March 20 at Houston Methodist.
- ✚ **Karen Farr**/continues to wait for a surgery date for elbow.
- ✚ **Mary Williams**/was released from the hospital and is doing well.
- ✚ **Violet Weeks**/hospitalized in Tomball with pneumonia/no visitors please.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Mary Nell Bollman, Laura Carnes, Coleen Edwards, Neita Evans, Skip Foreman, Rae Franks, Jeri French, Linda Jackson, Victor Martinez, Brantley McMurray, Colleen Prahl, Sherry Reaves, Laurie Riggs, Robert Shock, Mary Williams, Howard Yates, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **DC Brown, Jim Culpepper, Vicky Dodson, Danielle Grace.**
- ✚ 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

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** TODAY. 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 Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Cane's (1488 & 2978).

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

Broomball Lock-In: Meet at WOCC from 8:00 p.m. this Friday, March 17 to Saturday, March 18, 8:00 a.m. We will go play broomball at Aerodrome (be sure to fill out a release form) from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and go to Champions Church of Christ from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Pick-up will be Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m. from WOCC.

For those interested in attending Elevate, there will be an **Elevate Interest Meeting** Sunday, March 19 immediately following the morning assembly in room A102.

There will be a **Harding Trip** for High School students March 24-26. See Jordan if you are interested in attending.

Treehouse Kids

There will be **No Bible Builders** TONIGHT or Sunday, March 19. We will resume meeting Sunday, March 26.

The **3rd - 6th Grade Boys will Lead** the devotional before Bible class on Wednesday, March 29. Please let Kevin Wilkerson or Mike Arnold know if your son would like to lead a song, prayer, or read scripture.

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.

Thank you

Words cannot express how much I appreciate all the thoughts, prayers, emails, cards, texts, visits, and personal well wishes from this loving church family regarding my recent medical issues. Physical therapy is going well after hip replacement surgery. THANK YOU!

In Him, Mac Brockman

Summer Camps

Camp Awesome Sign Up is now open! Camp Awesome will be August 2-6 in Buda, TX. This camp is open to children who have completed the 3rd-6th grade. A limited number of spots are available. It is on a first come, first serve basis and anyone who registers outside of our guaranteed spots goes on a wait list. You can sign up at: <https://www.woodlandoakskidministry.com/camp-awesome.html>.

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.

Save the Dates!

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.	Sunny Glen Donations Due Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship Impact Church of Christ Meal
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Review Night
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Cane's (1488 & 2978) Church Offices Closed
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	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
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	8:00 p.m.	Broomball Lock-In
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pick Up—Broomball Lock-In

Upcoming Events

March 19	Elevate Interest Meeting Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Pkwy)
March 21	Men's Luncheon—Outback Steakhouse (The Woodlands)
March 24-26	Harding Trip
March 25	Faithful Fathers Game Day
March 26	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper
March 29	Youth Lead Assembly
Mar. 31-April 2	Texas Bible Bowl
April 1	Men's Breakfast
April 2	Congregational Singing
April 7-9	Youth Hensel Spring Retreat
April 15	Dorcas Class
April 16	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

Expectant Families

Katy & Jacob Britton
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of laundry products
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Liquid Fabric Softener, Toilet Paper,
Juice Boxes, White Gravy

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