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Christians and Profanity

Letters are a fundamental building block of language. Letters are put together, to form sounds that are called words. Each word has a unique meaning attached to it that expresses our thoughts, feelings, and knowledge. Words are not inherently evil or profane, but there is a class of words we call “profanity.” Profanity is “blasphemous or obscene” language also known as cursing, swearing, or foul language. Profanity is socially offensive words.

The word “profanity” or “profane” is a biblical word. In the Bible, to make something profane is to take what is “holy” and use it in a common way, thus making it “unholy or unclean.” According to the law of Moses an Israelite could profane an altar (Ex. 20:25), profane the Sabbath (Ex. 31:14), profane the name of the LORD (Lev. 22:34), and profane God’s covenant (Mal. 2:10).

Under the new covenant, a follower of Jesus can become guilty of profaning the blood of Jesus by which we are sanctified (Heb. 10:29) when they continue to willfully sin (Heb. 10:26) instead of allowing the Spirit of God to transform them. When we profane the blood of Jesus, forgiveness is unavailable, and we outrage the Spirit of grace (Read Heb. 10:19-31). Although, the word “profane” or “profanity” is not used in the Bible to describe words, we can use profane speech. The NT uses words like “corrupt, obscene, and filthy” to describe profane speech. Consider Paul’s instructions to Christians about how to use our words.

- “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Eph. 4:29).
- “Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving” (Eph. 5:4).
- “But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth” (Col. 3:8).
- “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person” (Col. 4:6).
- “Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12).

The NT teaches us to use our words in a way that builds up, expresses thanks, imparts grace, and that sets a proper example and reflection of Jesus. Our words are to be chosen carefully and be well placed. That gives a broader meaning to what should be considered profanity to Christians. Profanity then isn’t limited to a group of four-letter words or words that are considered filthy and obscene. Profanity would include words spoken for the purpose of malice, slander, and gossip. James tells us, the tongue “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). Jesus said, “Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks” (Matt. 12:34), and “it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person” (Matt. 15:10,11). Our words give others a direct and unfiltered glimpse into our heart. Be careful little mouth what you say!

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 Scott Blake
Communion Leader Adam Fracht

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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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 12 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	299
10:15 AM Worship	469 @ WOCC 180 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	178
Contribution	\$25,216.93

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	202
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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 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.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, March 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Outback Steakhouse in The Woodlands.

The Faithful Fathers Ministry will have a **Game Day** at the Ingram's place this 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.

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck** for those ages 60+ on Tuesday, March 28. Bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center!

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

Heartfelt condolences to Eileen Young and Margaret Cottrell at the loss of their mother and our sister in Christ, **Violet Weeks** Sunday, March 12. The memorial service will be Saturday, March 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the WOCC Worship Auditorium. In lieu of flowers the family requests you donate a stuffed animal in Violet's memory. After her Memorial Service these stuffed animals will be donated to law enforcement agencies in the area to give to small children in crisis. Please keep the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info at: <https://www.magnoliafunerals.com/obituaries/Violet-Weeks-2/#!/Obituary>.

Prayers

- ✚ **Emily**/granddaughter of Bob & Sandy Klemm/was in a car accident March 16/she is in the hospital with multiple serious injuries.
- ✚ **Mary Nell Bollman**/was released from the hospital and diagnosed with pneumonia.
- ✚ **Karen Beathard**/daughter of Tyrone & Alma Mynhier/scheduled to have surgery March 20.
- ✚ **Pat Higginson**/former member/scheduled to have back surgery March 20 at Houston Methodist.
- ✚ **Howard Yates**/has been moved to a skilled nursing facility in Conroe.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Laura Carnes, Coleen Edwards, Karen Farr, Jeri French, Victor Martinez, Brantley McMurray, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Robert Shock, Mary Williams, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **DC Brown, Jim Culpepper, 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

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

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.

Those attending the **Harding Trip** will depart WOCC this Friday, March 24 at 10:00 a.m. and return Sunday, March 26 in the evening. Please note you will need to send your child with enough money to pay for all meals.

Camp Hensel Easter Retreat is scheduled for April 7-9 for 7th through 12th graders in Marble Falls. The cost is \$40. The deadline to sign-up is this Wednesday, March 22. Sign-up at <https://bit.ly/camphenseleasterretreat>. See Jordan Fontenot for more information.

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.

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.

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!

Expectant Families

Katy & Jacob Britton
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Elevate Interest Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Review Night
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Pkwy)
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—Outback Steakhouse
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	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
		GriefShare
		Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	10:00 a.m.	Harding Trip
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Faithful Fathers Game Day
	4:00 p.m.	Memorial Service for Violet Weeks

Upcoming Events

March 24-26	Harding Trip
March 26	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper
March 28	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
March 29	Youth Lead Assembly
Mar. 31-April 2	Texas Bible Bowl
April 1	Men's Breakfast
April 2	Congregational Singing
April 5	Quilting Group
April 7-9	Youth Hensel Easter 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
	SNL Devo
May 7	Sunday Social
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
May 13	Senior Banquet
May 14	Go Serve Sunday

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

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