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### Using God's Name in Vain

The Bible is the self-revelation of God to humanity. Creation reveals His creative power and ability, but Scripture reveals His nature, character, and His name. In Exodus 3, God speaks to Moses and reveals His proper name, YHWH. Yahweh is built on the verb "I am" and signifies God's absolute being. Yahweh (I Am Who I Am or I Will Be Who I Will Be) has no beginning, no ending, no dependence on anything or anyone outside of Himself. He is supremely sovereign. God's name is a description of His reality. He is totally and completely self-existent; He is sovereign. In Exodus 20, the Israelites have agreed to enter a covenant with the LORD (Yahweh). He says, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image . . . You shall not take the name of Yahweh your God in vain, for Yahweh will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain" (Ex. 20:1-7). The command is clear, do not take the LORD's name in vain. All though the same command is not restated in the NT, the principle is clear; we are to honor God's name and give Him glory because He is holy!

- "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name" (Matt. 6:9).
- "To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen" (1 Tim. 1:17).
- "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created" (Rev. 4:11).
- "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen" (Rev. 7:12).
- "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy" (Rev. 15:4).

Let God's word impress upon you, that GOD (or any of His names in Scripture) is not a throw away word! It's not an empty word to be used when we are surprised, excited, amazed, shocked, angry, or wanting to emphasize our emotion. OMG isn't an exclamation to be used over an amazing bargain. Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world who died to give you life; He's not a phrase of disgust or frustration. Using God's name in vain means to use His name in a way that diminishes His majesty, His holiness, and His glory.

But taking God's name in vain isn't simply an issue of how we use the name of God in our speech. It's weightier than that. As a human, I bear the image of God, but as a Christian, I wear God's name and take Him with me everywhere I go. The issue of "taking" God's name, becomes a matter of how we represent Him to the world (see Eph. 4:22-5:10). If I call myself a child of God, but I'm not living in holiness, I am guilty of taking his name in vain!

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

<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** Raymond Walker  
**Communion Leader** Matt Fitzgerald

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

### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday, March 19 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	361
10:15 AM Worship	487 @ WOCC 287 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	264
Contribution	\$35,616.36

#### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	257
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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

Congratulations to **Luis Cantu** who was baptized Friday, March 17. Welcome to the family Luis!

**Family Camp 2023** is just around the corner! Save the date and plan to join us in Palestine, TX June 9-11 for a great weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship. Online registration is now open at: <https://bit.ly/2023WOCCFamilyCamp>. The cost is \$125 per family (in same household) or \$60 per individual. See Brant Mathis for more information.

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck** for those ages 60+ this Tuesday, March 28 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center!

There will be **NO Fellowship Meal** this Wednesday, March 29, it is the 5th Wednesday of the month.

**Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

**Congregational Singing** will be Sunday, April 2 during the evening assembly. Song requests may be made at the Welcome 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

There will be a **Bible Study Group & Supper** TONIGHT in the Chapel Center at 5:00 p.m.!

There will be a **Bible Bowl Review** this Wednesday, March 29 at 7:15 p.m. in room A101 & A102.

Those attending **Texas Bible Bowl** at Camp Bandina, the vans will leave this Friday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. Please eat lunch before you arrive, or bring a packed lunch. Don't forget your binder!

## Prayers

- ✝ **Katy Britton**/surgery.
- ✝ **Betty Yovanovich**/had a pacemaker placed on March 17/she is at home recovering.
- ✝ **Skip Foreman**/fell March 22 and is now at Encompass Rehabilitation on Vision Park.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Mary Nell Bollman, Laura Carnes, Coleen Edwards, Karen Farr, Jeri French, Victor Martinez, Brantley McMurray, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Robert Shock, Mary Williams, Howard Yates.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Karen Beathard, DC Brown, Jim Culpepper, Danielle Grace, Pat Higginson.**
- ✝ 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

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

Those signed up to attend the **Camp Hensel Easter Retreat** we will depart WOCC at Friday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. and return April 9. The cost is \$40. Please bring money for a meal on the way back. See Jordan Fontenot for more information.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, April 16 immediately following the evening assembly.

## Treehouse Kids

**Bible Builders:** 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 this Wednesday, March 29. Please let Kevin Wilkerson or Mike Arnold know if your son would like to lead a song, prayer, or read scripture.

Parents of all 3rd-6th grade **Dorcas girls:** There will be a special service project for our older girls planned for Thursday, April 6, 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m. Chick-fil-A tray, chips, fruit, and cookies will be served. We will be making special blankets for patients of Texas Children's Hospital. Please be sure to let Jane-Ann Fleming know if your daughter will be able to attend.

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.

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Joyce Pieper at the loss of her sister, **Maxine Montgomery**, on Wednesday, March 22. The arrangements are pending. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## New Members

**Luis Cantu  
Vivian & Christopher**

**Celeste Clary**

## Summer Camps

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](http://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.

**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.	Family Camp Registration Opens
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	5:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Supper/Review/Test Tips
	6:15 p.m.	Evening Worship
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Bible Builders
	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
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class—Youth Lead Assembly
		Bible Bowl Review
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)
	11:00 a.m.	Vans Depart for Texas Bible Bowl
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

April 2	Congregational Singing
April 4	Men's Luncheon—Red Phoenix
April 5	Quilting Group
April 6	Dorcas Class Service Project
April 7-9	Youth Hensel Easter Retreat
April 15	Dorcas Class
April 16	VBS Registration Opens
	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

## 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

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)