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**What Are You Thankful For?**

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It's a great time to take a break and enjoying being with family and friends. Thankfulness is a spiritual discipline that we all need to develop. Paul makes it clear it is the will of God that we are thankful people (1 Thess. 5:18). So, what are you thankful for? I'm thankful for a lot of things. I'm thankful for my wife and children. I'm thankful for my Woodland Oaks family. I'm thankful for the wonderful office staff. I'm thankful for my home. My list could go on. The older I get (maybe it's maturity), the more I am thankful for the spiritual. I'm thankful for God's grace, mercy, and lovingkindness. I'm thankful for God's word, His Spirit, and faith. I'm thankful for prayer, forgiveness, and God's compassion. Again, the list could go on. Let's look at some of the things for which Paul was thankful.

- "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus" (1 Cor. 1:4; Eph. 1:16; Phil. 1:3; Col. 1:3; 1 Thess. 1:2).
- "But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed" (Rom. 6:17).
- "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin" (Rom. 7:25).
- "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).
- "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere" (2 Cor. 2:14).
- "But thanks be to God, who put into the heart of Titus the same earnest care I have for you" (2 Cor. 8:16).
- "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift" (2 Cor. 9:15).
- "And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers" (1 Thess. 2:13).

Paul was thankful for the Lord's spiritual body, spiritual transformation, spiritual victories, and the gift of Jesus that words cannot express. It's not always easy to live in thankfulness and sometimes we forget to express thanksgiving to the Lord and others. I think the best way to cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving is to be aware and look for God working in your life. When you can see God at work, a spirit of gratitude will naturally grow.

God loves you,  
Shawn

Your goal of reading the Bible in a year is almost accomplished!

**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** Glenn Addison

**Adult Bible Classes:**

- **"Biblical Archaeology Journey: Can You Dig It?"** by Marty Miller/Doug Dobbs  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
  - **"A Study of Church History"** by Steve Baker  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
  - **"One Nation Under God or Man?...Christianity in a Culture of Chaos"**  
by Mark Freeman—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
  - **"John, Jesus, & Discipleship"** (Young Professionals) by Rocky Rutledge/Mike Stevens  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
  - **"From Milk to Meat (Various Topics for Christian Living)"** by David Sparks  
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
  - **"1 & 2 Thessalonians"** (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
  - **"Apologetics"** (7th –8th) by Bryce Caldwell  
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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**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](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

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**Last Week's Attendance**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

9:00 AM Bible Class	405
10:15 AM Worship	655 @ WOCC
	350 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	N/A
Contribution	\$28,053.87

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

7:00 PM Bible Class	252
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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 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 **Lindy & Jeremy Haynes** on the birth of their son, **Jarrett Thomas** on Saturday, November 11 weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measuring 20 inches. Mom and baby are doing well. **Elise** is the proud big sister.

We are now accepting resumes for the **Children's Ministry and Education Coordinator**. 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 Richard Hyde, Mike Arnold, or Matt Fitzgerald. Resumes are due Dec 3.

**Handling Money God's Way:** This inductive Bible study starting December 5 will help you learn, remember and apply God's will and good ways to handle money and possessions. Previous participants have found this information very helpful.

**College Care Packages** are ready to pick up TODAY at the Welcome Center.

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, November 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Jason's Deli on FM2978.

We are still needing 3 more **Teachers for the Winter Quarter**. Please sign up at the board in the foyer if you can help!

Sign-up to **Adopt-A-Family** and help provide Impact Church of Christ families with Christmas presents. Gifts are due Wednesday, December 6. Please bring wrapped gifts, labeled with the child's name to the foyer. You can sign up and find more information at the table in the foyer. See Jordan Fontenot with any questions.

There will be a **Combined Devo** this Wednesday, November 22. There will be **NO Meal** and **NO Children's Classes**.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** November 23 & 24. The November 26 bulletin submissions are due Tuesday, November 21 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be **No Community Bible Class, Celebrate Recovery, or Basketball** Thursday, November 23.

All Ladies are invited to an **Ornament Exchange** on Friday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring a wrapped ornament (\$15 limit) and a holiday finger food to share.

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Olivia Baker**, daughter of Steve & Stephanie Baker, bride elect of Hunter Briggs, on Sunday, December 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Olivia and Hunter are registered at Amazon & Target.

There will be a **Cookies and Cocoa Sunday Social** on Sunday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please bring a plate cookies to share.

## 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.

There will be a **Bible Bowl Study Group** on Friday, December 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hooks Home. Please RSVP to Jessica Hooks.

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Louis Faulkner at the loss of his mother, **Suetta Williamson**, on November 9. The memorial service was held November 18 in Nashville. Please keep the Williamson & Faulkner families in your prayers. You can read the obituary [here](#).

## Expectant Families

Angel & Matt Houser

Janna & Kevin Wilkerson

## Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Mod Pizza on Woodlands Parkway.

There will be **NO Tuesday Bible Study** this Tuesday, November 21.

Please also mark you calendars for the upcoming **Youth Service** dates: December 21, January 20, & February 3!

There is now a **Youth Group Website** with information on upcoming events and links to RSVP. Check it out at: <https://www.basicyouthministry.com/>.

## Treehouse Kids

There will be **NO Bible Builders** for the remainder of the year.

The next **Dorcas Class** (for girls K- 6th grade) will be Saturday, December 2. Meet in the Chapel Center from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

## Thank You

December 3rd, 2022 is a day that my family and I will always remember, the day I fell critically ill. What would lead to six weeks hospitalized and four surgeries over the next seven months. Prayers from far and wide were prayed on my behalf. It was evident God was working through my husband, one angel doctor, so many nurses, and the fighting spirit my parents instilled in me.

I am so grateful my parents had this congregation to support and pray for them as well. I still struggle with some issues but for the most part, I feel great, can walk and drive, and went back to work a week ago. None of this would have been possible without the prayers of this congregation. Thank you seems not enough to share my appreciation for each and every one of you for the prayers, cards, flowers and visits.

Forever grateful, Vicky Dodson  
Daughter of Sony and Barbara Taylor

Thank you so much for all of the get well cards, phone calls, texts, and most of all your prayers. I know that because of your prayers the Lord guided my surgery experience. I am so blessed to have all of you as my family in Christ. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness!

Love, Denise & John Tolbert

Thank you for all the love you have shown me with the cards, with your prayers, and encouragement while I was healing from my broken leg.

In Christ, Margaret Campbell

Thanks to everyone for making our 2023 Friends Day such a success. I especially want to mention those who headed specific areas:

Administration—Karen Ardito  
Audio & Visuals—Mark Jetton  
Building & Grounds—Todd Watrous, WOCC Youth Group  
Décor—Carren Craft, Judy Walker  
Encouragement & Support—WOCC Elders  
Greeters—Gavin Dao  
Guest Bags—Ladies Bible Class & Dorcas Girls Class  
Guest Registration—Sherry Reaves, Brenda Smith, Lindsey Dao, April Kerze  
Parking—Robert Shock  
Security—WOCC Safety Team  
Song Service—Sonny Taylor  
Sunday Lunch—Tim Riggs, Sara Blake, & Kitchen Crew  
Welcome Center—Marty Justice  
Worship Message—Shawn Montandon

With Appreciation, Mark Freeman

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Pick Up College Care Packages
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
		Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Bulletin Submissions Due
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Jason's Deli
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Combined Devo—No Meal/No Children's Classes
Thursday		Church Offices Closed
Friday		Church Offices Closed

## Upcoming Events

November 26	Youth Invasion—Freddy's Frozen Custard & Burgers
December 1	Ladies Ornament Exchange
	Bible Bowl Study Group—Hooks Home
December 2	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class
December 3	Winter Quarter Begins
	Bridal Shower for Olivia Baker
	Sunday Social: Cookies & Cocoa
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
December 5	Ladies Bible Class—Stay & Play
	Men's Luncheon
December 6	Adopt-A-Family Gifts Due
December 8	Senior Saints—Holiday Inn @ Owen Theatre
	Junior High Night
December 10	Impact CoC Meal
	Youth Invasion
December 11	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
December 17	Youth Invasion
December 19	Men's Luncheon
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

## Prayers

- ✠ **Skip Foreman**/admitted to the hospital with bacterial pneumonia November 16.
- ✠ **Stephen Williams**/hip surgery November 13.
- ✠ **John Tolbert**/surgery November 16 went well/he is at home recovering.
- ✠ **Bob & Sandy Klemm**/upcoming Mission Trip to Mexico.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Debi Hix, Marion Marlow, Linda Reeve, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Lewis Tadlock, Barbara Taylor, Debra Thompson, Denise Tolbert.**
- ✠ Please remember our friends & family: **Elmo Collins, Barbara Conaway, 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: **Mary Aldaz, Darren Brooks, Tesa Cornett, Dorcas Dillard, Dan Fayweather, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Rose Talbott.**

**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of toilet paper and soap.

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)