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Commit to Beginning

*Now begin the work, and the Lord be with you.
—1 Chronicles 22:16*

There's something you need to do, right? Write that note? Begin that exercise regimen? Wrap up that project?

You intend to do it and have promised yourself that you will. But you haven't.

Why?

Because you haven't begun it.

You've cleaned your desk, sharpened your pencils, run your errands. You've spent time and energy getting ready to do what you need to do.

But you haven't done it because you haven't begun it. You put it off and push it back, and before you know it the day is gone.

If you're serious about doing it, there's one thing you need to do—BEGIN!

Today!

*You don't have to be successful to start,
but you have to start to be successful.*

-Joe Barnett

A Daily Walk in the Word:

365 Devotionals That Can Be Read in Under A Minute

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 Brad Raphael

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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Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	350
10:15 AM Worship	512 @ WOCC
	235 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	197
Contribution	\$29,564.22

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class

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

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. Please submit resumes by Sunday, December 3.

Handling Money God's Way: What are true riches? Can these be stored for heaven? These and many other practical questions on money and possessions are addressed from the Bible starting December 3.

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

All Ladies are invited to an **Ornament Exchange** this 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.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, December 2 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

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.

Adopt-A-Family gifts are due Wednesday, December 6. Please bring wrapped gifts labeled with the child's name to the foyer.

Senior Saint—Holiday Inn: Senior Saints will attend Holiday Inn at the Owen Theatre in Conroe on Friday, December 8. We will meet at WOCC at 4:45 p.m. to go out to eat. The play begins at 7:30 p.m. and the tickets are \$20 each. Sign up is on the table below the name tags. See Denise Tolbert for more information.

There will be a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, December 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please sign up at: <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive.schedule/377443>.

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy at the loss of former member **Doug Cobb** on November 5. A private memorial service was held November 25. Please keep Rilene and the family in your prayers.

Prayers

✚ **Skip Foreman**/was released from hospital November 20.

✚ **Harry Davis**/knee surgery November 21.

✚ **Bob & Sandy Klemm**/Mission Trip to Mexico.

✚ Please remember our members: **Debi Hix, Marion Marlow, Laurie Riggs, Lewis Tadlock, Barbara Taylor, Debra Thompson, John Tolbert, Stephen Williams.**

✚ Please remember our friends & family: **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.**

Youth News

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

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Burgers.

There will be a **Youth Devo** Sunday, December 3 immediately following the evening assembly in the Youth Center.

Save the date! There will be a **Junior High Night** on Friday, December 8. More details coming soon.

The Youth Group has a **Service Opportunity** on Thursday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m. We will be singing with the Senior Residents at Heritage Oaks in Conroe. Singing Hymns and Christmas Songs are a great upliftment to the residents! Contact Randy Sparks for more information.

Treehouse Kids

The next **Dorcas Class** (for girls K- 6th grade) will be this 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.

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** this Friday, December 1 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hooks Home. Please RSVP to Jessica Hooks.

2023 Winter Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Classes will begin December 3 and conclude February 28.

Dates	Subjects	Teachers	Location
Sundays	Be Careful	Scott Blake	Chapel Center Auditorium
	Daniel—God's Sovereignty	Dave Short	Worship Center Room A101
	David: A Man After God's Own Heart	Randy Sparks	Worship Center Room A102
	Handling Money God's Way	Gary Tannahill Dennis Chrisco	Education Building Library
	Fruits of the Spirit	Tony Bloom Doug Peak	Chapel Center Magnolia Room C106
Wednesdays	Amos—The Boldness of Faith	Scott Logan	Worship Center Auditorium
	Young Adult Bible Class	Andrew Isherwood Ross Riggs	Worship Center Room A102

Expectant Families

Angel & Matt Houser
Janna & Kevin Wilkerson

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

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Freddy's
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	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
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Ornament Exchange Bible Bowl Study Group—Hooks Home
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Class

Upcoming Events

December 3	Winter Quarter Begins Bridal Shower for Olivia Baker Sunday Social: Cookies & Cocoa Congregational Singing Youth Devo
December 5	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	Blood Drive
December 19	Men's Luncheon
December 21	Youth Service
December 22-26	Church Offices Closed
December 24	No Evening Worship (Communion available @ 6 pm)

Thank you

Thank you saints for your prayers.

I had my six weeks follow up doctor's appointment with MD Anderson. My PSA levels were undetectable. I will follow up again in six months.

Tony Bloom

Thank you so much for your generosity for our college students. We are able to let our kids know that we love them and are praying for them even though they are away from home or studying locally. Thanks to everyone who wrote notes. Also, thanks to the homeschool group that took on the project of making each of them a personal note.

Thanks again! John & Denise Tolbert

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, Building Set Up—Chris Davis, WOCC Youth Group, Decor—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

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