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Things For Christian Men To Think About

Below are some thoughts from Tim Challies after a few conversations and interactions with some Christian men. Taken from <https://www.challies.com/articles/things-for-christian-men-to-think-about/>

-Pause for a few moments to consider the fact that God is a Father and you are his child. Now think about how many times God has obviously chastised or disciplined you for your sin versus how many times he has extended mercy and grace and given you time to correct your sinful behavior. How often in life has God clearly afflicted you with some kind of negative consequence for your sin? How often have you been certain that he has providentially intervened with some kind of pain in order to change your bad behavior? My guess is your answer would be something like, "Not all that often, considering how sinful I am." Having pondered that, contemplate the way you parent your children and whether you reflect a good measure of God's patience and long-suffering. Is your fatherhood modeled on God's?

-Most churches need more leaders, not fewer. Most churches have too few elders to provide the level of spiritual care they would like to. And, generally speaking, all that separates an elder from a non-elder is character and calling. Elders are men who have dedicated themselves to pursuing godly character and who have the desire to serve in that capacity. So what is keeping you from being at least qualified to be an elder? If it is character, you ought to repent and commit yourself to spiritual growth, for elders have no different character requirements than any Christian—they are merely the ones who exemplify what the Bible calls us all to be. If it is desire, then why don't you make it a matter of prayer and see if God will give you that desire? Because almost every church is eager for more men, not fewer.

-Your wife is God's daughter. And in much the same way you may someday entrust your daughter to a man, God has entrusted his daughter to you—to your love, your care, your protection. This should evoke gratitude in your heart, for God has provided you with a gift that is extremely precious to him. This should also provoke serious self-examination to consider if you are treating your wife in the way God would wish for his daughter to be treated. Does she know that you love her, like her, and accept her? Does she know that you truly treasure her? Does she know that you will protect her, even (and perhaps especially) from your own sin? Do you thank God for providing so precious a gift?

-It is a great tribute to a man when his family knows him for his commitment to the Bible, to prayer, and to the local church. Gifts and vacations and inheritances are all well and good, but there is no better legacy you can leave to your children than being a man who truly loves the Lord and has lived for his glory. This legacy is inextricably bound to a long dedication to Scripture, to prayer, and to consistent commitment to the local church. Be known for these.

God loves you,
Shawn

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 Nathan Ingram
Communion Leader Mike Arnold

Adult Bible Classes:

- “A Study of Church History” by Steve Baker
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- “A Study of Ephesians & Philippians” by Kevan Taylor
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- “Faithful Fathers” (Men’s Class) by the Elders
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- “Sharing the Gospel” by the Various Teachers
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Room)
- “Blueprint for Living Out Our Life of Faith” by Jordan Blake & Joel Blake
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 C201
- Teen Bible Classes:**
- “High School Bible Class” (9th –12th) by Matt Fitzgerald
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-106
- “Jr High School Bible Class” (7th –8th) by Brant Mathis
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
- “Combined High/Jr High” (7th–12th Combined) by Doug Peak
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Building 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	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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Bill Malone
Kevan Taylor
Brant Mathis
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Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant
Celebrate Recovery: Nathan Ingram

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, October 30, 2022

9:00 AM Bible Class	314
10:15 AM Worship	485 @ WOCC 222 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	189
Contribution	\$58,741.00

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

7:00 PM Bible Class	Not counted
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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 September 30, 2022 are \$1,240,893 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,116,680 produces a surplus of \$124,213.

Notes

Announcements

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Rachel Gidden** TODAY from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Rachel & Alex are registered at Target, Amazon, and Crate & Barrel.

Everyone is invited to the **Pie Sunday Social** TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m.

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

There will be **No Ladies Bible Class** this Tuesday, November 8. We will resume November 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

It's time for **College and Military Care Packages** again! Monetary donations, item donations, and letters of encouragement are due November 13. You may donate online by choosing the College Basket Fund under the give tab on the website or by check - indicate College Basket Fund on the memo line and place it in the offering tray. John & Denise Tolbert, or Kendra Blake are also willing to take monetary donations. Please place item donations in the plastic container marked college baskets at the Welcome Center. The students and military personnel love to get notes of encouragement. Please put notes in the plastic container at the Welcome Center. College Care Packages will be assembled November 16 and available to pick up November 20 at the Welcome Center.

The Montandons will host a congregational **Holiday Open House** on Sunday afternoon, December 11th from 2-5 p.m. It is a come and go fellowship with assigned alphabetical time slots. More information later.

In early 2023, WOCC will be hosting a two-part **Ultimate Escape Workshop** and weekly Bible classes for teens, parents and those interested in discussing God's plan for sexuality, as well as societal misinformation. The workshop will be held on Jan 14-15 and conclude on Feb 25-26. Steve Holladay from ultimateescape.org will be leading the workshop discussions. In between the workshops, we will offer a combined adult-teen Bible class for those interested in further discussion. Please be praying about this series and those that will be teaching and leading the discussions. For more information, see Jordan Fontenot, our Youth deacons or the elders.

The Prestoncrest congregation in Plano will be hosting a **Conference on Evangelism** and church growth on Feb 3-5, 2023. For those interested in attending, there is an RSVP/sign-up in the Welcome Center. More information is available at Prestoncrest.org/story.

Texas Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl Practice will meet every Sunday night from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

There will be a **Bible Bowl Study Group & Fellowship** this Friday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Walker Home. All 7th & 8th graders participating in Bible Bowl are welcome to attend!

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need brownie & cookie mix.

Friends Day

Be praying for **Friends Day**, which will be Sunday, November 13. You should have received a letter in the mail about the activities planned for the day.

Everyone is encouraged to invite at least three friends to Friends Day. There will be a **Fellowship Luncheon** immediately following the morning assembly. Each family is asked to please bring a cake or cookies in a disposable container. See Tim Riggs if you need a disposable container.

Reminder: There will **NOT** be an evening assembly on Sunday, November 13.

Youth News

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

There will be a **SNL Devo** this Saturday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Walker Home.

High School Night: We will meet at Top Golf on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$15. **Jr High Night:** We will meet at WOCC on Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Sprout's Craft Time: Join us every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Maker Space (room B201) for science, craft, and playtime! Preschoolers and homeschoolers welcome! Pack a lunch and stay a while!

Friday Playdates: Meet us at Alden Bridge Park on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for a fun playdate! All ages welcome! Bring a lunch and make a morning of it!

Our next **Dorcas Class**, for girls ages K-6th grade, will be this Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m., in room A102. Please contact Jane-Ann Fleming if you have any questions. This is a drop and go event; parents are not required to stay.

Prayers

- ✚ **Tyrone Mynhier**/recovering from surgery November 3.
- ✚ **Murlie Clark**/mother of Denise Smith/hospice.
- ✚ **Jackie Dewveall**/mother of Alison Bloom/broken shoulder.
- ✚ **Alison Bloom's father**/stroke.
- ✚ **Skip Foreman**/released from hospital November 3.
- ✚ **Gina Talbott**/knee scope November 4.
- ✚ **Will Fitzhugh**/nephew of Kendra Blake/knee surgery scheduled for November 7.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Judy Bollman, Laurie Riggs, Mike Splawn.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Kevin Cornett, Larry Lanier, Myron Stewart.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Tyrone Mynhier, Joanie Roberts, Russell Smith, Janice Tadlock, Michael Williams.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Judy Chandler, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Toni Mansker, Phil Martinez, Andrea Finley Nelson, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Raymond Smith, Don Stewart, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Rachel Gidden
	5:00 p.m.	Pie Sunday Social
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Men
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
	7:00 p.m.	Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	10:00 a.m.	Friday Playdate
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl Study/Fellowship @ Walker Home
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Bible Class
	6:00 p.m.	Youth SNL Devo—Walker Home

Upcoming Events

November 13	Friends Day
	Donations for College Care Packages Due
November 15	Men's Luncheon—Red Phoenix
November 16	Quilting Group
	Assemble College Care Packages
November 18	High School/Jr. High Night
November 20	Pick up College Care Packages
Nov. 24-25	Church Offices Closed
November 27	Youth Invasion
November 30	3rd—6th Grade Boys Lead Singing
December 3	Men's Breakfast
December 4	Winter Quarter Begins
	Sunday Social
	Bible Bowl Midterm
	Congregational Singing
December 10	Dorcas Bible Class
December 11	Montandon Holiday Open House
December 15	Speed Fellowship
December 23	Church Office Closed
December 25	No Bible Classes
Dec. 23 & 26	Church Offices Closed
December 31	Youth Progressive Dinner
January 1	Congregational Singing
January 2	Church Offices Closed
January 7	Men's Breakfast
January 14-15	Ultimate Escape Workshop
January 29	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper
February 3-5	Conference on Evangelism—Prestoncrest Congregation
February 4	Men's Breakfast
	2022 Bible Readers Banquet
February 5	Congregational Singing
February 10-12	Youth Winter Retreat

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