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What's Growing In Your Garden?

by Logan Summers

Change takes time. Peter's life displays a man who developed spiritually over years with ups and downs. Yet time was not the only factor in Peter's development. Left to time without proper care and nourishment, stagnation comes, and life that once was present will die out. Peter grew because his lifetime was spent cultivating his relationship with God. Foundational to that goal is seeking to understand who God has revealed Himself to be through His word. Peter affirms his belief in the importance of knowing God through scripture in places like Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:14-36, 3:13-26, and 10:43. In fact, his final recorded charge is about the connection between knowing Jesus and knowing Scripture. *"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen"* (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus taught the importance of the word of God in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:4- 15). The best gardens begin with good soil. But without something to plant, it is just some nice dirt. The seed is where life begins. In Jesus' parable, the soil is the heart of a person (Luke 8:15). The seed – that which gives life – is the word of God (Luke 8:11). Three of the four soil types – pathway, rocky, weedy – all represented different reasons to end up with the same end – no final crop. The seed never produced and the plants eventually died. Yet, the word of God planted in a good heart can yield "a hundredfold." Any farmer would love a soil like that! That is the kind of soil that you KEEP putting seed into. Planting God's word is never a one-and-done concept in our lives.

It is God's word, constantly planted within us, that makes proper change possible. The Psalmist's blessing to the one who delights in the law of the Lord is a lasting, fruitful life (Psalm 1). James' command to receive the implanted word has the effect of salvation (James 1:21). We learn to love from a pure heart because we have been born of imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:22-23)!

Change takes time. But it is only through a constant planting of God's word in our lives that will produce healthy change. Change that is able to *"discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable, and perfect"* (Romans 12:2). Is the word of God growing in your life and mine? Or are there some other seeds that have been sown that are unnecessarily taking the place of His word? What is growing in your garden?

God loves you,
Shawn

Don't forget to spend time reading your Bible this week!

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 Marty Miller

Communion Leader Tony Bloom

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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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, April 16, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	367
10:15 AM Worship	534 @ WOCC 205 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	259
Contribution	\$29,539.06

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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
Spring, TX 77382

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through March 31, 2023 are \$444,815 compared with a budgeted amount of \$413,836 produces a surplus of \$30,979.

Notes

Announcements

Mr. Gullo will be opening his **Car Museum** and our church is invited TODAY from 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. There are maps available at the Welcome Center.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** TODAY at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

Please join us for a **Congregational Meeting** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly.

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 is NOW open! Last year we topped 150 registrants. Please register you children and volunteer to help at: <https://www.woodlandoakskidministry.com/>. Contact Jennifer Tolbert for more information.

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** for those ages 60+ this Monday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center!

The youth group is hosting a **Clothing Drive**. Clothes donated will go to Impact Houston Church of Christ. Donations can be left in the designated box in the foyer. Donations will be accepted through this Wednesday, April 26. If you plan to donate a large amount of clothes, or have any questions, please contact Jordan Fontenot.

There will be a **Blood Drive** Sunday, April 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motor coach will be in the WOCC Parking lot. Please sign up at: <https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive.schedule/367559>.

There will be a **Dorcas Widowed/Senior Singles Supper & Game Night** Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. The Dorcas Class Girls will serve supper and play games with the Widowed/Seniors. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Wednesday, May 3 if you will attend.

Ice Cream Sunday Social: Everyone is invited to the Ice Cream Sunday Social on Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to bring ice cream!

The **2023 Senior Banquet** will be Saturday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Please sign up at the Welcome Center by Wednesday, May 3.

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.



This is a new way to attract people to study the Bible. You can find more information at the table in the foyer or contact Hank Van Joslin.

New Members

Mike & Amy Weisbrodt

Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Freddy's (32910 FM2978, Magnolia, TX 77354).

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

There will be an **Elevate Hike Day** this Saturday, April 29. Meet at WOCC at 10:00 a.m. Please bring money for lunch.

Senior Banquet: There will be a meeting for Juniors, Seniors, and their families on Sunday, April 30 immediately following the morning assembly in room A102.

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.

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 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!

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Shan Jackson at the loss of his mother, **Maurine Jackson**, Tuesday, April 18. The funeral was held Saturday, April 22. Please keep the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more information [here](#).

Prayers

- ✚ **Howard Yates**/pneumonia.
- ✚ **Paul Hendrickson**/leader of TX Bible Bowl/cancer.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Katy Britton, Melissa Farris, Joe & Bobbie Fellabaum, Skip Foreman, Laurie Riggs, Pam Sharp, Larry Voorhees, Nancy Walker, Howard Yates, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Kenny & Ashley Aycock, Craig Dillon, Brian Dixon, Danielle Grace, Pat Higginson, Ken Simmons.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Coleen Edwards, Bobbie Fellabaum, 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.**

Expectant Families

Katy & Jacob Britton
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	1:00 p.m.	Mr. Gullo's Car Museum
	4:30 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
		Youth Invasion—Freddy's
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday		Clothing Drive Ends
	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
		Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Hike Day

Upcoming Events

April 30	Blood Drive
	Senior Banquet Meeting
	Youth Invasion
May 2	Men's Luncheon—Longhorn Steakhouse (145)
May 3	Sign up for Senior Banquet Due
	Sign up for Dorcas Widowed/Senior Singles Supper Due
	Quilting Group
May 6	Men's Breakfast
	Dorcas Class Widowed/Senior Singles Supper
	SNL Devo
May 7	Senior Banquet Pictures and Parent Letters Due
	Sunday Social: Ice Cream
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Devo
May 9	VBS Workday
May 13	Senior Banquet
May 14	Go Serve Sunday
	Youth Invasion
May 16	VBS Workday
	Men's Luncheon
May 18	Celebrate Recovery 6 Year Celebration
May 20	Golf Tournament
	Hike Day
May 21	Speed Fellowship
	Youth Invasion
May 23	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
May 27	Youth Induction
May 28	Youth Invasion
May 29	Church Offices Closed
May 31-June 2	VBS

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of tomato products & pasta

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