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We Belong To Jesus

Carey Nieuwhof is a bestselling author, speaker, former attorney, and he hosts one of the most influential leadership podcasts. His podcast, blog, and online content for leaders are accessed over 1.5 million times each month. Some of what he does is targeted at church leaders to help with church growth. I receive a weekly email from him and I usually skim through it to see if there's anything that would be beneficial. The other week, his article was titled, "Church Name Ideas: 6 Tips for Naming (or Rebranding) Your Church." The title caught my attention and so I read through it because I've never seen anyone give tips for naming a Church. Here are his 6 tips for name or rebranding a Church.

1. Start with a team, not with a denominational meeting. (The idea is to get the least amount of people involved.)
2. Focus on who you want to reach.
3. Jumpstart your brainstorming with A.I.
4. Pick a name that will stand out (especially online).
5. Don't get too trendy.
6. Think local.

It may or may not surprise you that the article had zero spiritual content. The Bible was not referenced and the need for prayer was vaguely mentioned three times. I was a little surprised and little not surprised. The Church as described in the New Testament isn't a business that needs rebranding to boost sales. The Church is the kingdom of God on earth (Mark 9:1; Col. 1:13) that was established on the day of Pentecost after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus (Acts 2). The Church is the bride of Christ (Eph. 5:22-33; Rev. 19:7) and belongs to Him (Matt. 16:18). Any name worn by Jesus' Church needs to show that we belong to Jesus. We wear the name or better yet, the description, "Church of Christ" because it's a description used in the New Testament (Rom. 16:16) and it shows that we belong to Christ. We want to be the church that belongs to Christ. Instead of starting with a team or brainstorming with A.I., let's open God's word and see what He tells us about who He wants us to be. Jesus wants us to be the pillar and support of the truth (1 Tim. 3:15) that loves God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and loves others as our self (Matt. 22:34-40).

We are family,
Shawn

Are you still reading your Bible?

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 Scott Blake
Communion Leader Glenn Addison

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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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	410
10:15 AM Worship	522@ WOCC 227 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	217
Contribution	\$33,448.15

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	237
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You may give online at:

<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
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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.

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

Congratulations to **Kallan Sparks** who was baptized Sunday, April 23! Welcome to the family Kallan!

The sharing deacons are in need of a **Volunteer to Deliver Flowers/Plants** for new mothers and for deaths. Please contact Bradley Welborn if you can help.

There will be a **Blood Drive** TODAY from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The motor coach is in the WOCC Parking lot.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse on I 45.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, May 6 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

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 this 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!

Congregational Singing will be Sunday, May 7 during the evening assembly. Make your song requests at the Welcome Center.

Please join us for **VBS Workdays!** Meet in the teacher workroom at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 16.

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 this Wednesday, May 3.

Celebrate Recovery's 6 Year Anniversary Celebration will be Thursday, May 18. Celebrate Recovery at Woodland Oaks launched in the Spring of 2017. It is for anyone who needs recovery to overcome hurts, habits and hang ups. We will start at 6:30 p.m. for a meal, followed by our meeting which will include mini testimonies.

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.

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.

Empty 2 Liter Bottles are needed for Family Camp! Please bring your empty 2 liter bottles to the Welcome Center.



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.

Expectant Families

Katy & Jacob Britton
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

Youth News

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

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Crust Pizza.

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

There will be a **SNL Devo** this Saturday, May 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. Please bring a 2 liter soda.

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!

Prayers

- ✚ **Pam Sharp**/scheduled to have surgery May 12 for pre-cancer/upcoming biopsies for other areas of concern.
- ✚ **Scottie West**/diagnosed with cancer/will begin treatment soon.
- ✚ **Barbara Starr**/friend of Scottie West/diagnosed with bladder cancer.
- ✚ **Sofia**/granddaughter of Felipe & Tonnie Solis/hospitalized.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Melissa Farris, Joe & Bobbie Fellabaum, Skip Foreman, Laurie Riggs, Larry Voorhees, Howard Yates, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **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, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Toni Mansker, Phil Martinez, Diane McConnell, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Raymond Smith, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

New Members

Rodney Sims

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of tomato products & pasta

This Week

Day	Time	Event
Today	9:00 a.m.	Blood Drive
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Banquet Meeting
	6:15 p.m.	Evening Worship
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Builders
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Crust Pizza
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Longhorn Steakhouse (I45)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Sign up for Senior Banquet Due
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Sign up for Dorcas Widowed/Senior Singles Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Meal
	6:15 a.m.	Quilting Group
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Community Bible Class
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
	9:00 a.m.	Basketball
	8:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Dorcas Class Widowed/Senior Singles Supper
		SNL Devo

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
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
June 2	End of Summer/VBS Celebration
June 3	Men's Breakfast
June 4	Congregational Singing
June 4-10	Camp Bandina
June 9-11	Family Camp
June 12	Jabberwacky
June 23-July 1	Elevate
July 1	Men's Breakfast

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