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3 Questions to Ask When Questioning if the Bible Is Really True

How did the authors of the Bible know things about the future with such great precision that would have been impossible to know otherwise? There have been plenty of people in history that have claimed to make predictions about certain things in the future (i.e., Nostradamus). But for every “prophecy” that has seemingly come true, many, many more have not. Add to that the fact that the “prophecies” that even seemingly come true include many details that are completely wrong. It doesn’t take long to realize that these so-called prophets just happened to get lucky with vague enough “prophecies” that could be connected to several possible distinct events. On the other hand, the Bible contains hundreds of fulfilled prophecies – prophecies about the rise of various kingdoms (Daniel 2), prophecies about certain rulers (even the name of King Cyrus, more than a century before his birth; Isaiah 44:28), prophecies about the birthplace and life of Jesus (Micah 5:2), and prophecies about the Roman practice of crucifixion before it was even invented (Psalm 22:16-18). This is far from an exhaustive list.

How did the authors of the Bible know things about science that would not be discovered until hundreds, even thousands of years later? For example, it wasn’t until 1847 that doctors realized that harmful, microscopic germs could be moved from a corpse to a living patient, when more than 3,000 years earlier the Israelites were already imposing a seven-day quarantine on those who had touched dead bodies (Numbers 19:11-12). Additionally, thousands of years before the reasoning came to light, Hebrews were expected to circumcise their baby boys on the eighth day (Genesis 17:12-14). Why? As it turns out, a specific vitamin necessary for the clotting of blood is over one-hundred percent greater on the eighth day than any other day of life. These examples only touch the hem of the garment on biblical scientific foreknowledge – books could be written about its foreknowledge regarding the paths of the sea (Psalm 8:8), the shape of the earth (Isaiah 40:22), the transmission of diseases (Leviticus 13:45-46), and so much more! In many of these cases, not only had science *not* discovered these truths, but there would have been no way to discover them because of the absence of the necessary tools and apparatus to see the cause behind things like diseases (i.e., microscopes).

How did the authors of the Bible always remain historically accurate – especially given that most, if not all, of the authors were not trained historians; but were instead fishermen, tax collectors, religious leaders, and shepherders? Not a day goes by when a news agency is not needing to amend or update their latest online news story because of new information, previously incomplete information, or even false information. If the words of scripture were not guided by the all-knowing hand of God, one would expect that there would be numerous inaccuracies and needs for correction. Instead, what you find is that not only do the writers corroborate one another, but centuries – even millennia later – archaeological finds are corroborating the recorded history of the Bible writers. On numerous occasions, the Bible has been called into question because of its references to various historical places and figures (i.e., King David or the Hittite people). Because at the time these critics did not have extrabiblical evidence of these places or figures, the veracity of the Bible was called into question. But in nearly every one of those cases, the Bible is proven to be accurate when a spade unearths a piece of pottery or a monument that substantiates its claims. In the cases where there is still yet to be discovered any extrabiblical evidence, the pattern of the past would cause one to expect that it’s only a matter of time before the skeptic’s criticism again rings hollow because of a new-found discovery to the contrary.

-Jordan Moore

<https://katychurchofchrist.com/2022/3-questions-to-ask-when-questioning-if-the-bible-is-really-true/>

Remember God loves you,
Shawn

Are you caught up on your Bible reading?

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 Mark Freeman
Communion Leader Bob Reaves

Adult Bible Classes:

“A Study of 1st Corinthians” by Dave Short
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
“John, Jesus and Discipleship” by Rocky Rutledge
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
“Reaching Out– In Christ” by Gavin Dao, Chris Wright, Jeremy Haynes
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
“Demolishing Strongholds” by Jordan Fontenot & Shawn Montandon
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
“The Bible—From God or Man” by Scott Logan
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:

Demolishing Strongholds” by Jordan Fontenot & Shawn Montandon
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
“High School Bible Class” (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101
“Jr High School Bible Class” (7th –8th) by Daniel Fair
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-106

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, February 5, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	375
10:15 AM Worship	542 @ WOCC 210 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	236
Contribution	\$40,213.00

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	259
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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 December 31, 2022 are \$1,687,180 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,488,906 produces a surplus of \$198,274.

Notes

Announcements

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Lacye Neeley**, bride elect of Cameron Grubbs, TODAY from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Lacye & Cameron are registered at Amazon, Sur La Table, & Target.

WOCC thanks the **Adventures in Missions** team for all their wonderful service and fellowship with our congregation.

Do you have a new family picture you took over the holidays? **Update your directory picture!** You can upload picture updates in the Lightpost app, or email the picture to information@woodlandoaks.org.

Please check the table in the foyer for **Lost & Found Items!** All unclaimed items will be donated.

There will be a **Senior Saints Party and Game Night** this Tuesday, February 14 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center for those 60+. Supper will be served. Bring games if you would like. Please sign up by TODAY if you will attend!

We are in the process of distributing **2022 Contribution Acknowledgement Letters**. If you have an email address on file with the church office, you should have already received your letter as an email attachment. The email will come from Sender "do-not-reply@givingfire.com". Be sure to add this address to your address book or check your spam folder if you have not received your letter. All other acknowledgements should arrive by USPS. If you have any questions, contact Mike Adair or Brandon Smith.

We are now recruiting **Teachers for the Spring Quarter**. Please speak to Quinn Tolbert, Steve Baker, or Matt Fitzgerald if you can help.

If you are interested in **Hosting our Summer Intern Nathan Ray** in your home this summer, please contact Brant Mathis, Scott Simpson, or Jordan Fontenot.

There will be a **Speed Fellowship** Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

There will be a **Corporate Congregational Meeting** Sunday, February 19 in the Worship Auditorium immediately following the evening assembly.

WOCC will be hosting the concluding **Ultimate Escape Workshop** session for teens, parents and those interested in discussing God's plan for sexuality, as well as societal misinformation on February 25-26. Steve Holladay from ultimatescape.org will be leading the workshop discussions. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you plan on attending. There is a schedule available at the Welcome Center. See Jordan Fontenot, the Youth Deacons, or the Elders for more info.

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.

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

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of canned meats, hamburger/tuna helper, macaroni & cheese

Sunny Glen Children's Home: Liquid Fabric Softener, Toilet Paper, Juice Boxes, White Gravy

Youth News

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

There will be a **JR High Event** this Friday, February 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, February 19 immediately following the evening assembly at Fuddruckers.

There will be a **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** Monday, February 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Elise Fair's house. Bring a Bible and a friend!

The next **Youth Devo** will be Sunday, March 5 immediately following the evening assembly in the Youth Center.

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 meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in room B201.

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 Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Expectant Family

Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

Prayers

- ✚ **Krista Harding**/daughter of Teresa Sims/pregnant and has been hospitalized with high blood pressure/please keep Krista and the baby in your prayers.
- ✚ **Shery Reaves**/knee surgery went well/She is at home recovering.
- ✚ **Lorene Burright**/surgery was a little more complicated than expected, but she is doing ok and is at home recovering.
- ✚ **Jeri French**/had surgery Tuesday, February 7.
- ✚ **Danyce Rundell**/scheduled to have multiple tests on Thursday, February 16 and cataract surgery February 22.
- ✚ **Brantley McMurray**/scheduled to have surgery on his feet in Iowa on February 16.
- ✚ **Skip Foreman**/hospitalized February 6 with pneumonia/also undergoing testing.
- ✚ **Vicky Dodson**/daughter of Sonny & Barbara Taylor/was scheduled to have surgery to amputate her hand and forearm on Friday, February 10.
- ✚ **Katrina**/cousin of the Isherwood family/having heart issues and is scheduled to have upcoming tests.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Mary Nell Bollman, Karen Farr, John O'Connor, Laurie Riggs, Angie Short, Mary Williams, Patty Yates, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Michael Brothers, Kevin Cornett, Marie Jennings, Myron Stewart, Matt Wolfley.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, 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.**

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Lacye Neeley
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Men
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Party & Game Night
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	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 (Denny's on 1488)
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery GreifShare Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	10:00 a.m.	Friday Playdate
	6:00 p.m.	JR High Event

Upcoming Events

February 17-19	Sheltered In Grace Gathering Ladies Retreat
February 19	Speed Fellowship Corporate Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion—Fuddruckers Youth Girls Dinner Devo
February 20	Men's Luncheon—Mia's Table
February 21	Ultimate Escape Workshop
February 25-26	Bible Bowl Review/Games Youth Invasion Quilting Group
February 26	Dorcas Class Bible Bowl Final & Supper Congregational Singing Youth Devo
March 1	Men's Luncheon
March 4	Men's Breakfast
March 5	Sunny Glen Donations Due Impact CoC Meal Youth Invasion
March 7	Broomball & Lock-In Youth Invasion
March 11	Harding Trip
March 12	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper Youth Lead Assembly
March 17-18	Texas Bible Bowl
March 19	Men's Breakfast
March 24-26	Youth Hensel Spring Retreat
March 26	Dorcas Class
March 29	
Mar. 31-April 2	
April 2	
April 7-9	
April 15	

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Darlene McMillion at the loss of her sister, **Ruth Ann Wilson**, Thursday, February 9. The funeral was held February 7 in Vernon, TX. Please keep the McMillion and Stevens families in your prayers.

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