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No Other Commandment Is Greater

“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

This is Mark’s record of the Greatest Commandment found in Mark 12:28ff. I want to focus on the statement, *“There is no other commandment greater than these.”* The Greek word for “greater” is “megas” and it means “great, large, and huge.” In the NT it’s used to describe things that are . . .

- Impressive (Matthew 7:27).
- Powerful (Matt. 8:24).
- Big or large (John 21:11).
- Significant (1 Cor. 12:31).
- The best (Heb. 4:14).
- And even a loud voice (Rev. 1:10).

When Jesus says loving God and loving others is the greatest command, He’s telling us there is nothing more impressive, nothing more powerful, and nothing more significant in our lives than living out these two commands. These two commands should speak the loudest about who we are. Jesus said, *“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”* (John 14:35).

As followers of Jesus, the way we treat others isn’t based on how they treat us. How we treat others isn’t based on the decisions they make, or the lifestyles they choose. Ideally, partiality and favoritism shouldn’t sway our treatment of others either. In 1964, the Civil Rights Acts was passed as public law. This law prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Jesus preached this in Matthew 7:12, *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”*

Loving your neighbor as yourself is how you show the world that you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. These laws are the totality, the sum, of God’s word. Paul wrote, *“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: You shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (Gal. 5:14). This includes my Muslim neighbor, my LGBTQIA+ neighbor, my atheist neighbor, etc. Let’s allow the Spirit to destroy partiality in our lives and cultivate the love of Jesus in our hearts.

Remember God loves you,
Shawn

How is your daily Bible reading going?

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 Bob Klemm

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 19, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	401
10:15 AM Worship	536 @ WOCC 194 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	251
Contribution	\$26,543.64

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	317
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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 December 31, 2022 are \$1,687,180 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,488,906 produces a surplus of \$198,274.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to Krista & Jared Harding on the birth of their daughter, **Ellyanna Harding** on February 14 measuring 19.25" and weighing 7 pounds & 4 ounces. Mom and baby are doing well. Ellyanna is the granddaughter of **Teresa Sims** and sister of **Kaylie, Vince, Vann, Tyler & Ryder Harding**.

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.

Congregational Singing will be Sunday, March 5 during the evening assembly. Song requests may be listed at the Welcome Center.

Save the date! There will be a **Faithful Fathers Game Day** on Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Ingram Home.

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.

It is time to plan for the **Bible Bowl Competition and Retreat!** If you are planning to attend the Retreat on March 31-April 2, please take a moment to fill out our Planning Document located at: <https://forms.gle/XNPq6Z3nDFu3ZQyEA> by TODAY!

We will have our **Bible Bowl Final & Supper** on Sunday, March 5 in the Chapel Center! Please arrive at 5:00 p.m. and bring your binder!

2023 Spring Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Classes will begin March 1 and conclude May 31.

Dates	Subjects	Teachers	Location
Sundays	"A Study of Colossians"	Michael Matheidas	Chapel Center Auditorium
	"Four Inspired Witness Accounts of the Gospel"	Bob Klemm	Worship Center Room A101
	"Biblical Archeology Review: Can You Dig It?"	Marty Miller	Worship Center Room A102
	"The Church of the Bible" Young Professionals	Mac Brockman Todd Watrous	Chapel Center Magnolia Room C106
Wednesdays	"Windows on the Parables"	Various Teachers	Worship Center Auditorium
	Young Adult Bible Class	Andrew Isherwood Ross Riggs	Chapel Center Room C201

Youth News

The **Youth Breakout Session with Steve Holladay** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Youth Center.

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

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.

Our next **Dorcas Class**, for girls ages K-6th grade, will be this Saturday, March 4 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Be on the look out! **Camp Awesome Sign Up** begins March 10! Camp Awesome will be August 2-6 in Buda, TX. This camp is open to children who have completed the 3rd-6th grade. A limited number of spots are available. It is on a first come, first serve basis and anyone who registers outside of our guaranteed spots goes on a wait list.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Reece Glass at the loss of his brother, **Zach Glass**, February 20. Zach is also the grandson of Tyrone & Alma Mynhier. The arrangements are pending. Please keep Reece and the family in your prayers.

Prayers

- ✚ **Katrina**/cousin of the Isherwood family/going through various things causing the problems, but that the doctors did not find any heart conditions/ Thanks to God for her life and thank you all for your prayers .
- ✚ **Mac Brockman**/hip replacement surgery went well.
- ✚ **Skip Foreman**/released from rehab February 21/biopsy came back negative.
- ✚ **Danielle Grace**/daughter of Danny DiPetta/diagnosed with leukemia.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Scott Blake, Mary Nell Bollman, Lorene Burrigh, Neita Evans, Karen Farr, Rae Franks, Jeri French, Linda Jackson, Brantley McMurray, John O'Connor, Colleen Prah, Sherry Reaves, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Mary Williams, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Vicky Dodson, Marie Jennings, 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 Bowl Planning Document Due
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Ultimate Escape Workshop & Lunch
		Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Breakout Session with Steve Holladay
Monday	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
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	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)
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Class

Upcoming Events

March 5	Bible Bowl Final & Supper Congregational Singing Youth Devo
March 7	Men's Luncheon—Gringo's on FM 2978
March 10	Camp Awesome Sign Up Opens
March 11	Men's Breakfast
March 12	Sunny Glen Donations Due Impact CoC Meal Youth Invasion—Cane's (1488 & 1978)
March 17-18	Broomball & Lock-In
March 19	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Pkwy)
March 24-26	Harding Trip
March 25	Faithful Fathers Game Day
March 26	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper
March 29	Youth Lead Assembly
Mar. 31-April 2	Texas Bible Bowl
April 1	Men's Breakfast
April 2	Congregational Singing

Expectant Families

Katy & Jacob Britton
Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

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

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