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Welcome To 2023

Today starts a new year! There are so many possibilities, so much potential, and so many doors that God will open or perhaps close for us this year. No matter what this year holds, there is one thing we can know for sure; God is present and at work in our lives. Before we jump into the New Year, let's stop and reflect on a few questions about 2022.

1. Did I pursue God above all other pursuits last year?
2. Did I allow God's word or the ideologies of man to condition my heart?
3. How did I see God at work in my life?
4. Did I actively listen to God?
5. Did I live self-centered or God-centered?
6. Did the people around me know I follow Jesus?
7. What ministries was I involved in?
8. Did I live in humility before God, my family, friends, and co-workers?

Here are a few questions to ask yourself looking forward to 2023.

1. What am I excited about this year?
2. What steps can I take to be more aware of God's presence in my life?
3. What spiritual disciplines do I need to work on and develop?
4. What sin(s) do I need to put to death?
5. What can I do to develop a greater desire for spiritual things?
6. What can I do to allow more time studying/reading God's word?
7. How will I be personally involved in the work of the Church?

None of us know what will happen in 2023, but I guess we all have some plans and things we would like to accomplish. Before we get ahead of ourselves, let's allow the words of James to guide our plans. *"Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." As it is, you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin"* (James 4:13-17). Happy New Year!

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 Scott Blake
Communion Leader Chuck Bryant

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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Worship Eric Kirkland
Bill Malone
Kevan Taylor
Brant Mathis
Scott Simpson

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, December 25, 2022

9:00 AM Bible Class	No Class
10:15 AM Worship	405 @ WOCC 168 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	102
Contribution	\$48,277.80

Wednesday, December 28, 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
Spring, TX 77382

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through November 30, 2022 are \$1,533,008 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,374,375 produces a surplus of \$158,633.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Keith Meeks** who was baptized Thursday, December 22. Welcome to the family Keith!

Congregational Singing will be tonight during the evening assembly.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** tomorrow, January 2.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, January 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Spring Creek Barbeque.

Community Bible Class will resume this Thursday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Celebrate Recovery resumes meeting this Thursday, January 5 in the Chapel Center. A light meal is served at 6:30 p.m. with meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

A 13-week **GriefShare** program will be offered beginning this Thursday evening, January 5 from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m. in room A101, and will continue every Thursday through April 6 (excluding Conroe ISD's spring break). Childcare will be provided. Please contact Bob or Sherry Reaves for further info.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, January 7 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

There is a **2023 Bible Readers' Sign up** at the Welcome Center for those who plan to read through the Bible in 2023.

The **2022 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. Those who have completed reading the Bible for 2022, please sign up individually at the Welcome Center and indicate whether you will attend by January 29.

WOCC will be hosting a two-part **Ultimate Escape Workshop** 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 with a concluding session on Feb 25-26. Steve Holladay from ultimateescape.org will be leading the workshop discussions. Please sign up at the Welcome Center if you are planning on attending. There is a schedule available at the Welcome Center. See Jordan Fontenot, the Youth Deacons, or the Elders for more info.

Save the Date! The **Men's Retreat** will be Friday, January 27 & Saturday, January 28! This year's speaker will be Jeff Jenkins. The cost is \$25. Sign up will begin TODAY at the table in the foyer. See Robert Shock for more information.

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.

There will be a 2nd Annual Sheltered in Grace Gathering **Ladies Retreat** on February 17-19 at Camp Blessing in Benham, TX. The cost is \$175. You can register at shelteredingrace.com. See Jennifer Tolbert for more information.

Texas Bible Bowl

There will be **NO Bible Bowl Practice** tonight, January 1. We will resume meeting January 8.

Youth News

January Calendar: <https://www.smores.com/kgpq9>.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, January 8 immediately following the evening assembly at In N Out.

Tuesday Bible Study will resume Tuesday, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Market Street.

There will be a **High School Event** Friday, January 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Treehouse Kids

Sprout's Craft Time will not meet for the remainder of the year. We will resume in January.

Prayers

- ✠ **Judy Tarver**/remains in Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital/No visitors please.
- ✠ **Vicky Dodson**/daughter of Sonny & Barbara Taylor/Cornerstone Specialty Hospital.
- ✠ **Michael Brothers**/former member/surgery December 29 in Denver.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Karen Farr, Jim Granger, Cherene McDonald, Maxine Raney, Laurie Riggs, Mike Splawn, Stephen Williams.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Kevin Cornett, Brittany Chandler Rackley, Myron Stewart.**
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Russell Smith, Janice Tadlock, Michael Williams.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Judy Chandler, Tesa Cornett, Melissa Hightower, Toni Mansker, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Raymond Smith, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

New Members

**Seth & Asia Dillon
Liam, Aravis, Everly**

Thank you

Thanks so much for the care package that y'all sent to me! It was extremely thoughtful to do. Also, thank y'all for praying for me & keeping me in mind as I went through my finals.

Sincerely, Luc LeMaire

We are so thankful for all the prayers for our family. Anika safely delivered William Michael Wednesday, December 28. Both mother and baby are in good health. Prayers truly sustain us in times of need. God is faithful!

In Him, Michael and Laura

Expectant Family

Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
Monday		Church Offices Closed
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Men
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Spring Creek Barbeque
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
Wednesday	9:30 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)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		GreifShare
		Basketball
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

Upcoming Events

January 8	Youth Invasion—In N Out
January 10	Youth Tuesday Bible Study Resumes
January 13	High School Event
January 14-15	Ultimate Escape Workshop
January 15	Speed Fellowship
	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Parkway)
January 17	Men's Luncheon
January 21	Treehouse Kids Movie Night
	Youth SNL Devo—Farris Home
January 22	Bible Buddy Adoption Fair
	Youth Invasion—Freebirds (Lake Woodlands)
January 27-28	Men's Retreat
January 28	Bridge Kids Event
January 29	Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper
February 3-5	Conference on Evangelism—Prestoncrest Congregation
February 4	Men's Breakfast
	2022 Bible Readers Banquet

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Linda Delome at the loss of her brother, **Marlin Ballard**, from medical complications in Orange, TX on December 17. You can read the obituary at: <https://www.claybarfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Marlin-Ballard/#!/Obituary>.

Deepest sympathy to Stephen Williams at the loss of his father, **Jay Randall Williams**, on Thursday, December 22. The memorial service was held Saturday, December 31. at Tenaha Church of Christ. Please keep Stephen and the family in your prayers.

Heartfelt condolences to Roy Davis at the loss of his wife, and our sister in Christ, **June Davis**, Thursday, December 22. The funeral was held December 29 at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Home. Please keep Roy and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary at: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/the-woodlands-tx/june-davis-11079596>.

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of personal care items (shampoo, liquid & bar soap, toothpaste, hygiene products, baby care items).

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