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Where We Came From

Last year at the Harding Lectures, the Ingrams and Marty Miller gave a presentation on the growth of Woodland Oaks. Below are some of the notes Marty shared with me. I thought it would be a good reminder of where we came from, and informational to all of us who are new to the Woodland Oaks family.

THEN...

- WOCC first met on January 5, 1993 with 85 persons in attendance comprised of 10 family units.
- A trustee committee of 6 men was organized to fulfill corporate leadership for the 501-3(c).
- The congregation met in a built-out strip center until 1999 with attendance growth to 250.
- In 1995, a 5.2 acre building site was purchased and a 3-phase master plan developed.
- 2 Elders and 8 deacons were installed in 1995.
- During 1998, a worship center, classrooms and fellowship center were completed as Phase 1.
- In 2002, (2) Sunday AM worship services commenced. Average attendance was 320.
- In 2009, the Phase 2 Education Building was completed. Average attendance was 450.
- In 2014, the Phase 3 worship center (850 capacity), additional classrooms and a family life center were completed. Average attendance ~600.

NOW...

- Current Sunday AM worship attendance is ~550 with ~ 225 streaming online.
- Membership is ~900 consisting of 719 baptized Christians and 181 adolescents in 385 family units.
- Average Lord's Day visitor attendance is ~30.
- Leadership is filled by 7 elders and 30 deacons and numerous other ministry leaders.
- Local evangelism efforts, outside of personal work, include Celebrate Recovery, Houston Impact support and weekly Community Bible Class.
- Mission efforts supported include TIBI, Bear Valley International, India, AIM, West Africa, NE Africa, EEM, Mission Printing and World Bible School.
- Additionally, 5 children's homes are supported.

"We'll work till Jesus comes, We'll work till Jesus comes, We'll work till Jesus comes, And we'll be gathered home."

Elizabeth K. Holmes

Galatians 6:9,10 says, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

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

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| 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 Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Shan Jackson

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:

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| 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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Faithful Fathers:
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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.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 1, 2023

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| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 321 |
| 10:15 AM Worship | 567 @ WOCC 330 Views online |
| 6:00 PM Worship | 217 |
| Contribution | \$41,813.33 |

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

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| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 301 |
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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 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 **Reece Anderson** who was baptized Sunday, January 1. Welcome to the family Reece!

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.

Ladies Bible Class Resumes this Tuesday, January 10 in the Chapel Center. Please make plans to join us at 9:30 a.m. for coffee & treats and class begins at 10:00 a.m. In this intriguing study of Romans, we'll learn very personal insight of Paul's faith & his inspirations for the Church!

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 plan 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 is now open 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

Bible Bowl Practice resumes tonight, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

New Members

**Keith & Kristina Meeks
Jolene, Olivia, Evelyn**

Expectant Family

Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

Youth News

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

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at In N Out.

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

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

The next **Youth SNL Devo** will be Saturday, January 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Farris Home.

The **Youth Winter Retreat** will be February 10-12 at Hensel Camp, located outside of Marble Falls, TX. This event is open to students 7th-12th grade. The cost is \$30 per person. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or at: <https://tinyurl.com/y2mmr9zw>. Registration closes Wednesday, February 1.

Treehouse Kids

Sprout's Craft Time will resume Wednesday, January 18 at 10:00 a.m. in room B201.

Our next **Dorcas Class**, for girls ages K-6th grade, will be Saturday, January 21 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m., in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

Prayers

- ✚ **Betty Yovanovich**/suffered at fall and is at home resting.
- ✚ **Russell Smith**/was moved January 4 to a home hospice care facility (21722 Tophill Dr., Spring, TX 77388)/Visitors welcome.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Karen Farr, Jim Granger, Laurie Riggs, Mike Splawn, Mary Williams, Stephen Williams.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Michael Brothers, Kevin Cornett, Vicky Dodson, 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.**

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Nathan Ingram at the loss of his wife and our sister, **Lindy Ingram**, Saturday, December 31. The funeral was held January 6 at WOCC. You can read the obituary and find more info at: <https://www.magnoliafunerals.com/obituaries/Lindy-Ingram/#!/Obituary>. Please keep the Ingram family in your prayers.

Deepest sympathy to Cleo Tarver at the loss of his wife, and our sister, **Judy Tarver** Tuesday, January 3. The visitation will be this Wednesday, January 11 at WOCC from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with funeral to follow at 11:00 a.m. You can read the obituary and find more info at: <https://www.addisonfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Judy-Tarver/#!/Obituary>. Please keep Cleo and the family in your prayers.

This Week

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| Today | 9:00 a.m. | Bible Class |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Worship |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice |
| Monday | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Invasion—In N Out |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Pickleball—Women |
| Tuesday | 6:00 p.m. | Pickleball—Men |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced) |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Ladies Bible Class |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Pickleball (Beginners) |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Tuesday Bible Study |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Visitation for Judy Tarver |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Funeral for Judy Tarver |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Meal |
| Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Class |
| | 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) |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Youth High School Event |
| Saturday | 3:00 p.m. | Ultimate Escape Workshop |

Upcoming Events

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| January 14-15 | Ultimate Escape Workshop |
| January 15 | Bible Builders Resumes Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Parkway) |
| January 17 | Men's Luncheon—Eden Cafe |
| January 18 | Quilting Group |
| January 21 | Dorcas Class Treehouse Kids Movie Night Youth SNL Devo—Farris Home |
| January 22 | Bible Buddy Adoption Fair Elder/Deacon Meeting Youth Invasion—Freebirds (Lake Woodlands) |
| January 27-28 | Men's Retreat |
| January 28 | Bridge Kids Event |
| January 29 | Bible Bowl Study Group & Supper |
| February 1 | Registration Closes for Youth Winter Retreat |
| February 3-5 | Conference on Evangelism—Prestoncrest Congregation |
| February 4 | Men's Breakfast 2022 Bible Readers Banquet |
| February 5 | Sunday Social Congregational Singing |
| February 7 | Men's Luncheon |
| February 10-12 | Youth Winter Retreat |
| February 10 | THK Daddy Daughter Date Night |
| February 12 | Bridal Shower for Lacye Neely |
| February 17-19 | Sheltered In Grace Gathering Ladies Retreat |
| February 25-26 | Ultimate Escape Workshop |
| March 4 | Men's Breakfast |

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

March 5 Congregational Singing