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**The Power of Words**

Over the next few weeks, I want to devote the bulletin article to giving some thought and attention to the words we use as followers of Jesus. We use words every day to communicate. But our words do more than convey information. Our words have an impact on people. Our words largely dictate how people perceive us. On average, a person speaks approximately 7,000 words a day, with many people speaking more. Allow me to illustrate what 7,000 words looks like.

- The average short story is 7,500 words or less. Just for perspective, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis contains 38,644 words.
- That means, the average person “writes” a short story every single day of their life with their words.
- What short story are you writing with the words you speak?

Words are powerful. Our words can incite hatred and violence, and our words can cause someone to feel loved and cherished. Our words can inflict wounds, and our words can bring healing and comfort. Our words can break a person’s spirit, and they can instill confidence and self-esteem. Our words can cause people to feel hopeless, and they can inspire people to do more than they thought was imaginable. Our words can be crushing, but they can also be life giving! Words are powerful! Consider the words of Solomon.

- “*With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor*” (Prov. 11:9).
- “*The words of the wicked lie in wait for blood, but the mouth of the upright delivers them*” (Prov. 12:6).
- “*There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing*” (Prov. 12:18).
- “*A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger*” (Prov. 15:1).
- “*A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit*” (Prov. 15:4).
- “*Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body*” (Prov. 16:24).
- “*Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble*” (Prov. 21:23).

Our words are so powerful. Words are the most powerful weapon available to humanity. Our words possess the power of life and power of death. Solomon wrote, “*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits*” (Prov. 18:21). We need to be thoughtful about what we say and how we say it. We need to choose our words carefully. Let’s acknowledge the power of our words and listen to God’s word. “*Let every person be quick to hear, SLOW TO SPEAK, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God*” (James 1:19,20). Today you will speak approximately 7,000 words. How will you use them?

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**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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**Elder of the Day** Marty Miller  
**Communion Leader** Daniel Fair

**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**” 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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Education Grade 3-6  
Family Life Center  
Fellowship  
Finance  
Foreign Missions  
Information Technology  
Involvement  
Networks/Special Ministries  
Sharing

Reaching Out  
Serving Hearts  
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Visitor Contacts

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**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](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

**Last Week’s Attendance**

**Sunday, February 26, 2023**

9:00 AM Bible Class	398
10:15 AM Worship	527 @ WOCC 217 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	247
Contribution	\$39,963.26

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**

7:00 PM Bible Class	324
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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

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 TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Gringo's on FM 2978.

**Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

The Faithful Fathers Ministry will have a **Game Day** at the Ingram's place on Saturday, March 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event is for all Dads, Granddads, and their children to come out and enjoy some food and fun while spending quality time together. Please RSVP to Chuck Bryant, Adam Fracht, Todd Watrous, or Steve Aloway.

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 will begin in April, but now we need volunteers! Last year we topped 150 registrants. Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center. There's something for everyone to do from baking cookies to photography! Contact Ashley Blake for more information about opportunities to serve.

## Texas Bible Bowl

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

## Prayers

- ✠ **Victor Martinez**/diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis/he is hospitalized while having plasma exchange treatment.
- ✠ **Jeri French**/hospitalized at Nexus Specialty Care Hospital at Vision Park/ Please pray for Jeri's recovery.
- ✠ **Violet Weeks**/hospitalized in Tomball with pneumonia/no visitors please.
- ✠ **Pat Higginson**/former member/visited with neurosurgeon March 2 in Houston for his broken back/Pat is still dealing with a lot of pain after falling off his house late last year/Please pray for the new doctor and medical team and for Pat to have a successful recovery.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Mary Nell Bollman, Mac Brockman, Neita Evans, Skip Foreman, Rae Franks, Linda Jackson, Brantley McMurray, Colleen Prah, Sherry Reaves, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Mary Williams, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Vicky Dodson, Danielle Grace.**
- ✠ 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.**

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Devo** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Youth Center.

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

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** on Sunday, March 12. The van will leave during morning worship and return at about 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please see Jordan if you are wanting to help!

There will be a **Youth Invasion** Sunday, March 12 immediately following the evening assembly at Cane's.

**Broomball Lock-In:** Meet at WOCC from 8:00 p.m. Friday, March 17 to Saturday, March 18, 8:00 a.m. We will go play broomball at Aerodrome (be sure to fill out a release form) from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. and go to Champions Church of Christ from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Pick-up will be Saturday, March 18 at 8:00 a.m.

There will be a **Harding Trip** for High School students March 24-26. See Jordan if you are interested in attending.

## 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.

The **3rd - 6th Grade Boys will Lead** the devotional before Bible class on Wednesday, March 29. Please let Kevin Wilkerson or Mike Arnold know if your son would like to lead a song, prayer, or read scripture.

Our next **Dorcas Class**, for girls ages K-6th grade, will be Saturday, April 15 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

## Summer Camps

Be on the look out! **Camp Awesome Sign Up** begins this Friday, 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.

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](http://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.

**Save the Dates!**

**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!

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Final & Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Devo
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Gringo's on FM 2978
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday	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		Camp Awesome Sign Up Opens
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

March 12	Sunny Glen Donations Due
	Impact CoC Meal
	Youth Invasion—Cane's (1488 & 1978)
March 13	Church Offices Closed
March 15	Quilting Group
March 17-18	Broomball & Lock-In
March 19	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Pkwy)
March 21	Men's Luncheon
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
April 7-9	Youth Hensel Spring Retreat
April 15	Dorcas Class
April 16	Youth Invasion
April 22	Youth SNL Devo
April 23	Elder/Deacon Meeting

## 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 laundry products  
**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](mailto:information@woodlandoaks.org)