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**HAVE YOU HEARD OF “SILENT WALKING?”**

By Andy Baker

There is apparently a new trend on TikTok (one of the popular social media apps of our day) called “silent walking.” The trend goes that a person just gets outside and takes a walk with no phone, no earbuds, no electronic distractions of any kind and just walks, listening to nature and being silent. Incredible! Revolutionary! Why didn’t anyone else ever think of such a thing? Just walking . . . The roots of this claim Buddhist philosophy, but respectfully, it is from the wisdom of the God who made all of us.

In a busy, fast-paced, demanding world like ours, is it any wonder that many people long for and desire quietness? I appreciate that our God at the very beginning enjoyed, “silent walking” (Genesis 3:8). In fact, our God will not easily be found in the noise and busyness of life, but rather invites us to find Him in silence and solitude (Ps. 46:10). If you are bold enough to try this radical approach to silent walking, here are some thoughts to keep the God who made us at the center of our minds, hearts, and bodies:

**As you walk, thank God for the things you see (1 Thess. 5:17-18).** Meditation often looks at God’s blessings carefully from all sides and render back to God the praise that He is due (Phil. 4:8). “Thank You God for this tree, its strong roots, its life-giving system, its natural beauty, its shade, its uniqueness. God, Your wisdom is matchless.” Do the same with the grass, dirt, ants, wasps and birds and other things you see! “Consider the lilies of the field...”

**As you walk, thank God for making you what you are (Psalms 139).** One man observed that “we are not human beings having a spiritual experience, rather, we are spiritual beings having a human experience.” As we deeply consider nature, having a body to breathe the air, legs to move us, a mind to control us, a stomach to fuel us, we will truly come away with praise of God, “for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Ps. 139:14).

**As you walk, thank God that He is always in control (Dan. 4:17).** He is the God who loves us, works on our behalf, and will not leave us no matter how things change. He is the God who always walks with us (Matt. 28:20). What a thought as we walk with Him!

God loves you,  
Shawn

Keep up your daily Bible reading! If you’re reading chronologically, you should be starting the New Testament.

**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** Butch Merriman  
**Communion Leader** Ken Cornett

**Adult Bible Classes:**

“**Biblical Archaeology Journey: Can You Dig It?**” by Marty Miller/Doug Dobbs  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“**A Study of Church History**” by Steve Baker  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

“**One Nation Under God or Man?...Christianity in a Culture of Chaos**”  
by Mark Freeman—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

“**John, Jesus, & Discipleship**” (Young Professionals) by Rocky Rutledge/Mike Stevens  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)

“**From Milk to Meat (Various Topics for Christian Living)**” by David Sparks  
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 Room A102

**Teen Bible Classes:**

“**Romans**” (9th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

“**Genesis**” (7th –8th) by Brant Mathis  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

“**1 & 2 Thessalonians**” (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

“**Apologetics**” (7th –8th) by Bryce Caldwell  
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	A107
3 years/Pre-K	A108
Kindergarten	B200
1st grade	B202
2nd grade	B203
3rd grade	B207
4th grade	B208
5th grade	B206
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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**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.

**Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions through July 31, 2023 are \$1,068,753, compared with a budgeted amount of \$986,840 produces a surplus of \$81,913.

**Notes**

**Last Week’s Attendance**

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

9:00 AM Bible Class	390
10:15 AM Worship	568 @ WOCC
	Views online 7
6:00 PM Worship	256
Contribution	\$32,372.59

**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

7:00 PM Bible Class	300
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You may give online at:

<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:  
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## Announcements

**Congregational Singing** will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

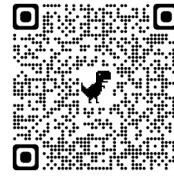
**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, October 2 at 11:30 a.m. at Beck's Prime.

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

Woodlands Oaks Church of Christ will host training on **How to Survive an Active Shooter During Worship**. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 10, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the auditorium. It will be taught by instructors from US Law Shield. The training is open to everyone. WORD OF WARNING: Some of the information may be disturbing and not suitable for young children.

Please Save the Date! The **Fall Festival** will be Saturday, October 14 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Make plans to join in the fun! Come by the bulletin board in the foyer TODAY and sign up to volunteer to help with food and fun! We are also needing donations of Little Debbie's (any variety), individual bags of Goldfish crackers, and candy. Please place donations in the box in the foyer.

In partnership with Memorial Christian Counseling Center we will be hosting a **Parenting Workshop** Sunday, October 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided. This presentation will provide parents with tools that ensure they are utilizing the best practices for parenting, emphasizing the importance on helping children develop purpose and connection as research has shown this to be vital in reducing depression and anxiety symptoms. Registration is required by THIS Wednesday, October 4.



There will be a **Speed Fellowship** Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please arrive early.

**Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat** will be October 20-22 at Frontier Camp Retreat Center in Grapeland, TX. Fathers and one son, ages 7 - 18 (not yet graduated high school), are invited to attend. The cost is \$100 for each father-son pair. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, October 11! Please sign up and find more information at the table in the foyer!

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Gina Talbott at the loss of her mother and our sister in Christ, **Mary Young**, Monday, September 25. The funeral was held Thursday, September 28. You can read the obituary and find more information at: <https://www.magnoliafunerals.com/obituaries/Mary-Young-88/#!/Obituary>. Please keep Gina, Steven, & Hayden Talbott and the family in your prayers.

Chris Fowler's sister, **Victoria** lost her life Sunday, September 24. Victoria's son James is with her parents Brad and Roxy Fowler. Chris is in Kingwood with his parents. They need our prayers and love.

Deepest sympathy to Lori Van Joslin at the loss of her mother, **Diana Townsend**, this morning. She was battling serious mobility problems and back pain. Arrangements are pending. Please keep Lori and the family in your prayers.

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Devo** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly until 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center.

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

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, October 8 immediately following the evening assembly at Cane's (1501 Research Forest Dr, Shenandoah, TX 77380).

The next **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** will be Thursday, October 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lindy Haynes' home. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Lindy Haynes.

## Treehouse Kids

**Sprout's Craft Time** meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for science, craft and playtime! Preschoolers and homeschoolers welcome! Meet in the Worship Center Foyer. Pack a lunch and stay a while!

**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 next **Dorcas Class** (for girls K- 6th grade) will be this Saturday, October 7. Meet in the Chapel Center from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

## Texas Bible Bowl

**Bible Bowl Practice** meets Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Grades 3rd—6th will meet in the Magnolia Room C106. Grades 7th—12th will meet in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

There will be a **High School Bible Bowl Study Group** Friday, October 20 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hooks Home.

## Prayers

- ✚ **Lewis Tadlock**/scheduled for surgery at MD Anderson the beginning of November to have a brain tumor removed. Please keep Lewis in your prayers.
- ✚ **Elmo Collins**/father of Peggy Giles/is in ICU and making small steps forward/he will be moved to an acute long-term hospital when able.
- ✚ **Tyrone Mynhier**/will continue with medication & exercise/no surgery unless anything additional comes up.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Tyler Farris, Laurie Riggs, Cindy Smith, Mary Williams.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Felisha Young.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Joanie Roberts, Pam Garner, Janice Tadlock, Scottie West.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Joel Boone, Darren Brooks, Judy Chandler, Tesa Cornett, Dorcas Dillard, Dan Fayweather, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Barbara Starr, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Devo
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class—Stay & Play
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Beck's Prime
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
		Sign Up for Parenting Workshop Due
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Saturday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Class

## Upcoming Events

October 8	Youth Invasion—Cane's on Research Forest
October 10	Active Shooter Training
October 14	Fall Festival
October 15	Parenting Workshop Speed Fellowship Youth Invasion
October 17	Men's Luncheon Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Dinner
October 19	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Lindy Haynes' Home
October 20-23	Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat
October 20	Junior High Night High School Bible Bowl Practice—Hooks Home
October 22	Impact CoC Meal Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion
October 27	Bridge Kids Boy Devo @ Wilkerson Home
November 4	Men's Breakfast
November 5	Daylight Saving Time Ends Installation of New Deacons Congregational Singing
November 7	Ladies Bible Class Optional Homebound Visitation
November 8	Sign up for College Care Packages Due
November 9	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Tolbert Home
November 11	Dorcas Class

## Expectant Families

Lindy & Jeremy Haynes  
Angel & Matt Houser

Tarah & John Splawn  
Janna & Kevin Wilkerson

**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of canned meats.

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)