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Being Honest With God

Do you struggle with prayer? If you do, you're not alone. I think most people have struggled with their prayer life or are presently struggling with prayer. Sometimes we don't know what to say. We're not sure if God is concerned or even listens to us. Sometimes our words seem meaningless and feeble. I suggest no matter what you are feeling, take time and talk to God. Consider some of the Psalms when you pray.

Our Father in heaven listens to us!

"Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my groaning. Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray. O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch" (Ps. 5:1-3).

Our Father in heaven responds to our prayers!

"On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased" (Ps. 138:3).

Our Father in heaven cares about us!

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me" (Ps. 23:4).

We can be totally honest with the Father about our feelings!

"How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me" (Ps. 13:1,2)?

Don't forget to praise the Father for His greatness!

"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him" (Ps. 8:1-4)?

Take time and talk to God because He cares about you (1 Pet. 5:7).

God loves you,
Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

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 Mark Freeman
Communion Leader Adam Fracht

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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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, October 8, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	330
10:15 AM Worship	491 @ WOCC
	177 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	207
Contribution	\$21,326.46

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	242
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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 August 31, 2023 are \$1,218,883, compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,114,174 produces a surplus of \$104,709.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Sydney Williams** who was baptized Saturday, October 7 and **Gibson Dozier** who was baptized Sunday, October 8! Welcome to the family Sydney & Gibson!

Congratulations to **Tara and John Splawn** on the birth of their son **Nolan Ross** on Thursday, October 12 weighing 7lbs 10oz. Mom and baby are doing well. **Mina** is the proud big sister and **Mike and Becky Splawn** are the grandparents.

The **Parenting Workshop**, for those who signed up, will be TODAY from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a **Speed Fellowship** TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please arrive early.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, October 17 at 11:30 a.m. at The Olive Oil Restaurant (373 Sawdust Rd, Spring, TX 77380).

The next **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be this Tuesday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center.

Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat will be this weekend, October 20-22, at Frontier Camp Retreat Center in Grapeland, TX for those who signed up. See Chuck Bryant for more information.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, October 22 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

Please join us for a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, October 22 immediately following the evening assembly.

Please mark your calendars. The **Senior Saints will attend Beauty & the Beast**, presented by NYT in Willis, TX, on Friday, November 10 in support of Shelbea & Callie Combs. The cost is \$15 per person. More details are coming soon! Please sign up in the foyer and pay John or Denise Tolbert, or Krista Chapman by October 25. You can find more information at: <https://nationalyouththeater.org/beauty-and-the-beast/>.

It's time for **College Care Packages!** Please sign up your college/military kids by Sunday, November 8 in the foyer. Item donations and letters of encouragement can be placed in the box at the Welcome Center. Monetary donations may be given to John Tolbert, Denise Tolbert, or Kendra Blake or place checks in the offering plate with College Care Package marked in memo line. Please have all notes and donations turned in by Sunday, November 12.

Texas Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl Practice: The **Midterm Exam** will be TODAY. The 3rd—6th grade class will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Magnolia Room C106 . The 7th—Adult Class will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

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

Thank you

To all the Saints who are praying for God's will and favorable outcome of my prostate cancer surgery. Again, Alison and I appreciate your many prayers, visits, and well wishing cards.

I received great news today! My cancer was contained in the prostate, and the surgical margins were clean! The doctor does not believe any other treatment is needed. My PSA will be checked at 6 weeks and then every 6 months to make sure the levels are non-detectible. Thank you for your prayers and support!

As always, God is good! Tony Bloom

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Cava (6700 Woodlands Pkwy Ste 170, The Woodlands, TX 77382).

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

The next **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** will be this 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.

There will be a **Junior High Night** this Friday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at Shankz Mini Golf. Please let Jordan know if you will attend.

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** on Sunday, October 22. The van will leave during morning worship and return around 2:00 p.m. Please see Jordan if you are wanting to help!

The **Youth Fall Retreat** will be November 3-6 at Camp Sonshine in Iola, TX. Please sign up by October 29 at: <https://bit.ly/WOCCfallretreat>. The cost is \$30.

Save the Date! There will be a **Youth Mission Trip to Medina Children's Home** July 21-26, 2024.

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 how God has interacted with His people throughout the ages.

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!

There will be a **Bridge Kids Boys Devo** (3rd—6th grade) on Thursday, October 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wilkerson home. Please RSVP to Janna Wilkerson.

Prayers

- ✚ **Elmo Collins**/father of Peggy Giles/expected to be moved to an in house rehab facility in Ada, OK today/thanks for the continued prayers.
- ✚ **J. Paul Spelce**/nephew of Robert Shock/deployed to Kuwait in the Arkansas National Guard.
- ✚ **Steve Harding**/husband of Janice Harding/surgery on October 10 went well/Steve & Janice are very grateful for your prayers.
- ✚ **Pam Garner**/MRI scheduled on October 25 due to abdominal pain/Thank you to everyone at WOCC for their continuing prayers.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Tyrone Mynhier, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Cindy Smith, Lewis Tadlock.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Joanie Roberts, Janice Tadlock, Scottie West.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Darren Brooks, Tesa Cornett, Dorcas Dillard, Dan Fayweather, Paul Hendrickson, Melissa Hightower, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Rose Talbott.**

Expectant Families

Lindy & Jeremy Haynes
Angel & Matt Houser

Janna & Kevin Wilkerson

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

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Parenting Workshop
	5:00 p.m.	Speed Fellowship (Family Life Center)
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Bowl Midterm (7th-Adult Class)
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Midterm (3rd-6th Class)
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Cava
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—The Olive Oil Restaurant
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Craft Time
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship 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
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Lindy Hayne's Home
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday		FF Father Son Retreat
	6:00 p.m.	Junior High Night—Shankz Mini Golf
	6:30 p.m.	H.S. Bible Bowl Study Group—Hooks home

Upcoming Events

October 20-23	October 22	Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat
		Impact CoC Meal
		Elder/Deacon Meeting
		Congregational Meeting
		Youth Invasion
	October 26	Bridge Kids Boy Devo @ Wilkerson Home
	October 29	Sign up for Youth Fall Retreat Due
November 3-5		Youth Fall Retreat
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
		Men's Luncheon
	November 8	Sign up for College Care Packages Due
	November 9	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Jennifer Tolbert's Home
	November 10	Senior Saints—Beauty and the Beast
	November 11	Dorcas Class
	November 12	Friends Day
		Donations/Notes for College Care Packages Due
	November 14	Ladies Bible Class—Thanksgiving Luncheon
		Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
	November 15	Sprouts Thanksgiving Feast
	November 17	High School Night

New Members

Jerry Johnson

Jackson & Elle Pate

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