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The LORD Adds To His Church

“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:46,47).

We need to commit ourselves to the local Church. Don't simply show up, check a few boxes, go through the motions, and then come back at the next appointed time. Commit yourself to the local Church. Be an active member. Church membership (committing yourself to a local Church) isn't man's idea. It is assumed throughout the NT. It's a given. Some would say, "Well I'm a member of the universal Church, I don't need to 'place membership' at a local congregation." Yes, every Christian is a member of the Church. The above Scripture tells us the Lord adds people to His Church, but the NT assumes each Christian will identify and commit themselves to a local congregation where they can serve and grow. Consider these verses:

- *“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you” (Hebrews 13:17).* The Spirit of God has set in place leaders in the local Church to shepherd souls. Each member is function in a way that causes them to lead with joy! You can't do that unless you are committed to a local congregation.
- *“Let a widow be enrolled if she is not less than sixty years of age, having been the wife of one husband, and having a reputation for good works: if she has brought up children, has shown hospitality, has washed the feet of the saints, has cared for the afflicted, and has devoted herself to every good work” (1 Timothy 5:9,10).* Membership is assumed in the care of the Church. Widows can't be properly enrolled and cared for without some kind of Church membership list.
- *“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you” (1 Corinthians 5:1,2).* Without membership, how do we practice discipline in the Church?
- *“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:24,25).* Local membership is assumed in all the one-another passages. Without local Church membership, this doesn't make any sense.

No one can add themselves to the body of the saved! Jesus saves us and places us in His Church. At that point, we need to commit ourselves to the local Church so we can grow, encourage, and serve. I am so thankful for the local Church that is Woodland Oaks. She is so special to me and my family, and I trust she is special to you as well.

God loves you,
Shawn

Keep reading your Bible! *“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matt. 7:24).*

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 Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Glenn Addison

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, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 1, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	369
10:15 AM Worship	531 @ WOCC
	283 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	241
Contribution	\$40,203.35

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	286
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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

Woodlands Oaks Church of Christ will host training on **How to Survive an Active Shooter During Worship**. The event will be held this 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.

The **Fall Festival** will be this 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.

The **Parenting Workshop**, for those who signed up, will be Sunday, October 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

The next **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be 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 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 this Wednesday, October 11! Please sign up and find more information at the table in the foyer!

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/>.

Thank you

Thanks to everyone for supporting Smile for a Child. We filled 156 boxes! The children of Honduras will be truly blessed!

Thank you, Glenda Haggard

Dear Woodland Oaks Church Family,

Our sincere thanks for the cards, prayers, phone calls, food, visits, and transportation to doctors' appointments as a result of Jeanette's recent surgery. These kind deeds reflect the loving spirit of our congregation. God is working in Jeanette's recovery and she is gaining her strength back.

In Christian Love, Jeanette & Bill Malone

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Raising Cane's (1501 Research Forest Dr, Shenandoah, TX 77380).

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

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.

There will be a **Junior High Night** Friday, October 20. More details coming soon!

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 at about 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please see Jordan if you are wanting to help!

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!

There will be **NO Bible Builders** tonight. We will resume October 15.

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

- ✚ **Tony Bloom**/surgery went well October 4/He was released October 5 and is now at home recovering/Tony and Alison are thankful for all the prayers, calls, and text messages.
- ✚ **Dorcas Dillard**/sister of Tony Bloom/released from MDA October 4/Tony & Alison request continued prayers for success of the chemo treatments and relief from the side effects.
- ✚ **Danyce Rundell**/scheduled to see orthopedic oncologist Monday, October 9/Please keep Danyce in your prayers.
- ✚ **Steve Harding**/husband of Janice Harding/scheduled to have colon surgery to remove a mass on Tuesday, October 10 at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital/He is expected to be hospitalized for 2-3 days/ Please keep Steve in your prayers.
- ✚ **Pam Garner**/diagnosed with Auto Immune Hepatitis and Primary Biliary Cirrhosis (PBC)/ She started a new treatment for Rheumatoid Arthritis along with new medication for the liver/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, Cindy Smith, Lewis Tadlock, Mary Williams.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Elmo Collins, 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, 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 Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Raising Cane's
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	How to Survive an Active Shooter
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	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
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Fall Festival

Upcoming Events

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 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

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