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Why I Love The Local Church And You Should Too!

How would you fill in the blank? I love _____! There are a lot of people, places, and things that we love! I love my wife and children. I love to go on a bike ride. I love taking naps. I love my parents. I love fishing. I love trying new restaurants. I love Texas. I love my coworkers. I love God's word. I love the LORD. There are so many ways we could finish the sentence.

Could you finish the sentence in this way? I love the local Church! Can you honestly say with all your heart, I LOVE THE CHURCH! Do you love God's people? Is your Christian family important to you? Let me share with you why I love the local Church.

1. The local Church helped shape my faith and make me the person I am today.
2. The local Church produced a godly woman who is now my wife.
3. Her Bible class teachers have shaped and grown the faith of all my children.
4. The local Church has given my children other "parents" and "grandparents" who have helped them love God.
5. The local Church holds me accountable and helps me grow in holiness.
6. The local Church is the embodiment of the Jesus and His love for the world.
7. The local Church loves, teaches, and applies the word of God.
8. Every time the local Church comes together, I am reminded of God's grace and His work in my life.
9. The local Church helps me overcome selfishness and serve others.
10. The local Church is my family.

The Bible doesn't call Christians to an individualistic faith, but to a community of believers who love Jesus, love others, and encourage one another! It is within the local Church that real spiritual transformation takes place as Christians are encouraged to become doers of the word. Let us embrace this good and perfect gift from God and give ourselves wholly to His people. "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). I shared with you, 10 reasons why I love the local Church. Please share with me why you love the local Church?

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 Marty Miller
Communion Leader Mike Lucas

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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Welcome Center/Visitor Contacts

Visitation - Hospital & Homebound/Men's Ministry

Worship

Youth

Contacts:

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, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, September 3, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	349
10:15 AM Worship	510 @ WOCC
	256 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	238
Contribution	\$23,284.70

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	297
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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 July 31, 2023 are \$1,068,753, compared with a budgeted amount of \$986,840 produces a surplus of \$81,913.

Notes

Announcements

As a reminder, our **Nomination Process to Select Additional Deacons** for the congregation is underway and will conclude TODAY. Additional Nomination Forms, a Process Description Sheet, and the Nomination Box are available in the foyer. Please be sure to turn in your forms!

There will be a **Heart to Home Meet and Greet** TODAY from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel Center. This will be a time for Moms and Sisters to meet everyone in their group.

There will no longer be **Pickleball** on Tuesdays. The beginners will now meet with the group on Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

A 13-week **GriefShare** program will be offered Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in room A101. Please contact Bob or Sherry Reaves for further information.

There will be a **Southern Sudan Banquet** this Friday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. See Tyrone Mynhier for more details.

Those who signed up for the **Faithful Fathers Service Project** will meet at Camp Hope (9724 Derrington Rd, Houston, TX 77064) this Saturday, September 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The next **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be Tuesday, September 19 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center.

Smile for a Child filled boxes are due Sunday, September 24. Don't forget the \$5 for shipping and handling!

Please join us for a **Baby Shower for Tarah Splawn** on Sunday, September 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Tarah & John are expecting a baby boy and are registered at Amazon.

Save the Date! **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. Please sign up and find more information at the table in the foyer!

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.

Thank You

I wanted to give a big thank you to the church family at WOCC for all the prayers, love, and support that everyone has shown to me. There are still procedures, tests, and various doctors' appointments in the future, but my health is much better than it was a few months back. I truly appreciate everything! Thank you!

Your Sister in Christ, Pam Garner

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Boxed Potatoes, Cake Mixes, Cookie Mixes
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Dry Pasta, Hamburger Helper, Sunscreen, Ketchup

Youth News

The **Youth Group & Parent Meeting** will be TODAY immediately following the morning assembly in the Chapel Center. Lunch will be provided.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers.

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

The next **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** will be Monday, September 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Kendra Blake's home. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Kendra Blake.

There will be a **High School Event** on Friday, September 22. More details coming soon!

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 begins TONIGHT. 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.

Prayers

- ✝ **Susan May**/sister of Sharon Mynes/has been battling cancer and has been placed on hospice/Please keep Susan, Sharon, and the family in your prayers.
- ✝ **Tesa Cornett**/daughter-in-law of Ken & Penny Cornett/was scheduled to have bowel reconstruction surgery September 7 at Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital.
- ✝ **Margaret Campbell**/truly appreciates all the prayers and concern, and still requests no visitors please.
- ✝ **Richard Hyde**/is at home recovering after heart procedure to place stent September 7 /Richard is so very thankful for all your prayers.
- ✝ **Michele Isherwood**/was scheduled to have a MRI for spinal lumbar area September 8.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **John Charleston, Debi Hix, Nell Love, Jeanette Malone, Tyrone Mynhier, Laurie Riggs, Gary Smith, Don Southall, Debra Thompson, John Tolbert.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Glen Evans, Kathlene Gaither, 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, Mary Young.**
- ✝ 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.**

Expectant Families

Lindy & Jeremy Haynes
 Angel & Matt Houser

Tarah & John Splawn

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Deacon Nomination Forms Due Sunny Glen Donations Due Bible Class Heart to Home Meet & Greet Worship Youth Group & Parent Meeting Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice Bible Builders Youth Invasion—Freddy's
Monday	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Class & Luncheon Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sprouts Craft Time Fellowship Meal Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488) GreifShare Community Bible Class Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Southern Sudan Banquet
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Faithful Fathers Service Project—Camp Hope

Upcoming Events

September 17 September 18 September 19	Youth Invasion Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Kendra Blake's Home Men's Luncheon—Caffe Di Fiore	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Dinner
September 22 September 24	High School Event Baby Shower for Tarah Splawn Smile for a Child Boxes Due	Congregational Singing Youth Devo
October 1	October 3 October 14 October 15	Men's Breakfast Fall Festival Parenting Workshop Speed Fellowship
October 17 October 19 October 20-23 October 20 October 22	October 17 October 19 October 20-23 October 20 October 22	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Dinner Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Lindy Haynes' Home Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat Junior High Night Impact CoC Meal Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion
October 27 November 3-5	October 27 November 3-5	Bridge Kids Boy Devo @ Wilkerson Home Youth Fall Retreat

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Jasper Lovoi at the loss of his father, **JJ Lovoi**, Friday, September 1. The funeral was held Wednesday, September 6 in Beaumont, TX. JJ is also the grandfather of Hines & Lorelai. Please keep Jasper and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more information [here](#).

Deepest sympathy to Cathy Williams at the loss of her husband and our brother in Christ, **Michael Williams**, Thursday, September 7. The arrangements are currently pending. Please keep Cathy and the family in your prayers.

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