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Slow To Hear, Quick To Speak, & Quick To Wrath

By Andy Baker

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath” (James 1:19).

It is amazing how many people get this verse so wrong. Stephen, often regarded as the first Christian to die for his faith concluded his sermon about the hardness of hearts of the Jews. Just before they stoned him, the Bible says they “cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord” (Acts 7:57). The failure to heed the message Stephen spoke by inspiration is ironic because his message was about the Jews history of failing to heed the message. They were “slow to hear, quick to speak and quick to wrath.” What James 1:19 compels us to do, in the context of James writing this book, is to heed the message called the “word of truth” (v. 18). The message is called “the implanted word, which is able to save your souls” (v. 21). The message is called “a mirror” (v. 23). The message is called, “the perfect law of liberty” (v. 25). It is the message of God’s word. Here are a few prayers to help prove ourselves, “swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath” about the word of God:

- I humbly look with an attitude that says, “God, I am not perfect and I need You to make me more like Lord Jesus” (Isaiah 64:8).
- I look at His word and say, “Speak, Lord, your servant hears” (1 Sam. 3:10).
- When anger or resentment swells up within me about the word of God or one of His servants who speaks it to us, I need to pray, “God, help me to not focus my anger towards Your Word or towards Your servant who speaks it, but towards the sin that the Word has convicted in me. Break my heart and help that anger be changed into repentance” (2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 32).
- When I find myself not wanting to hear the Word of God that convicts me, “God, help me to have a heart that is open to and honest with the truth” (James 4:9-10).
- When I find myself in turmoil because I desire the Word of God to be different than what is written, “God, I accept Your Word and know that it is designed to give me an abundant life. Give me the strength, the courage, and the submissiveness it takes to be a doer of the Word” (Joshua 1:9).
- Whatever the Word may say, “God help me always to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only” (James 1:22).

God loves you,
Shawn

Keep reading your Bible! God’s word is lamp to your feet and a light to your path (Ps. 119:105)!

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 Nathan Ingram
Communion Leader Brad Raphaelt

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, August 27, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	437
10:15 AM Worship	557 @ WOCC
	233 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	271
Contribution	\$15,258.00

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

7:00 PM Bible Class	Not Counted
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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 on September 10. Additional Nomination Forms, a Process Description Sheet, and the Nomination Box are available in the foyer.

If you are interested in playing on the **Church Softball League**, please sign up [here](#) by TODAY. Games are on Mondays at varying times depending on the week (6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., or 8:30 p.m.) All ages 14+ are welcome. See Megan Harris for more information.

There will be **NO Congregational Singing** tonight. We will resume next month, October 1.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** this Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.

There will be **NO Tuesday Pickleball** this Tuesday, September 5.

Ladies Bible Class begins meeting this Tuesday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, September 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Red Phoenix.

There will be a **Heart to Home Mom Meeting** this Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Coffee and dessert will be served.

Fellowship Meals resume this Wednesday, September 6. Meals are served the first 4 Wednesdays of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

A 13-week **GriefShare** program will be offered beginning this Thursday morning, September 7 from 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m. in room A101. Please contact Bob or Sherry Reaves for further information.

Men's Breakfast will be this Saturday, September 9 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

There will be a **Heart to Home Meet and Greet** Sunday, September 10 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 be a **Southern Sudan Banquet** Friday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. See Tyrone Mynhier for more details.

Smile for a Child: Mison Para Cristo needs our help turning shoe boxes into smiles. Empty boxes with information about how you can give a needy child in Nicaragua a smile this Christmas are available to pick up in the foyer. Don't forget the \$5 for shipping and handling! Filled boxes are due Sunday, September 24.

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!

Lifeline Chaplaincy Hospital Outreach—Contact Marty Justice or visit the Welcome Center to request a professional Lifeline Chaplaincy visit for someone you know in the hospital.

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.

Expectant Families

Lindy & Jeremy Haynes
Angel & Matt Houser

Tarah & John Splawn

Youth News

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

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

SNL Devo: this Saturday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kevan & April Taylor's home.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, September 10 immediately following the evening assembly at Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers.

Youth Group & Parent Meeting: Sunday, September 10 immediately following the morning assembly in the Chapel Center. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP [here](#) by this Wednesday, September 6.

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.

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!

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

Bible Builders begins Sunday, September 10. 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

- ✠ **Pam Garner**/Biopsy of liver on Tuesday, September 5/Pam would like to thank you for the prayers, love, and support from the WOCC family.
- ✠ **Gary Smith**/released from the hospital Sunday, August 27. Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and encouragement.
- ✠ **Don Southall**/blood clot in his leg/please keep Don in your prayers.
- ✠ **Tesa Cornett**/daughter-in-law of Ken & Penny Cornett/is scheduled to have bowel reconstruction surgery September 7 at Houston Methodist The Woodlands Hospital.
- ✠ **Debi Hix**/Memorial Hermann/Gastrointestinal and other health issues.
- ✠ **Micheal William**/ICU/Methodist Hospital Downtown/pneumonia and partially collapsed lung/on ventilator.
- ✠ **Jeanette Malone**/was released after her procedure and is at home recovering.
- ✠ **Margaret Campbell**/moved to rehab facility/no visitors please.
- ✠ **Nell Love**/hospitalized last weekend
- ✠ **John Charleston**/St. Luke's with gallbladder issues.
- ✠ **Richard Hyde**/scheduled to have a heart procedure to find out more about a blockage and possible stent September 7 at Conroe Regional Hospital.
- ✠ **Tyrone Mynhier**/received news that he will undergo a stress test and if everything goes well, doctors will be able to treat the issue with medication instead of surgery/Tyrone and Alma would like to thank you for your prayers.
- ✠ **Michele Isherwood**/scheduled to have a MRI for spinal lumbar area September 8.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Madison Hyde, Lauryn Neeley, Lacye Neeley, Mary Jane Nevels, Laurie Riggs, Debra Thompson, John Tolbert.**
- ✠ Please remember friends & family: **Glen Evans, Kathlene Gaither.**
- ✠ 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.**

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 Devo Church Offices Closed Pickleball—Women Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
Tuesday	4:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Class 6:00 p.m. Men's Luncheon—Red Phoenix 7:00 p.m. Heart to Home Moms' Meeting 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) 9:30 a.m. GreifShare 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 6:00 p.m. SNL Devo—Kevan & April Taylor's Home

Upcoming Events

September 10	Deacon Nomination Forms Due Sunny Glen Donations Due Heart to Home Meet & Greet Youth Group & Parent Meeting Bible Builders Resumes Youth Invasion—Freddy's Southern Sudan Banquet
September 15	Faithful Father Service Project
September 16	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Kendra Blake's Home
September 18	Men's Luncheon
September 19	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Dinner High School Event Baby Shower for Tarah Splawn Smile for a Child Boxes Due Congregational Singing Youth Devo
September 22	Men's Breakfast
September 24	Fall Festival Parenting Class Speed Fellowship Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Dinner Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Lindy Haynes' Home
October 1	Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat Junior High Night Impact CoC Meal
October 3	
October 14	
October 15	
October 17	
October 19	
October 20-23	
October 20	
October 22	

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to Pat Blumenshine at the loss of her sister, **Shirley Carius**, on August 28. The funeral was held Saturday, September 2 in Washington, IL. Please keep Pat and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more information at: <https://www.masonfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Shirley-Carius>

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

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