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## **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday, December 15, 2024 9:00 AM Bible Class 398

10:15 AM Worship

626 @ WOCC
233 Views online

6:00 PM Worship 257

Contribution \$48,437.67

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class 334

You may give online at: <a href="https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/">https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/</a>

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### **Deacons**

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## **Contacts:**

Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant Celebrate Recovery: Tom Kernan

#### Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

## **Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions through October 31, 2024 were \$1,642,594.34 compared to a budgeted amount of \$1,596,155.80 producing a surplus of \$46,438.54.

### **Notes**

# **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:

7:00 PM Bible Classes

December 22, 2024

Elder of the Day Communion Leader Marty Miller

Bruce Caldwell

### **Adult Bible Classes:**

"Are You Growing Spiritually?"

by Mac Brockman-Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

"The Book of Revelation"

by Bob Klemm-Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

**"Extraordinary Part 2 A Study of Acts: 13-28"** by Marty Miller Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"One Day It's Really Going to Happen: The Day Christ Comes Again"
(Young Professionals) by Kevan Taylor

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)

"People Watching" by Scott Logan Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

"The Bible Quoting the Psalms Book 2" (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A102

#### **Teen Bible Classes:**

**"1, 2 Peter, 1, 2, 3 John"** (9th—12th) by Trent Tadlock Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

"Life of Christ" (7th –8th) by Morgan Whatley Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

**"Ezra, Nehemiah"** (9th –12th) by Jordan Blake, Cameron Gardner, & Kaleb Steinhauer Wednesdays@ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

**"United Kingdom"** (7th –8th) by Morgan Hughes Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

### **Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:**

o−1 year	A103
1 year	A105/A106
2 years	C103
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 <u>0-23 months</u>.

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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# **Guiltless in Jesus**

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:4-9).

The Corinthian Church had a long list of problems. Paul wrote this letter to the Church to help correct those problems. None of them were what we might consider minor issues. They were all serious problems that needed to be addressed and solved. Before wrestling with the problems, Paul made sure they knew that he was thankful for them. Paul was thankful they received the grace of God through Jesus and were enriched in speech and knowledge. He was thankful they were not lacking in any spiritual gifts, and they were looking forward to the return of Jesus.

Having read the letter of 1 Corinthians and knowing the list of problems that Paul addresses, there's a phrase in verse 8 that piques my interest. Paul says God "will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here's a Church that is plagued with serious issues and Paul will sternly address them, but first Paul assures the Corinthians of the Father's saving power in Jesus. The Father will "sustain you to the end." The Father will keep you secure or keep you on solid ground. He will also keep you "guiltless." This is the same word used of elders in Titus 1:6,7; "above reproach." The word is used to describe someone who is free from any valid accusation or charge. It would be synonymous with a good reputation.

In Jesus, the Father keeps us on solid ground, so the devil is unable to bring any valid charges or accusations against on the day Jesus returns. I'm so thankful for the saving work of the Father, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit! Now as Paul says toward the end of the letter, "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain" (1 Cor. 15:58).

God loves you!

Shawn

You have 10 days to finish reading your Bible! Keep up the good work and finish strong!

# **Announcements**

The **Church Offices will be Closed** December 23-27. Please be advised, there will be no bulletin next week. Please refer to this week's bulletin for upcoming event details.

There will be **No Activity at Church Building** Wednesday, December 25.

There will be **No Celebrate Recovery** on Thursday, December 26.

There will be a **Combined Devo** Wednesday, January 1. There will be NO Children's Classes and NO meal.

The **Senior Saints Progressive Dinner** will be Friday, January 3. Meet at WOCC at 4:45 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer by Sunday, December 29 if you will attend.

All are invited to a **Wedding Reception celebrating the marriage of Kylie McLeod to Caleb Myers** on Saturday, January 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center at Woodland Oaks Church of Christ.

**Congregational Singing** will be Sunday, January 5 during the evening assembly. Song requests can be made in the foyer.

There will be **No Community Bible Class** for the remainder of the year. Classes will resume Thursday, January 9.

Sign up to **Read Through the Bible in 2025!** Sign up at the table in the foyer.

Save the date! Those who have completed their 2024 Bible reading, the **2024 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, February 1! Please sign up individually in the foyer and indicate whether you will attend.

There will be a **Blood Drive** Sunday, January 5 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Please sign up at: <a href="https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/395790">https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive schedule/395790</a>.

Save the Date for the **2025 Men's Advance** on January 24 and 25. Nathan Ingram will be speaker. Please see Robert Shock for more details.

# **Prayers**

- **Steve Harding/**husband of Janice Harding/upcoming diagnostic testing for concerning spot on lung.
- **♣ Janet Foreman/**Pacemaker procedure Dec 18 went well/released Dec 19.
- **Pharis Fowler**/placed on hospice.
- **Glenda Coyle/**mother of Leviticus Coyle/diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer.
- ♣ Landon/grandson of Mike and Joy Stevens/hernia surgery on Dec 16 went well/ he is back home.
- ♥ **Nell Love**/fell and broke femur/surgery went well Dec 16.
- **† Lana Webster**/scheduled to have a biopsy on Dec 31.
- ➡ Ella Kasinger/friend of Jim and Melinda Hodges/will begin another round of Chemo.
- ₱ Please remember our members: Dennis Daulton, Valerie Lowry, Peggy
  McKee, Cleve McMillion, Laurie Riggs, Becky Stephens, Gina Talbott,
  Denise Tolbert, Betty Yovanovich.
- ₱ Please remember our friends & family: Ryan Bates, Mary Collins, Lacy Hunter, Debbie Newsom, John Temple.
- Members battling cancer: Bill Blumenshine, Tania Cantu, Pharis Fowler, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.
- ♣ Friends & family battling cancer: Glenda Coyle, Lisa Geerman, Ella Kasinger, D'Ann Norwood, Erika Phillips, John Singletary, Sabrie Stamper.

## **Youth News**

There will be a **Youth Invasion** December 22 immediately following the evening assembly at In-N-Out Burger.

Please RSVP at <u>basicyouthministry.com</u> for the **Youth Progressive Dinner** that will be on Tuesday, December 31. Vans will depart WOCC at 5:00 p.m. and return at approximately 10:00 p.m. To participate in the gift exchange, please re-gift something from home or purchase a maximum \$10 gift.

Our **January Youth Service Day** is Saturday, January 4. We will be volunteering at the Houston Food Bank like we did earlier this year from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The van departs WOCC promptly at 7:10 a.m. Please bring money for lunch afterwards. They also have snacks you can purchase at the food bank. To register for our shift, please click the link and follow the directions <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. If you don't have an account, please make an account and then click the above link.

The next **High School Devo** will be on January 5 following the evening assembly.

There will be a **Girls Dinner Devo** on Thursday, January 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Whatley's home.

## **Treehouse Kids**

Our **Memory Verse** for this month will be found in James 1:17. Our Memory Verse Check-In will take place December 22 in between Bible class and the morning assembly in the foyer.

Those who have completed their **2024 Bible Buddy** program, please sign up in the foyer by January 1. If you are out of town, you can also text Lorie Addison, Lindsey Thomas, or Janua Wilkerson.

There will be a **3rd—6th Grade Girls Sleepover** Wednesday, January 1 from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center. Sign up in the foyer. See Krista Chapman or Denise Tolbert for more information.

There will be a **3rd—6th Grade Boys Lock In** Sunday, January 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. See Kevin Wilkerson for more information.

There will be **NO Bible Builders** or **Sprouts Storytime** for the remainder of the year. We will resume in January.

# **Note to Congregation**

Dear WOCC Family,

Thank you so much for the care package that y'all sent my way. It was super thoughtful of y'all to remember me while I'm away at school. I hope y'all are all doing well and have a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely, Luc LeMaire

Dear family,

I'm moving for work to Norfolk, Virginia at the end of this month, and I'm requesting prayers for my move. It's been amazing working and worshipping with everyone here and I'm incredibly blessed by God to count y'all as my family. December 22 might be the last Sunday I'll be here. I'll miss y'all for however long I'm gone. Live by faith.

Love, Andrew Isherwood

		This Week
Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.	Memory Verse Challenge
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		TX Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—In-N-Out Burger
Mon—Fri		Church Offices Closed
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Wednesday		NO ACTIVITY @ Building

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# **Upcoming Events**

December 29	Sign Up for Senior Saints Progressive Dinner Due		
December 31	Youth Progressive Dinner		
January 1	Church Offices Closed		
	Combined Devo—No Children's Classes/No Meal		
	3rd—6th Grade Girls Sleepover		
January 3	Senior Saints Progressive Dinner		
January 4	Men's Breakfast—FLC		
	Kylie McLeod & Caleb Myers Reception		
	Youth Service—Houston Food Bank		
January 5	Blood Drive		
	Congregational Singing		
	High School Devo		
	3rd—6th Grade Boys Lock In		
January 7	Men's Luncheon—Mia's Table		
January 9	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Whatley Home		
January 12	Youth Invasion		
January 14	Youth Bible Study—Watrous Home		
January 19	Junior High Devo		
January 24-25	Men's Advance		
January 26	Youth Invasion		
January 27	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper		
January 29	GriefShare Begins		
	5th Wednesday—No Fellowship Meal		
February 1	2024 Bible Readers' Banquet		
February 2	Congregational Singing		
	Combined Devo		
February 7-9	Youth Winter Retreat		
February 15	Sweetheart Banquet		
February 17	Church Offices Closed		
February 21-23	Weekend Youth Rally-Enterprise Blvd CoC, Lake Charles, LA		
February 24	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper		
March 2	Spring Quarter Begins		

# **Expectant Families**

Lindsey & Doug Peak Whitney & Jeremiah White

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

**The WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Personal Care Items: shampoo, liquid & bar soap, toothpaste, hygiene products, baby care items.