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## Have You Forgotten You Died?

By Gregg Woodall

Paul reminds us in Romans 6:1-4, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

When we committed our lives to Christ by being baptized, we buried our old self and died to sin so that we could be raised to walk in our new life. As we continue to walk in our new life, Satan is there at every corner, tempting us back into living like our old self. Far too often, it seems as though we have forgotten that we died (to sin) and we live like that old person we buried in baptism. When we do this, it is as if we are the walking dead, which is not someone any of us want to be, and none of us want to see.

The apostle Peter put it this way in 2 Peter 2:20-22: “For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them. What the true proverb says has happened to them: “The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire.” Also, it’s not a pretty picture.

Have you forgotten that you died to sin? Live for Christ and walk in the new life every day!

Keep living for Jesus!

Shawn

They year is almost over! How are you doing on your daily Bible reading?

## 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

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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**Elder of the Day** Butch Merriman

**Communion Leader** Glenn Addison

### Adult Bible Classes:

“A Study of Matthew”

by Joel Blake—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“Doers Not Just Hearers: Book of James”

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

“One Nation Under God or Man?” by Mark Freeman

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

“What They Believe” (Young Professionals) by Mike Smith

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

“Select Verses from the Gospel of John” by Shan Jackson

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

“The Bible Quoting the Psalms” (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A102

### Teen Bible Classes:

“Hebrews” (9th–12th) by Quinn Tolbert

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

“Our Identity as Christians and Using Our Talents” (9th–12th)

by Bruce & Bryce Caldwell

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Joshua” (7th–8th) by Ross Randow/Colten Cavanaugh

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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### Contacts:

**Faithful Fathers:** Chuck Bryant

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### Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, [woodlandoaks.org](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	383
10:15 AM Worship	584 @ WOCC 236 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	221
Contribution	\$27,181.19

#### Wednesday, November 20, 2024

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:  
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### Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through August 31, 2024 were \$1,346,164.24 compared to a budgeted amount of \$1,276,924.64 producing a surplus of \$69,239.60.

### Notes

## Announcements

Congratulations to **Aubree Pieretti** who was baptized Sunday, November 17. Welcome to the family, Aubree!

**College Care Packages** are available to pick up TODAY.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be this Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 a.m. at Katz Deli.

There will be **No Ladies Bible Class** this Tuesday, November 26.

There will be a **Combined Devo** this Wednesday, November 27. There will be **No Children's Bible Classes, No Young Adult Class, and No Meal.**

There will be **NO Community Bible Class** this Thursday, November 28.

The **Church Offices will be closed** this Thursday & Friday, November 28-29.

**Adopt-A-Family** gifts are due Sunday, December 1. Please bring wrapped gifts, labeled with the child's name to the foyer. See Jennifer Tolbert or Jessica Hooks with any questions.

**Congregational Singing** will be Sunday, December 1 during the evening assembly. Song requests can be made in the foyer.

The last day to mail out **Cards/Care packages to Ethan Jetton** is Sunday, December 1. All items must be mailed by this date.

The Senior Saints will attend **White Christmas** at the Owen Theatre on Friday, December 6. Tickets are \$22. Please sign up and pay Krista Chapman or Sherry Reaves. There are 20 spots available.

The Senior Saints will attend **Les Misérables**, presented by National Youth Theatre in support of Callie Combs on Sunday, December 8. Tickets are \$15. Tickets will be purchased as the money is received, so please sign up and pay Krista Chapman ASAP for best seats.

**Matt Walker & Sarah Mayo** would like to extend an invitation to attend their **Wedding** on Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at WOCC. If you will attend, please RSVP by TODAY by scanning the QR code.



All Ladies are invited to attend our annual **Ladies Christmas Gift Exchange** on Friday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Bring a wrapped ornament or décor item no more than \$15 and a holiday finger food to share.

## Expectant Families

Lindsey & Doug Peak

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

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Freddy's Steakburgers & Custard.

WOCC Youth have been extended an invitation by the EBCC to participate in their weekend **Youth Rally** on February 21-23, 2025. WOCC Youth deacons will need a RSVP by Sunday, December 15 (Extended Deadline) in order to facilitate planning. Find more information & RSVP [here](#).

The next **Combined Devo** will be Sunday, December 1 from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All youth and parents are invited and especially encouraged to attend the combined devo on Dec 1st for fun, fellowship, and a Big Announcement!

**Bible Study** will be Tuesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Watrous Home.

## Treehouse Kids

There will be **No Sprouts Craft Time** for the remainder of November. We will resume Wednesday, December 4.

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

Our **November Memory Verse Check In** will be Sunday, November 24 in between Bible Class and Morning worship service in foyer. The November Memory Verse is Psalm 100:4: "Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, and bless His name!"

Be sure to check out the **November News Letter** to stay updated and find more details on all upcoming events!



## 2024-25 Winter Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Classes will begin December 1 and conclude February 26.

Dates	Subjects	Teachers	Location
Sundays	Are You Growing Spiritually?	Mac Brockman	Chapel Center Worship Auditorium
	The Book of Revelation	Bob Klemm	Worship Center Room A101
	Extraordinary Part 2: A Study of Acts 13-28	Marty Miller	Worship Center Room A102
	One Day It's Really Going to Happen: The Day Christ Comes Again (Young Professionals)	Kevan Taylor	Chapel Center Magnolia Room
Wednesdays	People Watching	Scott Logan	Worship Center Auditorium
	The Bible Quoting Psalms: Book 2	Andrew Isherwood Ross Riggs	Worship Center Room A102

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	College Care Package Pick Up
	9:45 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	November Memory Verse Check In
	6:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship TX Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion (Freddy's Steakburgers)
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Katz Deli
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Combined Devo—No Meal/No Children's Classes
Thursday		Church Offices Closed
Friday		Church Offices Closed

## Upcoming Events

December 1	Winter Quarter Begins Congregational Singing Combined Youth Devo
December 3	Men's Luncheon (The Stand at Hughes Landing)
December 6	Senior Saints—White Christmas @ Owen Theatre
December 7	Matthew Walker & Sarah Mayo Wedding
December 8	Senior Saints—Les Misérables @ Lone Star College Tomball L2L Debate Prep Youth Invasion
December 10	Youth Bible Study
December 13	Ladies Christmas Party
December 14	Dorcas Class
December 15	Sign Up for Youth Rally Due L2L Boys Song Leading Class Sunday Social: Cookies & Cocoa
December 16	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
December 21	Youth Service
December 22	Youth Invasion

## Prayers

- ✠ **Ryan Bates**/former member/ICU in critical condition at Methodist at the Medical Center/liver donor's surgery was November 21/Ryan's surgeries were scheduled for November 22 & 23.
- ✠ **Dennis Daulton**/has RSV and respiratory infection.
- ✠ **Lacy Hunter**/daughter-in-law of Stacie and Jeff Hunter/she is expecting/surgery was November 20 to remove mass on her brain/second mass has been found/please pray for Lacy and her baby.
- ✠ **Debbie Newsom**/mother of Stacie Hunter/in hospital for high blood pressure.
- ✠ **Gina Talbott**/journey with Parkinson's disease/recently fractured toe.
- ✠ **Abby**/classmate of Ava Washburn/TX Children's Hospital/biopsy for mass on brain was Wednesday, November 20.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Lorene Burright, Ann Gilbert, Cleve McMillion, Laurie Riggs, Denise Tolbert, Raymond Walker, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✠ Please remember our friends & family: **Shannon & Gary Ditterline, Mary Lou McClung.**
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Bill Blumenshine, Tania Cantu, Pharis Fowler, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **David Bloh, Patricia Franklin, Lisa Geerman, Camellia Jackson, Ella Kasinger, D'Ann Norwood, Erika Phillips, John Singletary, Sabrie Stamper, Barbara Starr.**

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