

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!



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Why Aren't You Depressed?

I have a philosophy which I have realized over the years that not everyone agrees with. It has to do with Paul's instruction in Romans 12:15 – "Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

I maintain that it is easier to mourn with those who mourn than it is to rejoice with those who rejoice.

When something tragic happens to you, folks tend to be sympathetic; when something really good happens to you, folks tend to be jealous. Generally, only your true friends will be happy for you at your good fortune.

We are currently being fed a steady diet of dissatisfaction, anger, division and hostility. The attitude seems to be, "If you're not depressed, you ought to be." I choose to not be depressed.

A famous novel begins "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . ." I suggest to you that this statement will always be true. There are people today who are happy, hopeful and content . . . and there are people who are angry, resentful and depressed. The difference is not a matter of material possessions or the presence of or lack of problems. Everyone has problems. The difference is whether you choose to focus on your problems or your blessings.

We either allow circumstances to control our attitude or we overcome them. That's what it means that "Faith is the victory that overcomes the world." If we are walking by faith and not by sight, we know that our objective is to share with the world the hope found only in Christ and we refuse to allow anything that happens to us in this world to cause us to take our eyes off Jesus.

Everything in this world is temporary. So "we fix our eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen."

Contentment is a choice; so is depression. I choose not to be depressed.

-Ken Stegall

Schedule of Services

Sunday 9:00 AM Bible Classes (Offered for All Ages)

10:15 AM Morning Worship Assembly

6:00 PM Evening Assembly

Wednesday 7:00 PM Bible Class

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Elder of the Day Nathan Ingram

Communion Leader Marty Miller

Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of Romans Chapters 1-8"
by Ken Stegall Sundays in Chapel Center Auditorium

"The Gospel (Assurance)" by Raymond Walker
Sundays in Worship Center A101

"Living in a Foolish World: What is the Wise Thing to Do"
by Gavin Dao Sundays in Worship Center A102 (20s, 30s, & others)

"Questions Jesus Asked" by Scott Logan
Wednesdays in Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"1 & 2 Peter" Senior High (9th-12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Sundays in Chapel Center C201

"Toolkit for Christian Living" Junior High (7th-8th)
by Rick Medford & Eric Alarid, Sundays in Chapel Center C103

"Guy Talk" 7th-12th Guys by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays in Chapel Center C201

"Girl Talk" 7th-12th Girls by Ellen Fontenot
Wednesdays in Chapel Center C203

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0-1 years	A103	1st grade	B202
1 year-olds	A105/106	2nd grade	B203
2 year-olds	A107	3rd grade	B206
3 year-olds	A108	4th grade	B208
Pre-K	A109	5th-6th grade	B209
Kindergarten	B200		

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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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 5, 2020

9:00 AM Bible Class	351
10:15 AM Worship	574
6:00 PM Worship	237
Contribution	\$32,430.00

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

7:00 PM Bible Class	164
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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.

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through November 30, 2019 are \$1,250,591 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,324,111 produces a deficit of (\$73,520).

Notes

Deacons

Administration Joel Blake
Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton
Building & Grounds Larry Brabham

Ken Purvis
Todd Watrous

Children's Programs Richard Hyde
Education Matt Fitzgerald

Adam Fracht
Quinn Tolbert

Family Life Center Chris Davis
Fellowship Tim Riggs

Finance Jeff Fleming
Brandon Smith

Foreign Missions Paul Gidden
Brian Lee

Information Technology Al Ardito
Involvement Frank Kerze

Networks/Special Ministries Jeremy Haynes
Sharing Kyle Gordley

Bradley Welborn
Gavin Dao

Reaching Out Tony Bloom
Ushers Ben Brockman

Welcome Center/Visitor Contacts Robert Shock

Visitation - Hospital & Homebound/Men's Ministry Eric Kirkland

Bill Malone
Brant Mathis

Youth Matt Hemphill
Terence O'Connor



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Announcements

Congratulations to **Ashlyn Jackson** who was baptized into Christ January 5. Welcome to the family Ashlyn!

Ladies Bible Class will resume Tuesday, January 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center. Please make plans to join as we begin our study of Peter and his ministry in the book of Acts. Childcare is provided.

Young Professionals Guys Night will be Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Torchy's Tacos.

There will be a **Blood Drive** Sunday, January 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

This year's **Heart to Home Event** will be Tuesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center! Join us for dinner and a fun and inspirational evening.

Sunday, January 26 will be WCCC's first **Impact Church of Christ Meal Service** for 2020. We'll have a handful of people completing the meal preparation at Woodland Oaks that Sunday morning from around 8:30 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. and about 20 people serving the meal down at Impact from 12:15 p.m. until around 2:15 p.m. If you're interested in serving, please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/2FlqUYI>. Contact Brandon Smith for additional information.

This year's **Men's Retreat** will be January 31-February 1 in the Chapel Center. Sign up in the foyer beginning **TODAY!** The cost is \$25. Freddie Anderson will be speaking on Present or Presence. See Robert Shock for more information.

AIM Challenge Week will be January 31 through February 7. See Paul Gidden for more information.

Prayers

- ✝ **Wally Westbrook**/admitted to Methodist Hospital downtown to receive chemotherapy treatment for Amyloidosis January 10.
- ✝ **Madison Brown**/granddaughter of Akila Yagoub - friend of Juli Dozier/6 year old had a major surgery for her heart problem at Memorial Hermann downtown January 9.
- ✝ **Bob McDougal**/keep Bob in your prayers as he undergoes tests and treatment for reoccurring cancer.
- ✝ **Dean Hurlbert**/hospitalized at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands with double pneumonia and other infections/Room 5225.
- ✝ **Burnice Murray**/recent visitor/died January 1.
- ✝ Members battling cancer: **Tom Campbell, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Dean Hurlbert, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, and Nancy Stucky.**
- ✝ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Woodward Banks, Teri Barker, Paola Bejaran, Fred Conrad, Emily Cottle, Mike Ferdinand, Larry Hall, Randy Hicks, Mike Howard, Kathy Kaaiohelo, Jordan Love, JJ Lovoi, Jerry Malone, F.R. Mitchell, Mallory Mitchen, Malu Oliveira, Gerald Pereiro, Meghan Rudd, Becky Splawn, Leon Taylor and Marla West.**
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Tony Bloom II, Ken Coleman, Skip Foreman, Roland Laird, Nancy Palmer, Judy Perry, Laurie Riggs, and Carol Smith.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Leslie Davis, Johnny Lovoi, Anika Matheidas, Sean McFarland, Terra Mynhier, Leilani Palmer, J. Paul Spelce, and Brooke Allison Veale.**

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion TONIGHT** immediately following the evening assembly at Potbelly Sandwich Shop at Market Street.

Youth Weekly Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Market Street Starbucks.

There will be a **Youth Devo** January 19 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center. Girls bring snacks, guys bring drinks.

There will be **Guys Vs. Girls Night** Friday, January 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring board and card games.

Save the date! **Youth Winter Retreat** will be February 14-16.

Treehouse Kids' News

Sprouts Story & Craft Time resumes this Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the church foyer.

Worship Training for boys ages 1st to 6th grade meets Sunday evenings in January at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center to practice leading singing with real A/V equipment. The young men will lead the congregation during the January 29 devotional. Contact Frank Kerze or Kevin Wilkerson for more information.

Bible Builders resumes TONIGHT. Children ages 2-5 will be dismissed at Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year." The memory verse for January is Genesis 1:1-"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Schedules are available at the Welcome Center.

The **Family Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Friday, January 31 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Incredible Pizza for those who have completed your 2019 family Bible reading. Please RSVP by January 26 to Jenn Tolbert if you will attend.

Daily Bible Reading

There is nothing that you can accomplish this next year greater and more beneficial for yourself and your family than reading through your Bible. What greater legacy could you leave your family? There is a **2020 Bible Readers' Sign-Up** at the Welcome Center for those who plan to read through the Bible in 2020.

Our **2019 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please sign the list by TODAY individually at the Welcome Center and indicate whether you will attend.

LTC

Leadership Training for Christ sign up is underway! LTC takes place in Dallas over Easter weekend, April 10-12. If you would like to participate, or would like more information, please see Jennifer Tolbert at the table in the church foyer TODAY! The sign-up deadline is January 19.

Bible Bowl Practice will begin on Sunday, January 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in room A101.

This Week

Today	6:00 p.m.	Worship Training
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders - Creation/Adam and Eve
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Potbelly Sandwich Shop
	7:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Women's Pickleball
	6:00 p.m.	Advanced Men's Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals Guys Night - Torchy's Tacos
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Soccer
	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story & Craft Time Resumes
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
	8:30 p.m.	Pickleball
Thursday	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast@ Denny's on 1488
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	6:30 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pickleball

Upcoming Events

January 19	Blood Drive LTC Sign Up Due Elder/Deacon Meeting Bible Bowl Practice Begins Youth Devo
January 21	Men's Luncheon - Red Phoenix Hunan Restaurant Heart to Home Event
January 23	Young Professionals Devo
January 24	Youth Guys Vs. Girls Night
January 25	Bible Readers' Banquet
January 26	Impact CofC Meal Youth Invasion - Freebirds
January 29	Young Men Lead Singing - NO Meal
January 31- February 7	AIM Challenge Week
January 31	Men's Retreat Family Bible Readers' Banquet
February 2	THK Service Project

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Keith Nix at the loss of his mother, **Kay Nix**, January 5. There was a graveside service January 11 in Celeste, TX. There will be a memorial service February 1 at 6:00 p.m. at Westside Church of Christ in Searcy, AR.

Deepest sympathy to Alyssa, Danyelle & Mikalah McWhirter at the death of their grandmother, **Kim Sheets**, January 4.

Expectant Families

Laura & Kevin Sim Gloria & Michael Glover Delena & Cory McEwen

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

JANUARY DONATION NEEDS:

WCCC Sharing Pantry: Breakfast Items

Sunny Glen: Canned Chicken and Cooking Spray

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