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## Choose Your Friends Wisely

By Steve Higginbotham

Through the years, I have had parents periodically ask me if they had a right to have a say in the friendships of their children. Every time I have been asked that question, I have had to curb the passion and enthusiasm with which I wanted to answer. However, my answer still came out as an emphatic “Yes! Absolutely! You not only have the right, but you have the responsibility to have a say in the friendships of your children!”

But let’s not relegate the selection of friends as a youth issue. This is an issue that impacts all of us for the better or for the worse.

Jane Higdon, our late sister and fellow member of the Karns congregation, wrote the following words of wisdom nearly fifteen years ago:

“God blessed me with a friend when I graduated high school, and we formed a friendship that spans several decades. What a graduation gift! She is the busy wife of a dedicated gospel preacher, a servant of our Lord, and her days have no closing time. When I am sick, she calls me regularly, and I can feel concern for me in her voice. Through the years, however, time, miles, and busy schedules have kept us physically apart, but love and prayers have kept our friendship strong...It’s because of her love for our Lord and our friendship that I am a stronger Christian today. Our choice of friends reflects our relationship with our heavenly Father. Choose wisely. They can help us get to heaven or lead us into the world, making us enemies of God (James 4:4).”

Jane said it well, and it is worth repeating for the sake of contemplation – “Our choice of friends reflects our relationship with our heavenly Father.”

Our choice of friends reveal much about our interests and goals. Do we want to go to heaven? Then, we need to surround ourselves with people who want to go there, too. Do we want to be a stronger Christian? Then, we need to associate with people who are spiritually mature. Don’t exclude the lost from our list of friends, but make certain that we are influenced the most by those who are making plans for the next life.

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

<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** Raymond Walker

**Communion Leader** Chris Wright

### 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

#### “Ephesians” (Ages 18-25) by Raymond Walker

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:

0–1 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 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:

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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.

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### Last Week’s Attendance

#### Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:00 AM Bible Class	400
10:15 AM Worship	620 @ WOCC 216 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	250
Contribution	\$54,982.64

#### Wednesday, February 19, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class	295
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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 January 31, 2025 are \$195,545.36 compared to a (proposed) budgeted amount of \$169,665.17 producing a surplus of \$25,880.19.

### Notes

## Announcements

**REAL ESTATE UPDATE:** There is an unlimited supply of homes waiting for those who obey the gospel. To help others secure their home in heaven go to: [AskAboutaHomeinHeaven.com](http://AskAboutaHomeinHeaven.com)

**Speed Fellowship** is a fun event for older children, teens, young professionals and adults where you have an opportunity to talk to 8-10 members during this 45-minute session. Please come and join us TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center!

The **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be tomorrow, February 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be this Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 a.m. at Snooze.

There will be a **Young Professionals Devo** this Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring a drink, entree, side, or sweet for a potluck dinner. We will eat together, share thoughts on Scripture, and sing! Contact Karen Isherwood with any questions.

**Bedding drive for Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** The Youth Group will be participating in a build day on March 8 and need donations. The items we are collecting are: twin sheet sets to go along with quilts made by our quilting group, pillows, and twin bed in a bag sets. All items must be new and not used. Please bring donations to the collection area in the foyer by March 5.

Calling all dads! It's time to show off your athletic skills and team up with your kid(s) for our **Faithful Fathers Pickleball Tournament!** Join us for a fun-filled event featuring pizza and a short devotional before we hit the courts. We'll have fun prizes for the top teams. Don't miss out, and please RSVP! Sign up sheet will be in the foyer. WHEN: March 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC WHO: For Dads + your kids (7 yrs or older).

Please note that the monthly **Men's Breakfast** will be Saturday, March 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center. (2nd Saturday of the month due to The Woodlands Marathon)

Have you ever wondered how to approach someone about **Sharing the Gospel?** Come put your faith into practice and join our upcoming class in the Spring quarter! Our goal is to help participants envision themselves approaching someone, engaging in conversation, and setting up a time to share the Gospel. Throughout the course, we will discuss strategies for covering both the initial invitation and the Bible study itself. We have invited some experienced teachers to share real stories, their insights and wisdom, including Raymond Walker, Tyrone Mynhier, Rocky Rutledge and Chris Wright.

**Teachers Needed!** If interested in teaching in the spring quarter or any other upcoming quarters, please contact Matt Fitzgerald or Mike Arnold.

Interested in helping with **WOCC VBS 2025** being held on July 23rd through 25th? We are so blessed to have you with us! Please click on QR code to sign up to volunteer.



## Prayers

- ✚ **Cleve McMillion**/surgery February 18 went well/was expected to be released 2/20.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Stephanie Baker, Tom Boren, Susan Coleman, Barbara Dickinson, Janet Foreman, Ann Gilbert, Debi Hix, Nell Love, Valerie Lowry, Alan Mashburn, Don Raney, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Terry Seaman, Mary Williams.**
- ✚ Please remember our friends & family: **Judy Adams, Mitchell Hodges, Lacey Hunter, Nathan Jones, Dyvette Warren.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Bill Blumenshine, Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Dave Short, Lana Webster.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Glenda Coyle, Lisa Geerman, Steve Harding, Ella Kasinger, D'Ann Norwood, Erika Phillips.**

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Coop's Hot Chicken.

There will be a **High School Devo** Sunday, March 2 immediately following the evening assembly in the FLC.

The Youth Group will be participating in another **Build a Bed Day**, Saturday, March 8. They will meet and leave promptly from the church at 7:15 a.m., returning around 12:30 p.m. If your child wishes to attend, you will need to register them directly online at: <https://volunteer.shpbeds.org/opportunities/vEcrgaTdUO>. In addition, please sign up on the Basic Youth Ministry website so we can account for transportation. If you have any questions please see Jenni Washburn.

## Treehouse Kids

The February **Memory Verse Check-in** will take place TODAY, February 23 by the posters in front of the Welcome Center in between Bible class and Worship. Our verse for the month can be found in John 15:12- "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

**Bible Builders:** Children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year."

**Sprouts Storytime** meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in room A109.

For those who signed up, the **THK Daddy Daughter Date Night** will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. this Friday, February 28 in the Chapel Center at WOCC. Attire: Church clothes \*princess dresses welcome!\* What to Expect: Dinner, horse drawn carriage rides, jewelry making, build your own bouquet, games, and dessert!

The next **Dorcas Bible Class** (for girls K- 6th grade) will be Saturday, March 1. Meet in the room A101 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

## 2025 Spring Quarter Adult Bible Classes

Classes will begin March 2 and conclude May 28.

Dates	Subjects	Teachers	Location
Sundays	Parables of Jesus	Shan Jackson	Chapel Center Worship Auditorium
	Conversations about Christ: Practical Strategies for Sharing the Gospel	Bryce Caldwell & Gavin Dao, with Guest Speakers	Worship Center Room A101
	The Book of Revelation	Bob Klemm	Worship Center Room A102
	Christians and Hardships (Young Professionals)	Randy Sparks	Chapel Center Magnolia Room
Wednesdays	Joshua	Ross Randow, Colten Cavanaugh, Bryce Caldwell, & Chris Fowler	Worship Center Auditorium
	Ephesians (Young Professionals)	Raymond Walker	Worship Center Room A102

***A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.***  
The WOCC Sharing Pantry is in need of Canned Meats, Hamburger, Tuna Helper, Macaroni and Cheese

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Memory Verse Check In
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	5:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Speed Fellowship
		Evening Worship
Monday	6:15 p.m.	TX Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Builders
	4:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Coop's Hot Chicken
	5:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Snooze
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals Devo
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story Time
	4:00 p.m.	GriefShare
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday		Basketball
	6:00 p.m.	THK Daddy Daughter Date Night

## Upcoming Events

March 1	Dorcas Class
March 2	Spring Quarter Begins
	Young Professionals Women's Bible Study
	Congregational Singing
	High School Devo
March 4	Ladies Bible Class—Stay & Play
March 5	Bedding Drive Donations Due
March 7	Faithful Fathers Pickleball Tournament
March 8	Men's Breakfast
	Youth Service: Build a Bed
March 9	Daylight Saving Time Begins
	Youth Invasion—Grab N Go Tacos/Primo Hoagies
March 11	Youth Bible Study
March 16	Baby Shower for Alyssa Park
	Junior High Devo
March 21-22	Youth Broomball Lock In
March 24	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
March 28	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Fleming Home
	3rd-6th Grade Boys Devo—Todd Freeman's Home

## Thank You

GOD richly blessed us when HE "created" WOCC! Y'all are the best! The recent loss of my precious sister has broken my families' hearts. Thank you just doesn't describe the feelings of gratitude in my heart! Your prayers, your HUGS, your many cards have really kept me going. I have saved those cards and I read them from time to time. THANK YOU!!

God continue HIS wondrous blessings on WOCC.  
Sheri Cable Butler

Dear Wonderful Woodland Oaks Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all of the calls, cards, visits, and most of all prayers. Please continue to pray for my recovery.

Barbara Dickinson

## Expectant Families

Alyssa & Tim Park  
Lindsey & Doug Peak  
Whitney & Jeremiah White

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)