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### Hot Topics

For the month of April, we are going to discuss some very relevant “Hot Topics” on Sunday mornings. These are issues that need to be addressed within the Church. The world is talking about these topics and not telling us the truth. We need to spend time searching God’s word to find out what God has said about these topics. Here are the sermon topics for April:

- April 6<sup>th</sup> – Abortion
- April 13 – Human Sexuality
- April 20 – I will be out of town at the Lads2Leaders Convention
- April 27 – Addiction

I understand these are sensitive topics and they will be addressed in a thoughtful and sensitive fashion. Here are 6 tips for addressing hot topics as we have conversations with others and that I will follow in my sermons.

1. **Always point to Scripture.** God’s word is truth and what you say and teach needs to be grounded in Scripture. There might be times you can offer your opinion, but always go back to Scripture. Hide behind God’s word because it’s eternal.
2. **Use appropriate language.** When addressing sensitive topics, it’s not the time to joke, use shocking language, or slang terms. Use appropriate language that shows you care about the topic and that you respect who you are speaking to.
3. **Be well informed from a cultural perspective.** Chances are, the more political the hot topic, the more your listener is going to be informed. If you are uninformed with relevant information and statistic, you will hurt your credibility. Be sure you are well informed.
4. **Be confident.** When you address a “hot topic” be confident when you speak. Jesus spoke as one having authority and although we aren’t Jesus, we have his words, and I think we can speak in the same way. Don’t tiptoe around the issue. Be sensitive, but be confident.
5. **Be humble.** We want to be confident, but we don’t want to be arrogant. People don’t listen to a know-it-all. Approach the topic with humility and respect and let God’s Spirit work on the heart of the person you are studying with.
6. **Always pray.** Pray for wisdom. Pray for the one you are talking to. Pray for truth to be sought and cherished. After you address the topic, pray that God’s truth will penetrate their heart and transform them.

Please spend some time in prayer about this upcoming sermon series. I would greatly appreciate it and I trust God will answer those prayers as we study some important and difficult topics.

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 Scott Blake

### Adult Bible Classes:

“Parables of Jesus” by Shan Jackson  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“Conversations about Christ: Practical Strategies for Sharing the Gospel”  
by various teachers: Raymond Walker (3/23, & 3/30)  
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

“Christians and Hardships”  
(Young Professionals) by Randy Sparks  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)

“Joshua” by Ross Randow, Colten Cavanaugh, Bryce Caldwell, Chris Fowler  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

“Ephesians” (Young Professionals) by Raymond Walker  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A102

### Teen Bible Classes:

“1 Corinthians” (9th–12th) by Aaron Trent  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Acts” (7th –8th) by Todd Watrous  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

“World Religions” (9th –12th) by Mike Smith  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Divided Kingdom” (7th –8th) by Brant Mathis  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

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](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

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### Last Week’s Attendance

#### Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00 AM Bible Class	350
10:15 AM Worship	554 @ WOCC 273 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	246
Contribution	\$64,616.38

#### Wednesday, March 19, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class	262
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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 budgeted amount of \$169,665.17 producing a surplus of \$25,880.19.

### Notes

## Announcements

Congratulations to **Hannah Dobbs** who was baptized Thursday, March 13! Congratulations to **Morris Williams** who was baptized Sunday, March 16! Welcome to the family Hanna and Morris!

Please welcome **Keith Kasarjian**, the director of International Studies with the Bear Valley Bible Institute, as our guest speaker TONIGHT. Keith will share an update on his recent trip visiting schools of preaching in Africa and the work undertaken by the International Schools of Bear Valley.

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** this Monday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be this Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 a.m. at Another Broken Egg (19075 North Fwy Ste 102, Interstate 45, Shenandoah, TX 77385).

**WOCC Family Camp 2025** will be June 6-8 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX. Make plans to join for a great weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship! The cost is \$125 for families, \$60 for individual. Registration closes on May 4.



VBS prep is underway! Please consider joining us for our **VBS Prep Days** where we will prepare decor, craft and science station packets, and to help ensure a successful VBS! We will meet in the Chapel Center at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, and April 8 & 29.

Helpers are needed for the **THK Bikes & Butterflies Social & Service Project** on Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We are also needing shovels and trowels. If you can assist with the Butterfly Garden, please contact Janna Wilkerson!

The **Senior Saints** will attend **Aladdin**, presented by National Youth Theatre on April 11. Please see Denise Tolbert to inquire about seat availability.

The **Senior Saints** will attend the Port of Houston **Boat Tour** on April 29. Please see Denise Tolbert to inquire about seat availability.

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



## Expectant Families

Lindsey & Doug Peak  
Whitney & Jeremiah White

**Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
**WOCC Sharing Pantry:** Laundry Products  
**Sunny Glen Children's Home:** Canned Nacho Cheese, Flour, Apple Sauce, Variety Chips, Tea Mix, Kool-Aid, Cooking Spray, Cup Cake Liners, Hand Soap Pumps (individual), Small Space Air Fresheners (Febreze), Lysol Spray, Mr. Clean Mop Fluid, Tooth Paste, Hair

## Youth News

For those registered, there will be an **Elevate Meeting** TODAY at 9:45 a.m. Please meet in Room A102.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Jason's Deli (32818 FM 2978, 77354).

There will be a **Youth Group & Parent Meeting** on Sunday, March 30 after the morning assembly. All current youth group members, parents and incoming 6th grade families are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss this summer. Please meet in the Chapel Center.

The next **Girls Dinner Devo** will be Friday, March 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fleming Home.

## Treehouse Kids

**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** resumes this Wednesday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. in room A109.

**Sprouts Volunteers:** If you are interested in leading a Sprouts play group which will meet either on Saturdays or on a weekday evening, please let Janna Wilkerson know.

For those who signed up, this month's **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Dinner and Devo** will be at the home of Todd and Iveth Freeman this Friday, March 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parents provide transportation; please see Lightpost for their address.

**THK Bikes & Butterflies Social & Service Project** will be Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/BikeButterfly> \*\*\*NEEDED: Shovels and trowels!\*\*\*\*

The **March Memory Verse Check-in** will take place on Sunday, March 30 in the foyer, in between Bible class and Worship. Our verse for the month is John 3:16.

Be sure to check out the **March Newsletter** to stay updated and find more details on all upcoming events!



## Prayers

- ✝ **Bob Klemm**/at Houston Methodist Willowbrook ICU with bacterial & viral pneumonia.
- ✝ **Janice Tadlock**/beginning Chemotherapy Tuesday, March 25
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Charlyn Baker, Susan Coleman, Barbara Conaway, Barbara Dickinson, Janet Foreman, Ann Gilbert, Don Gilbert, Debi Hix, Valerie Lowry, Alan Mashburn, Jennifer McLeod, Cleve McMillion, MaryJane Nevels, Laurie Riggs, Betty Yovanovich.**
- ✝ Please remember our friends & family: **John (Buddy) Charleston, Sheila Corley, Jr., Billy Dearing, Hatsue Lucas, Kay Orange, Donna Stone.**
- ✝ Members battling cancer: **Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✝ Friends & family battling cancer: **Brenda Booth, Glenda Coyle, Lisa Geerman, Steve Harding, Lacey Hunter, Ella Kasinger, Crissy Kyle, Erika Phillips, Barbara Starr, Janice Tadlock.**

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Elevate Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Guest Speaker Keith Kasarjian TX Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Jason's Deli
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Another Broken Egg
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	12:00 p.m.	VBS Prep Day
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story Time
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo—Todd Freeman Home
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Fleming Home
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	THK Bikes & Butterflies Social & Service Project

## Upcoming Events

March 30	THK Memory Verse Check In Youth Group & Parent Meeting
April 1	Men's Luncheon - Eden Cafe
April 4-6	Texas Bible Bowl
April 5	Men's Breakfast
April 6	Sunny Glen Donations Due Congregational Singing Youth Combined Devo
April 8	VBS Prep Day Youth Bible Study
April 11	Senior Saints—NYT Aladdin
April 12	Dorcas Class
April 13	Youth Invasion—Crust Pizza, Panter Creek
April 18-20	Lads2Leaders
April 18	Church Office Closed
April 20	Congregational Meeting
April 24	Celebrate Recovery 8 year Celebration
April 25	3rd-6th Boys Devo—Car Museum
April 26	Golf Tournament Baby Shower for Whitney White
April 27	Memory Verse Check-in Elder/Deacon Meeting Youth Invasion—Raising Cane's
April 28	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
April 29	Senior Saints Port of Houston Boat Tour VBS Prep Day
May 3	Men's Breakfast Senior Banquet
May 4	Senior Sunday Congregational Singing High School Devo
May 11	THK Mother's Day Service Project Youth Invasion—CAVA
May 13	Youth Tuesday Bible Study
June 1-7	Camp Bandina

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)