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**Last Week's Attendance** 

Sunday, August 3, 2025

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398

653 @ WOCC

289 Views online

\$52,658.52

Mike Stevens Sharing Kyle Gordley

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Wednesday, August 6, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class

9:00 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Contribution

You may give online at:

https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at: Woodland Oaks Church of Christ 6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252 Spring, TX 77382

#### **Missions**

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

## **Deacons**

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#### **Special Ministries: Contact:**

Celebrate Recovery: Tom Kernan Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant **Grief Share:** Sherry Reaves Heart to Home: Patricia Osborn Ladies Ministry: Sharon Freeman Parking Transport: Philip Leonardos Prison Ministry: John Cheatham, Blake Westerfeld

Senior Saints: John & Denise Tolbert Young Professionals: Hayden Talbott &

Karen Isherwood

## **Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions through June 30 actual \$1,134,365.68 compared to budget of 1,017,991.00 for surplus of \$116,374.68.

## 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** 

7:00 PM Bible Classes Wednesday

August 10, 2025

Elder of the Day

**Butch Merriman** 

#### **Adult Bible Classes:**

"Selected Lessons From Ephesians" by Bruce Caldwell Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"Hebrews" by Chris Wright Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

"Ask and It Will Be Given: Essential Questions in the New Testament" by Mike Yanochik—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

"The Life of Paul" (Young Professionals) by Hayden Talbott Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)

"My Favorite Sermon" by Various Teachers 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 A101

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

"2 Corinthians" (9th—12th) by Matt Fitzgerald 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

"Phillipians: A Letter of Joy" (7th -12th) by Various Teachers

Wednesdays@ 7:00 p.m. Boys Class in the Education Center B-101 Girls Class in the Education Center B-107

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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## We Are the Lights of the World

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus makes a very plain and clear statement. He says in Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Jesus uses the imagery of a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand to illustrate that our good works should be visible and not hidden. Jesus wants our good works to be seen so that God will be glorified. In ancient times cities were typically built on hills for a few reasons. One reason, a city on a hill was easier to protect and defend than a city in a valley. A city on a hill was easier to see from a distance when traveling. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. In ancient times, homes or rooms were illuminated by oil lamps placed on lampstands for cooking, eating, and family gatherings. Placing a lamp under a basket would have defeated the purpose of lighting the lamp. That would be like turning on all the lights in your house and then removing all the light bulbs. Nobody would do such a thing.

Iesus makes it clear, when we choose to follow Him, our lives are on display for the world to see. We become lights that point to God. For that reason, our lights (lives) must shine before others so that when they see our good works they see the good work of our Father in heaven.

God loves you! Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

## **Announcements**

School is right around the corner, and we are excited to cover our children in prayer this school year with the Treehouse Kids Prayer Buddy Adoption program. Please come to the foyer TODAY and "adopt" a child to pray over this school year.

Wednesday Night Journey Land Teachers and Helpers are needed for the Fall Ouarter. We need volunteers for Crafts, Music and Games. If interested please let Mike Arnold or Matt Fitzgerald know.

Please join us for Ladies Bible Class beginning Tuesday, September 2 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up is now open in the Worship Foyer or at: https://forms.gle/ nKJ3ztm4HZa1VmSk6.

Please join us for the **Bridal Shower honoring Hailey Gaige**, bride elect of Jared Chauvin, TODAY from 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. in The Chapel Center. Hailey and Jared's wedding registry can be found at the chauvinwedding.com.

Smile for a Child: Misión Para Cristo needs our help turning shoe boxes into smiles. Empty boxes with information about how you can give a needy child in Nicaragua a smile this Christmas are available to pick up in the foyer. Don't forget the \$5 for shipping and handling! Filled boxes are due Sunday, August 31.

The next **Speed Fellowship** will be August 17 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

The families of Sarah Catherine Fleming and Nathan Lockwood would like to extend an invitation to attend their **Wedding Ceremony** on August 30 at 2:00 p.m., at WOCC. Reception will follow.

opportunity for women in our congregation to gather monthly in relationships. Each **Heart to Home Sign Up** is now open! **Heart to Home** is a year long • • • • • • small groups to build and foster strong relationships. Each September the groups form and begin a new year. We are asking everyone to sign up (even if you have previously filled out a form). Sign up opportunities for the school year 2025-26 will end August 31. Women will be divided as "moms" and "sisters." Moms serve as hostesses and sisters are the guests. Please use the QR code to register for this program.

Save the Date for the next Southern Sudan Mission Banquet on September 26 at 6:00 p.m.

# **Texas Bible Bowl**

Bible Bowl 2026 Registration is now open through Friday, August 15. The Texas Bible Bowl is open to children going into 4th grade through adults. Our study this year will be on the books of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth. Raymond Walker and Janna Wilkerson will meet with participants together to will meet with participants together to study on Sunday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. starting Sunday, August 17 through our final testing weekend together at Bandina on March 27-29. If you would like to register, please complete the Google form as soon as possible so that we can prepare an adequate number of study binders.

# **Expectant Families**

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Krista & Jason Chapman Elise & Daniel Fair

Katelyn & TC French Maegan & Brett Rodriguez

## **Youth News**

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** TODAY. We will leave during the song after the scripture reading at the morning worship and return around 2:00 p.m.

The **Youth Invasion** will be tonight at Shake Shack.

There will be a **High School Devo** Sunday, August 17 immediately following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center.

Be sure to read the **August Newsletter** and find more information about events at: https://secure.smore.com/n/ycb9n-woodland-oaks-youth-ministry.

## **Treehouse Kids**

Be sure to read the August Newsletter and find more information about events at: https://secure.smore.com/n/d503g!

## **Prayers**

- **₽** Janice Tadlock/last chemotherapy treatment August 12/ Please pray that the CT scans and bloodwork will be clear and that no further treatment will be required.
- **Laurie Mangham**/scheduled to have surgery for hiatal hernia August 11.
- **† Lincoln Kersh**/doing well and healing from successful surgery.
- ♥ Graciela Martinez/gallbladder removal surgery August 6 went well/at home
- Frika Phillips/daughter of Victor & Graciela Martinez/radiation treatment August 8.
- **Steve Harding/**husband of Janice Harding/has begun radiation treatment.
- Please remember our members: Brynn Arnold, Pat Caldwell, Mary Nell Bollman, Ken Cornett, Tom Crowell, Carolyn Keeney, Lincoln Kersh, Valerie Lowry, Laurie Riggs, Don & Eve Southall.
- Please remember our Friends & Family: John Charleston, Jr, Mary Collins, Darwin Trevino.
- † Members battling cancer: Tania Cantu, Denis Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock, Debra Thompson.
- 🕆 Friends & family battling cancer: Aaron Black, Brenda Booth, Lisa Geerman, Steve Harding, Todd Hendrix, Erika Phillips, Robert Redden, Brvan Titlow.

# Thank you

Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support during our time of loss of our Dad, Gerald Fruzia. The many cards and words of comfort meant so much! Special thanks to Ardith Kotzen and the Addisons for their extra care for our family. It's a joy to have confidence in our Lord Jesus that Gerald is in His perfect presence. In His Love, Brent and Mary Fruzia and Jarod Simpson

God has such a wonderful family and we are so grateful to be a part of it. Thank you for all the love and prayers and words of comfort spoken and sent to our family during our sister, Kay Orange's, illness and passing. We feel so loved and comforted.

In appreciation, Wanda Owen, Donna Stone, Trisha Hyde

Mary Nell Bollman and family would like to say thank you to everyone for the birthday cards and prayers for her recent surgery. We feel so very blessed to be a part of this church family.

In Him, Mary Nell Bollman

# **This Week Prayer Buddy Adoption**

-	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
		Impact CoC Meal
	3:30 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Hailey Gaige—bride elect of Jared Chauvin
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion— Shake Shack
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
· ·	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class—Bill Rasco
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
•	•	Basketball
Friday		Texas Bible Bowl Registration Due
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Wedding for Taylor Green & Heston Taylor

Today

# **Upcoming Events**

August 17	Speed Fellowship		
	High School Devo		
August 19	Men's Luncheon—Red Lobster		
August 21	Community Bible Class Resumes		
August 24	Youth Girls Pool Party		
August 30	Wedding of Sarah Catherine Fleming & Nathan Lockwood		
August 31	Memory Verse Check In		
	Sign up for Heart to Home is Due		
	Smile 4 A Child Boxes Due		
	Youth Group Parent Meeting		
	Junior High Devo		
September 1	Church Offices Closed		
September 2	Ladies Bible Class Resumes		
September 3	Wednesday Fellowship Meals Resume		
	Fall Quarter Begins		
September 5	Senior Saints Granbury Trip—Singin' in the Rain		
September 6	Men's Breakfast		
September 7	Baby Shower for Katelyn French		
	Congregational Singing		
September 14	Impact CoC Meal		
	Youth Invasion—Crust Pizza		
September 26	Southern Sudan Banquet		
September 28	THK Memory Verse Check -In		
	THK Ice Cream Social		
	Youth Invasion-"This or That"		
October 4	WOCC Car-nival		
October 10-12	Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat		
New Members			

TC & Katelyn French

Steven & Jennifer Roadman Elle

Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer. WOCC Sharing Pantry: Jello, Pudding Packs & Mixes, Seasoning & Gravy Envelopes, Condiments