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**Last Week's Attendance** 

Sunday, August 31, 2025

413

613 @ WOCC

301 Views online

251

\$28,723.27

9:00 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Contribution

7:00 PM Bible Class

## **Deacons**

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You may give online at: https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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 supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

#### 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: Prison Ministry: John Cheatham,
Blake Westerfeld
Senior Saints: John & Denise Tolbert
Young Professionals: Hayden Talbott &

#### **Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions through July 31 actual \$1,367,244.55 compared to budget of \$1,174,605.00 for surplus of \$192,639.55.

#### 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

Wednesday 7:00 PM Bible Classes

September 7, 2025

Elder of the Day

Marty Miller

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

**"Wisdom"** by Dave Short Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"God's Covenants" by Raymond Walker Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

**"Romans"** by Morgan Whatley Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

**"Philippians"** by Various Teachers Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

"God's Covenants" (Young Professionals) by Raymond Walker Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A101

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

**"Daniel"** (9th—12th) by Brant Mathis/Trent Tadlock Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

"Genesis" (7th –8th) by Aaron Trent Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

**"How We Got the Bible"** (9th −12th) by Marty Miller Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

"Apologetics" (7th –8th) by Bryce Caldwell Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. 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 <u>0-23 months</u>.

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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# **Forgiving Every Penny**

By Chris Bolinger

Do you ever get tired of forgiving someone? Peter certainly did.

After Jesus explained to his disciples how to respond when "your brother sins against you" (Matthew 18:15), with the goal of getting your brother to repent so that you can forgive him, Peter asked, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" (v. 21). He was stunned by Jesus' response: not seven times but seventy-seven times-or, in some translations, seventy times seven times (v. 22).

Jesus then told a parable about a king who wants to settle accounts with servants who owe him money. One servant owes the equivalent of two hundred thousand years' wages for a laborer. (If a laborer earns \$25,000 a year, then the servant owes \$5 billion.) Incredibly, the king forgives the entire debt.

As soon as he leaves the presence of his unbelievably gracious king, the forgiven servant finds a fellow servant who owes him one hundred days' wages (or using our previous math, about \$8,000). The forgiven servant demands that his \$8,000 debt be paid. When it can't, he has his fellow servant thrown in prison.

When the king finds out, he throws the first servant in prison for the rest of his life. Jesus ended the parable with this sobering statement: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart" (v. 35).

Why does God command us to forgive those who sin against us? Every time?

Because God forgives us. Every time. He never gets tired of forgiving us, because he is good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on him. The debt that each of us has accumulated with God is more than \$5 billion.

A lot more. We can't count it all. And he forgives every penny.

God loves you! Shawn

Are you caught up with your daily Bible reading?

## **Announcements**

Congratulations to **Maegan & Brett Rodriguez** on the birth of their daughter **Zyla Diane** on Sunday, August 31 weighing 5 pounds, 8 ounces and measuring 16 inches. Proud big brothers and sister are **Zethan, Zayne, Zayley,** and **Zaden!** 

Please join us for a **Baby Shower honoring Katelyn French** TODAY from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Katelyn & TC are expecting a baby girl and are registered at babylist.com.

**Congregational Singing** will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

**HELP WANTED:** Celebrate Recovery is in need of an additional child care provider on Thursdays, from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. This is a paid position. Please see Teresa Hermann if you can help

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be this Tuesday, September 9 at 7:00 a.m. at Black Bear Diner

**GriefShare** will begin this Wednesday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m. in room A101. Please see Sherry Reaves, Marty Justice, or Kerrie Schumacher for more information.

"The Journey Continues," a **Celebrate Recovery Ladies' Step Study** (covering books 5-8) will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. beginning September 24. If you've completed the 1st CR Step Study (covering books 1-4) and would enjoy seeking continued growth with like-minded sisters, we'd love to have you join us! For more information or to sign up, please contact Lorie Addison or email us at celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org.

The **Southern Sudan Mission Banquet** will be Friday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Those who would like to learn more and support the mission are invited to attend!

The WOCC Children's Ministry would like to invite all members to an **Ice Cream Social** on September 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC. If you would like to bring a gallon of ice cream to share, please sign up in the foyer. Homemade flavors and store bought are welcome!

The Senior Saints will attend the **Sight & Sound Presents: NOAH—Live!** at the Regal Lone Star Theatre in Tomball on Saturday, September 20. The tickets are \$20 (tickets will be purchased as money is received—please pay Denise Tolbert). Meet at WOCC at 2:20 p.m. The show begins at 3:15 p.m. We will eat at Harris County Smokehouse after the show. Please sign up in the foyer by September 14.

Fall is right around the corner, and with that brings so many wonderful blessings that God has given us during that season! We are looking forward to celebrating this special season at the WOCC CAR-Nival on October 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot of WOCC. In order for this event to happen, we need 30-40 cars to commit to hosting a game/activity. This means that families will decorate their trunk with a fun theme, and host a game/activity out of their trunk or by their car. Examples include: fishing game out of the trunk, Ring Toss, Ball Toss, Lollipop pull, ring around a coke toss, etc. Car owners will supply all decoration materials, will commit to setting up/taking down their individual games, and will supply treats/trinkets for kids coming by their car game/activity. If you need ideas/ help, please see Janna Wilkerson. Sign up in the foyer. If you sign up, please make sure you are committed.

As a congregation, we will be **Collecting Candy/Treats** to be passed out to the children at the "**CAR-Nival**". We will begin collecting these items TODAY in the designated box in the Auditorium foyer near the Children's Check In area. Please note that the event will take place in early October, when it can still be so hot in Texas! It is suggested that chocolate be avoided. Thank you!

## **Expectant Families**

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Krista & Jason Chapman Emily & James Dillard Elise & Daniel Fair Katelyn & TC French

## **Youth News**

The **Combined Youth Devo** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly.

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** Sunday, September 14. We will leave during the song after the scripture reading at the morning worship and return around 2:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please sign up at: <a href="https://www.basicyouthministry.com/event-details-registration/impact-meal-2">https://www.basicyouthministry.com/event-details-registration/impact-meal-2</a>!

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, September 14 immediately following the evening assembly at Crust Pizza.

There will be a **Girls Dinner Devo** Friday, September 19 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Melanie Whatley. Please RSVP on <u>basicyouthministry.com</u>.

Be sure to read the **September News Letter** at: <a href="https://secure.smore.com/n/kf37h">https://secure.smore.com/n/kf37h</a>.

### **Treehouse Kids**

Our Children's Ministry program is growing quickly, and we would like for parents with children ages 0-6th Grade to attend a **Children's Ministry Meeting** TODAY immediately following AM assembly in the Chapel Center to go over different aspects of our Children's Ministry program.

**Bible Builders Resumes** TONIGHT. Children ages 2yrs-Kinder will be dismissed at Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year" and learn about how God has interacted with His people throughout the ages.

**Sprouts Storytime** is BACK! Storytime is for children ages 0-Prek4. We will resume meeting this Wednesday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the PREK4 Room. We focus on a specific character trait/ theme every month, such as helpfulness, thankfulness, sharing, kindness, etc. that helps us learn to be more like Jesus. Together, we will sing songs, pray, read a book focused on our topic, do sensory play, a craft, have snack, play a game/activity, and more! Mrs. Janna is looking forward to seeing all of her friends together again!

There will be a **3rd—6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo** Saturday, September 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Founders Park in Willis. The van will leave WOCC at 4:30 p.m. and return at around 7:30 p.m. Let Janna know if you need transportation by September 15.

If you are interested in hosting a **3rd—6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo** this year, please contact Kevin or Janna Wilkerson.

Find more info on the **September News Letter** at: <a href="https://secure.smore.com/n/ahd1q">https://secure.smore.com/n/ahd1q</a>.

# **Sympathy**

Heartfelt condolences to Cleve & Darlene McMillion at the loss of their son, **Larry McMillion**, on Thursday, August 28. Larry is also the brother of Joy Stevens. Please keep the family in your prayers.

## Thank You

Dear WOCC Family,

Jeff and I would like to thank each of you for all the love and support for our Sarah Catherine and Nathan. Their special day was absolutely gorgeous, but that beauty was radiated by all the beautiful hands of our WOCC family working mightily together to make it a beautiful, perfect wedding day! We want to thank each one from our littles, teens, and adults that helped in so many ways last week. We love you!

Jane-Ann Fleming

<u>Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.</u>

WOCC Sharing Pantry: rice, beans, boxed potatoes

### This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
-	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Children's Ministry Meeting
	3:30 a.m.	Baby Shower for Katelyn French
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Congregational Singing
		Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders Resumes
	7:00 p.m.	Combined Youth Devo
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Black Bear Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class—Salad Luncheon
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Storytime Resumes
	4:30 p.m.	GriefShare
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class—Logan Cates
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball

# **Upcoming Events**

September 14	Sign Up Due for Senior Saints Sight & Sound Presents: Noah!	
	Impact CoC Meal	
	Youth Invasion—Crust Pizza	
September 16	Men's Luncheon	
September 19	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Whatley Home	
September 20	Senior Saints Sight & Sound Presents: NOAH—Live!	
	3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo—Founders Park	
September 21	Youth Invasion-"This or That"	
September 23	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper	
September 24	CR Step Study Class Begins	
September 26	Southern Sudan Banquet	
September 28	THK Memory Verse Check -In	
	Ice Cream Social	
September 30	Young Professionals Dinner Devo	
October 4	Men's Breakfast	
	WOCC Car-Nival	
October 5	Congregational Singing	
	High School Devo	
October 10-12	Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat	
October 12	Elder/Deacon Meeting	
	Youth Invasion—Coop's Hot Chicken	
October 18	Youth SNL	
October 19	Congregational Meeting	

# **Prayers**

- **Sheila Corley**/frequent visitor/passed away September 2/Please keep her daughter, Jordan, and the family in your prayers.
- **Tarolyn Keeney**/surgery Sept 5/will be in the hospital for several days.
- Please remember our members: Ann Brabham, Janet Foreman, Valerie Lowry, Laurie Mangham, Graciela Martinez, Victor Martinez, Laurie Riggs, Terry Seaman, Linda Steen.
- Please remember our Friends & Family: Mary Collins, Darwin Trevino.
- ₱ Members battling cancer: Tania Cantu, Denis Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Carolyn Keeney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock, Debra Thompson.
- **♥** Friends & family battling cancer: **Aaron Black, Brenda Booth, Steve Harding, Erika Phillips, Robert Redden, Bryan Titlow.**