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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 30, 2025 9:00 AM Bible Class 401 605 @ WOCC 10:15 AM Worship 176 Views online 6:00 PM Worship 227 \$31,602.98 Contribution Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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

7:00 PM Bible Class

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.

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Young Professionals: Hayden Talbott &

Karen Isherwood

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through October actual \$1,835,570.93 vs budget of \$1,683,600.50 for surplus of \$151,970.43.

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**

Bible Classes Wednesday 7:00 PM

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Elder of the Day

Raymond Walker

Adult Bible Classes:

"A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John" by Logan Cates Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"Parables of Jesus—Part 2" by Shan Jackson Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

"New Testament Concept of Worship" by Joel Blake Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

"The Book of Daniel" by Brant Mathis & Trent Tadlock Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

"Proverbs" (9th—12th) by Scott Logan, Shawn Montandon, Daniel Fair 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

"Apologetics 2" (9th –12th)

by Jordan Blake, Kaleb Steinhauer, Cameron Gardner Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

"Hebrews" (7th -8th) by Nathan Lockwood, Seth Dillon, Colton Cavanaugh 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 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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Be A Peace Maker

When Paul put his faith in Jesus and obeyed the gospel, his life immediately changed. The passion he displayed towards following the Law, he channeled toward following Jesus 110%. When he started following Jesus, the disciples in Jerusalem were afraid of him and understandably so. They thought he was pretending to follow Jesus.

"And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. ²⁸So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him. ³⁰And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus" (Acts 9:26-30).

This is a beautiful piece of Scripture. Paul who had been breathing threats and murder against the disciples of Jesus has become a disciple of Jesus. Jesus can change anyone! But Paul is not the only one who is changed in this text. The disciples at Jerusalem are understandably skeptical of Paul and his motives. I'm pretty sure I would have questioned Paul's sincerity. But Barnabas takes Paul to the apostles and tell them Paul's conversation story and Paul is a changed man for Jesus. Barnabas was interested in peace and unity. Through the peaceful work of Barnabas, the apostles and the other disciples in Jerusalem ware changed as well. Their hearts and minds were changed towards Paul. Paul was once their enemy and now he is their brother. I'm thankful for Barnabas and his willingness to listen to Paul.

Peace makers are immensely valuable to God's kingdom. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God" (Matt. 5:9). Peace makers work to restore relationships. Peace makers strive for unity. Peace makers don't ignore problems; they look for God honoring solutions. Peace makers seek righteousness and goodness. Peace makers are willing to sacrifice their rights. Peacemakers think of others before themselves. Peace makers want to see Jesus formed in others. The world needs more peace makers.

God loves you!

Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

Announcements

Sunny Glen Donations are Due TODAY.

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

There will be a brief **Mission Committee Report/presentation** of the Vermont trip in August TONIGHT after the singing assembly (A shortened singing assembly is planned).

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be this Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 a.m. at Honor Café.

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Suppe**r on Monday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

For those signed up, the **Senior Saints will attend** *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Crighton Theatre on Friday, December 19.

Our **Cookies and Cocoa Social** will take place on Sunday, December 21 at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC. The entire congregation is invited. Please bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookie or treat for our Cookie Swap. Disposable containers preferred. Thank you!

Join us for our **New Years Eve Game Night!** We will meet in the Chapel Center at 5:00 p.m. to enjoy pizza and games. We will break at 7:00 p.m. to come to the auditorium for our church devo. At 8:00 p.m. we will resume our game night and enjoy desserts. Babysitting will be provided for \$10 per child in the gym. For questions see Lizzie Stegall or Alix Randow! Please sign up by December 21 at:

https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F0E4FAFAF2EAAF85-59431645-nyegame.

On Wednesday, December 31, we will have a combined devotional service led by our boys and young men instead of classes. If your son would like to participate by **Leading a Prayer, Song, or Reading a Scripture**, please have him contact Frank Kerze in-person or via text by Sunday, December 21 with what he would like to lead.

There will be a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, January 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the WOCC parking lot. Please sign up at: https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive.schedule/400832.

The Montandons & O'Connors invite you to a **Come & Go Reception in Honor of John & Elle O'Connor** on Sunday, January 4 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Light refreshments will be served.

Prayers

- **Cherene McDonald**/was scheduled to have surgery for fractured humerus December 6.
- **Weadow**/niece of Laurie Mangham/admitted to ICU December 1 from severe reaction to chemo medication.
- Rhonda Mashburn/back surgery December 2 went well/upcoming cancer treatments/If you would like to read more detailed updates, you can follow Rhonda's journey on her Caringbridge page here.
- **Carolyn Keeney/**CT Scan was good/undergoing radiation treatments.
- **Wiara Coyle**/open myomectomy surgery scheduled for December 10.
- Please remember our members: Kaylie Harding, Darryl Hermann, Valerie Lowry, Cleve McMillion, Laurie Riggs, Terry Seaman, Sonny Taylor.
- Please remember our Friends & Family: Roger Borne, Elmo & Mary Collins.
- Members battling cancer: Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Denise Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Carolyn Keeney, Cynthia Lockwood, Rhonda Mashburn, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Harold Mangham, Rhonda Mashburn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock.
- Friends & family battling cancer: Brenda Booth, Steve Harding, Lacey Hunter, Jennifer Jones, Ty Mynhier, Erika Phillips, Robert Redden, Marina Spargo, Barbara Starr, Bryan Titlow.

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

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Personal Care: Shampoo, Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Hygiene Products Sunny Glen Children's Home: salad dressing, potato chip variety packs, square dinner napkins, Lysol toilet bowl cleaner, multi-surface cleaner (Pine-Sol, Mr. Clean, Fabuloso), heavy duty nitrile latex free gloves, refried beans (15oz), nacho cheese sauce (15 oz), disposable plastic party cups, disinfecting wipes, small space air fresheners, baby wash & shampoo.

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Group & Parent Meeting** TODAY immediately following the morning assembly in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

The next **Combined Devo** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the FLC.

Those signed up for the **Junior High Progressive Dinner** will meet this Friday, December 12 and the **High School Progressive Dinner** will meet this Saturday, December 13. Vans will depart WOCC at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a \$10 gift.

The **Youth Service** has been moved to this Saturday, December 13! Please meet at WOCC at 11:00 a.m. for caroling at Heritage Oaks. Please RSVP at <u>basicyouthministry.com</u> if you will attend.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, December 14 immediately following the evening assembly at Whataburger (6203 FM 1488).

Sign up for the **Youth Winter Retreat** is now open! The retreat will be January 9-11 at Camp Hensel. The cost is \$30. Please sign up by Thursday, December 25 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduV1E9xy6ow-TzBR83G4Bsj-Xh4ldS-ifJT3ilWn6EU0F4A/viewform.

Youth December Newsletter: https://app.smore.com/n/ypjxq.

Treehouse Kids

Sprouts Storytime: Please join us this Wednesday, December 10 at 10:00 a.m., This will be our last story time before the holiday break.

Our **December Memory Verse Challenge** will be Sunday, December 21 between Bible class and Worship in the foyer. Our verse of the month is: 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

The **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Devo and Lock In** will take place on December 21 starting at 7:30 p.m. in the FLC following evening services. Pickup will be at 8:00 a.m. December 22. Please RSVP to Kevin Wilkerson by December 18.

December News Letter: https://app.smore.com/n/yng79

Thank You

Thank you so much for the wonderful college snack bags! It was so encouraging! I appreciate all you do to make everyone feel special and loved! I am thankful for each and every one of you!

In Christian, Ava Montandon

I cannot imagine saying "goodbye for now" to my Mom, Robbie Kirby, without the support of my church family. Please know that I appreciate the care and love that has been expressed to us. I thank you for your notes of sympathy and your hugs and texts. Each one has helped me feel your love. We are so blessed here at Woodland Oaks to laugh together and share sadness together. She was a faithful daughter of God which is of great comfort! Lastly, God is the God of all comfort and He gives that to us so we may in turn comfort others! Thank you for living out His plan! 2 Cor 1:3,4

In Christ, Janet and Scott Logan

Words seem inadequate when trying to express our thankfulness for what the Lord's Church means to us through the Woodland Oaks Church family. Prayers offered, meals prepared and delivered, cards, texts, phone calls, etc. have truly helped the healing process after surgery. God is and has been incredibly gracious to us and has blessed us beyond measure. Blessings and many thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rodney and Myra Burke

Expectant Families

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Emily & James Dillard Alyssa & Tim Park Elle & Jackson Pate

This Week

Today		Sunny Glen Donations Due
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	Youth Parent Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
		TX Bible Bowl Practice
		Mission Commity Report
	7:00 p.m.	Combined Devo
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Honor Café
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Storytime
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Junior High Progressive Dinner
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Youth Service
	5:00 p.m.	High School Progressive Dinner

Upcoming Events

December 14	Youth Invasion—Whataburger
December 15	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
December 16	Men's Luncheon - Chili's (1110 Lake Woodlands Dr,)
December 17	Quilting Group
December 18	RSVP for 3rd to 6th Grade Boys Devo Lock In
December 20	Senior Saints—The Best Christmas Pageant Ever @ Crighton
December 21	Sign Up Due for New Years Eve Game Night
	THK Memory Verse Check In
	THK Sunday Social: Cookies & Cocoa
	Youth Invasion
December 21-22	3rd - 6th Grade Boys Lock In
December 23-26	Church Offices Closed
December 24	No Assembly
December 25	Sign Up for Youth Winter Retreat Due
December 31	New Years Eve Game Night
	Combined Devo—No Children's Classes
January 1	Church Offices Closed
January 3	Men's Breakfast
January 4	Blood Drive
	Come & Go Reception in Honor of John & Elle O'Connor
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Invasion
January 6	Young Professionals Dinner Devo
January 9-11	Youth Winter Retreat
January 17	Stronger Marriage & Families Workshop with Trey & Lea Morgan

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Linda Alexander at the loss of her husband and our brother in Christ, **Erving Alexander**, on November 27. Please keep Linda and the family in your prayers.

Deepest sympathy at the loss of former member **Freddie Sepulvado** on November 27. The service was held December 5 in Conroe. Please keep Freddie's wife, Donna Sepulvado, mother-in-law, Ann Gilbert, and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info at: https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/conroe-tx/frederick-sepulvado-12634427.

Heartfelt condolences to Karen Enders at the loss of her father, **Gerald Enders**, on Wednesday, December 3. There will be a private family service. Please keep Karen, his wife, Sally, and the family in your prayers during this difficult time.