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Tassels On Your Heart

“The LORD said to Moses, ‘Speak to the people of Israel, and tell them to make tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and to put a cord of blue on the tassel of each corner. And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after. So you shall remember and do all my commandments, and be holy to your God. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: I am the LORD your God’” (Numbers 15:37-41).

The Israelites were instructed to make tassels with a blue cord and attach them to the corners of their garments. When an Israelite saw the tassel and blue cord during his/her day, they would be reminded of all the LORD’s commandments and His holiness. So simple and helpful. This instruction comes directly after a man was stoned for not remembering the LORD’s commands and violating the Sabbath. I imagine Israel was very thankful for the tassel reminder. Back to the purpose of the tassel. The tassel would be a reminder of the LORD’s commandments and a reminder to DO them so they would be holy to the LORD. It was a reminder that YHWH was their God and He brought them out of Egypt. But there was another reason for the tassel. There was a negative reminder. The tassel reminded them to NOT follow their own heart and their own eyes which they were inclined to whore after. There was a reminder to do the right thing and not do the wrong thing. The purpose of the tassel was to keep the LORD and His holiness on the minds of His people.

There are so many things in the day that distract us from the LORD and His purpose for us. It’s so easy to get busy in things of the day that the LORD’s will and purpose can be pushed out of our minds. When the LORD and His commandments are pushed to the side of our minds, it’s natural to pursue our self-interests. That’s why Jesus says, “Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matt. 6:33).

God loves you!
Shawn

Keep reading your Bible and keep seeking God’s will!

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

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| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Bible Classes |
| | 10:15 AM | Morning Assembly |
| | 6:00 PM | Evening Assembly |
| Wednesday | 7:00 PM | Bible Classes |

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Elder of the Day Marty Miller

Communion Leader Cleo Tarver

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:

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| 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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Missions

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

Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through December 31, 2024 are \$1,987,832.17 compared to a budgeted amount of \$1,915,387.00 producing a surplus of \$72,445.17.

Notes

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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, January 26, 2025

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| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 457 |
| 10:15 AM Worship | 597 @ WOCC 236 Views online |
| 6:00 PM Worship | 271 |
| Contribution | \$42,188.19 |

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

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| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 297 |
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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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6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252
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Announcements

The **Elders are Seeking an Additional Shepherd and Additional Deacons** to serve our congregation. Elder and Deacon Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Center. Each member is requested to submit the separate Elder and Deacon Nomination forms using the box in the foyer. The deadline to submit nominations is TODAY, February 2.

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** has been moved to Sunday, February 16, immediately following the evening assembly. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, February 4 at 11:30 a.m. at Black Walnut Café.

The AIM team, is scheduled to arrive this week to serve our congregation as part of **AIM Challenge Week**. Be on the lookout, you will definitely want to get to know this fantastic group of young men and ladies.

Sweetheart Banquet: Calling all sweethearts 65 years or older whether single or not, to sign up to be served a fine luncheon by the sweethearts of our Youth Group. Younger spouses are absolutely welcome to join too. The sign up list is in the worship foyer near the name tag wall board. The banquet will be Saturday, February 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Any questions, please contact Todd Watrous.

Hip hip HOORAY! **VBS** is coming! If you are interested in serving at VBS in any way, please let Janna Wilkerson know. We have some fun changes coming this year, and we need all hands on deck to make this a success for our kiddos!

There will be a **VBS Meeting** Sunday, February 16 from 5:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Anyone interested in helping with our 2025 VBS is asked to attend this meeting.

As part of the 2025 Jersey Village Lectureship, they will be hosting an **Area Wide Singing** on February 9 @ 3:30 p.m. If any men would like to lead singing at this Area-Wide Singing, please contact Matthew Hite by February 5 at: mwhitejvcoc@gmail.com. Leaders are asked to choose and lead 2-3 songs.

We are in need of more **Golf Cart Drivers**. Drivers must be a member of WOCC and at least 21 years of age. If you are interested, please contact Philip Leonardos.

Save the Date! **WOCC Family Camp** will be June 6-8!

Thank You

The Gilmer family deeply appreciates the overwhelming love and support shown during this challenging time as we mourn the loss of our beloved son, Jonathan. From food being prepared and brought to our home, countless messages and cards of hope and courage to providing a beautiful and thoughtful funeral service. Words can never fully express our gratitude.

Sincerely, Bryan and Vicki Gilmer

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

Youth News

There will be a **Combined Devo** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly.

Those who signed up for the **Youth Winter Retreat** meet at the Chapel Center for a pizza dinner at 4:30 p.m. this Friday, February 7. The vans will leave WOCC at 5:45 p.m. and will return Sunday afternoon, February 9. Please bring money for a meal on the way back.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, February 9 immediately following the evening assembly at Chipotle/Baskin Robbins (3085 College Park Dr.)

The next **Youth Bible Study** will be Tuesday, February 11, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Watrous Home. .

Youth Service: The Youth will be serving our senior members at the **Sweetheart Banquet** Saturday, February 15. If you can help serve, please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/Sweetheart-banquet>.

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 meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

Dorcas Bible Class (for girls K- 6th grade) will be this Saturday, February 8. Meet in the room A101 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

Our annual **Treehouse Kids Mother Son Date Night** is HERE! The big night is set for February 21 from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This is for Moms *or a mother figure* and sons up to current 6th graders! We will go bowling, play laser tag, have fun at the arcade, and enjoy a pizza dinner at Main Event: The Woodlands! Please RSVP no later than February 14 at: <https://bit.ly/mother-son-date-night>!

Our annual **THK Daddy Daughter Date Night** will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28 in the Chapel Center at WOCC. Kindly RSVP by February 20 at <https://bit.ly/daddy-daughter-date-night>. Attire: Church clothes *princess dresses welcome!* What to Expect: Dinner, Horse drawn carriage rides, jewelry making, build your own bouquet, games, and dessert!

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



Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Janna Wilkerson at the loss of her grandmother, **Bobbie Lou Arrant**, on Sunday, January 26. Funeral services were held January 31 in West Monroe, LA. Please pray for Janna and Kevin as they travel to be with family this week, as well as comfort for her family as they deal with the loss of a loved one. You can read the obituary and find more info at: <https://www.kilpatrickfuneralhomes.com/obituary/bobbie-o-arrant/>.

Expectant Families

Lindsey & Doug Peak

Whitney & Jeremiah White

This Week

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| Today | 9:00 a.m. | Elder/Deacon Nomination Forms Due |
| | 10:15 a.m. | Bible Class |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Worship |
| | | Evening Worship—Congregational Singing |
| | | TX Bible Bowl Practice |
| | 6:15 p.m. | Bible Builders |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Combined Youth Devo |
| Monday | 4:00 p.m. | Pickleball-Women |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Pickleball |
| Tuesday | | AIM Challenge Week |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Ladies Bible Class - Stay & Play |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Men's Luncheon—Black Walnut Café |
| Wednesday | 9:30 a.m. | Quilting Group |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sprouts Story Time |
| | 4:00 p.m. | GriefShare |
| | 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 | | Church Office Closed |
| | 5:45 p.m. | Depart for Youth Winter Retreat |
| Saturday | 9:30 a.m. | Dorcas Class |

Upcoming Events

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| February 9 | L2L Debate Practice |
| | Youth Invasion—Chipotle/Baskin Robbins |
| February 11 | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| | Ladies Bible Class & Soup & Sandwich Luncheon |
| | Youth Bible Study |
| February 14 | Sign Up for THK Mother Son Date Night Due |
| February 15 | Sweetheart Banquet |
| February 16 | VBS Meeting |
| | Annual Congregational Meeting |
| February 17 | Church Offices Closed |
| | Youth Girls Dinner Devo |
| February 20 | Sign Up Due for THK Daddy Daughter Date Night |
| February 21-23 | Youth Rally-Enterprise Blvd CoC, Lake Charles, LA |
| February 21 | THK Mother-Son Date Night—Bowling |
| February 23 | THK Memory Verse Check In |
| February 24 | Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper |
| February 28 | THK Daddy Daughter Date Night |
| Feb 28- Mar 2 | Telling the Story Evangelism Conference—Preston Crest CoC |

Prayers

- † **Erika Phillips**/daughter of Graciella & Victor Martinez/surgery was successful to remove cancer/follow-up scan in March/please pray for cancer-free report.
- † **Tom Boren**/knee replacement surgery January 30.
- † **Rodney Burke**/CT scan & bloodwork @ MD Anderson January 30/upcoming appointment to determine treatment plan.
- † **Janice Tadlock**/biopsies @ MD Anderson January 31.
- † **Bowen**/newborn son of Ashley Trent's friend/upcoming surgery for a birth defect/first surgery was unsuccessful.
- † Please remember our members: **Barbara Dickinson, Debbie Dobbs, Debi Hix, Jim Hodges, Nell Love, Valerie Lowry, Laurie Riggs, Terry Seaman, Mary Williams, Wayne Yates.**
- † Please remember our friends & family: **Judy Adams, Mitchell Hodges, Lacey Hunter, Nathan Jones, Doug Lowe, Yvette 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, Lana Webster.**
- † Friends & family battling cancer: **Glenda Coyle, Lisa Geerman, Steve Harding, Ella Kasinger, D'Ann Norwood.**

If you could use meals during times of need, please contact the church office at 936-273-0010 or information@woodlandoaks.org