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God Uses People

Last I checked, 117 have committed to reading through their Bible this year. That’s wonderful! I would guess there are more who haven’t signed the list but are committed to reading their Bible. If you are following the daily Bible reading chart that’s on the table in the foyer, then last week you read the life of Joseph. To put it mildly, Joseph had a very eventful life. He had 11 brothers who were jealous of him. He was sold by his brothers into slavery. He was falsely accused of rape. He unjustly spent time in prison. He interpreted Pharaoh’s dream and was promoted to 2nd in command in Egypt. Thankfully, before he died, Joseph saw his father again and was reconciled to his brothers. If there’s one thing we learn from the life of Joseph, it’s that God uses people. The entire Bible bears this out. Over and over in Scripture we see God using people.

God wanted Joseph in Egypt and so God used events (mostly terrible events) in Joseph’s life to get him in Egypt. If we could interview Joseph and ask him about how God worked in his life, he would probably say something like, “*Well I couldn’t see God at work in the moment, because things went from bad to worse before they got better. But as I look back on my life, I can certainly see how God used all those terrible things in my life for His glory.*” Once God got Joseph where He needed him, God saved the known world at that time through Joseph and more importantly, God saved His people who would become the nation of Israel and bring Jesus into the world. Sometimes it is hard to see God working in our lives. Sometimes God uses the worse of circumstances to bring about a great good in the course of time. Remember the life of Joseph. Look for God at work, and remember, when things aren’t going your way, God might be doing some of His greatest work in your life. Joseph told his brothers, “*As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today*” (Gen. 50:20).

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

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

Butch Merriman

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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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:00 AM Bible Class 386
10:15 AM Worship 641 @ WOCC
258 Views Online
6:00 PM Worship 273
Contribution \$79,056.52

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

7:00 PM Bible Class 358

You may give online at:

<https://woodlandoaks.givingfire.com/>

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
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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 October actual \$1,835,570.93 vs budget of \$1,683,600.50 for surplus of \$151,970.43.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Meredith & Bryce Caldwell** on the birth of their daughter, **Joanna Marie** on Wednesday, January 14 weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces and measuring 20.25 inches. Proud big siblings are **Sarabeth & Ellis**. Grandparents are **Bruce & Pat Caldwell** and **Richard & Trisha Hyde**.

Aubree Peiretti's last day at WOCC is today. She is leaving tomorrow, January 19, for the US Air Force. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sign up to **Read Through the Bible in 2026** at the table in the foyer!

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, January 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Guadalajara Hacienda (27885 I-45, Shenandoah, TX 77380).

The next **Young Professionals Potluck Devo** will be this Tuesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

The **Elder/Deacon Meeting** has been moved to Sunday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

The next **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be Monday, January 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

The **Men's Advance** will be January 30 & 31 in the WOCC Chapel Center. Tony Bloom will be the guest speaker. Sign up TODAY at the table in the foyer. Please see Robert Shock for more information.

If you are participating in **Bible Bowl** and are planning to attend the **Texas State Bible Bowl** weekend from March 27-29 at Camp Bandina, please complete the following form by January 31. Thank you! https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfP55-t6PrzvNMzEjVpkDQyJH_oUOaA8wpfEUTxph8BEKtigQ/viewform.

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 welcome to join. The banquet will be Saturday, February 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please sign up in the Worship Foyer.

Those who completed their 2025 Bible Reading, the **2025 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be February 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center! Please sign up individually in the foyer and indicate whether you will attend by Wednesday, February 11.

Save the Date! **Family Camp** will be June 5-7! More info coming soon.

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the many assortments and gifts in the college care package! I love and appreciate my home congregation very much.

Noah Taylor

Dear Church Family,
Thank you to everyone who helped set up, volunteered during the event, helped with childcare, worked in the kitchen, and helped clean up during the Faithful Families Marriage and Parenting Conference yesterday! I am always blown away by the kindness and teamwork of our church family. Without each of you, this weekend would not have been possible. I appreciate your selflessness, kindness, and servant like attitudes so much!

In Him, Janna Wilkerson

The last blood drive drew 18 volunteers and generated blood products that have the capacity to save 54 lives. For those that can give but haven't, please understand that your lifeblood is the most direct way that you can contribute to the life of ailing humans in need. In most cases, it truly is the difference between life or death. What's more is that since it is anonymous, your sacrifice is between you and God. Please consider donating this summer when the blood center returns.

Thanks! Kyle Gordley

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers , their notes by mail, text messages and emails. My recovery from the shoulder surgery is going extremely well and I should be back attending classes, assembly, and gatherings this week.

Hank Van Joslin

Youth News

The **High School Devo** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center.

Please join us for a **Boys Dinner Devo** this Friday, January 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the FLC.

There will be a **Youth SNL** this Saturday, January 24 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We will have a **Photo Scavenger Hunt**. Teens are responsible for getting a team (4 to 6 teens) and an adult driver (teens cannot drive). Once you have your team and driver, please let Aaron know. If you need help finding a team, please let Aaron know. We will meet at the building. Teens will need to have the Goosechase app downloaded on their phones!

High school students are invited to attend **“Teach The Truth” T3 Commission** weekend February 13-15 at the Lewisville church of Christ. The weekend is designed to bring glory to God through praise in song, study of His Word, fellowship, and the equipping of His people for good works in our modern world. Please sign up at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeCr-hB8x09rV0HluwriJFmzWT01gHszLDAq5vUsfD7BX42HQ/viewform> by Wednesday, February 4! You can find more information about the event at: <https://www.t3texas.com/>.

Youth January Newsletter: <https://app.smore.com/n/1adwm>.

Please fill out the **Elevate Interest Form** (Current 9th-12th Grade Only) at: <https://forms.gle/4iyJ9UrU3PiNVyXG7> This form is to gauge interest in our group for Elevate July 17-25 this summer. There will be more detailed information sent out once we receive it from Elevate Outdoors. This form is needed to get a headcount for planning purposes.

Treehouse Kids

Bible Builders: Children ages 2 years-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.

There will be a **3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner and Devo** this Friday, January 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Matt and Candice Fitzgerald. This is a parent provided transportation event. Please RSVP to Candice Fitzgerald by January 20.

Our next **Dorcas Class** for 3rd-6th grade girls will take place this Saturday, January 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in room A101..

We will be having our **Mother Son Date Night** for our Treehouse Kid boys and their Moms on January 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Incredible Pizza Company. Please RSVP by Sunday, January 25 via the link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAA2FA5F9C07-61404318-wocc>.

January News Letter: <https://app.smore.com/n/epyu0>.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to the Sims & Harding families at the loss of **Laura Harding** on Monday, January 12. Please keep Laura's daughter-in-law, Krista Harding, and all the Harding grandchildren in your prayers.

Expectant Families

Alyssa & Tim Park
Elle & Jackson Pate

Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Breakfast Items: cereal, oatmeal single packages in box, breakfast bars, canned and fruit cups, juice boxes

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	High School Devo
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball Sign Up for 3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo Due
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Guadalajara Hacienda
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Young Professionals Potluck Devo
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:30 p.m.	Meal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	3rd-6th Grade Boys Devo @ The Fitzgeralds
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Boys Dinner Devo @ WOCC
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Class Resumes
	7:00 p.m.	Youth SNL Scavenger Hunt

Upcoming Events

January 25	Sign Up for THK Mother Son Date Night Due Memory Verse Check In Elder/ Deacon Meeting Junior High Devo
January 26	Senior Saints Game Night and Potluck
January 28	Sprouts Storytime
January 30	THK Mother Son Date Night
January 30-31	Men's Advance
February 1	Congregational Singing Youth Invasion - Crust Pizza
February 3	Young Professionals Dinner Devo
February 6-12	AIM Challenge Week
February 7	Sweetheart Banquet
February 8	Youth Superbowl Party
February 11	Sign Up for the 2025 Bible Readers' Banquet Due

Prayers

- ✚ **Tyrone Mynhier**/was scheduled to have a heart procedure Friday, January 16.
- ✚ **Jettie Huff**/scheduled to have rotator cuff surgery on January 21.
- ✚ **Cindy Smith**/shoulder replacement surgery on January 14 went well.
- ✚ **Margaret Campbell**/had surgery for broken hip/in rehab/no visitors please.
- ✚ **Carolyn Keeney**/was taken to hospital for radiation side effects on January 12.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Bryce Arnold, Gavin Dao, Betty Fowler, Jeri French, Darryl Hermann, Valerie Lowry, Linda Reeve, Laurie Riggs, Hank Van Joslin.**
- ✚ Please remember our Friends & Family: **Elmo Collins.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Denise Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Carolyn Keeney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Harold Mangham, Roger McDonald, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Linda Garms, Steve Harding, Lacey Hunter, Jennifer Jones, Bob McDougal, Erika Phillips, Marina Spargo.**

New Members

Todd & Melisa Weaver
Olivia

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