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You Reap What You Sow

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life” (Galatians 6:7,8).

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 12:5-8).

Unless you have your head stuck in the sand, you’re aware of the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics. You’re also aware of what seemed to be a loose depiction of Leonardo’s Da Vinci’s painting, “The Last Supper” on the Debilly Bridge over the Seine River with drag queens and a portrayal of the Greek god Dionysus. There has been quite the outrage over the event. Whether the scene was intended to mock the Last Supper or not has neither been expressly stated by Paris Olympic officials, nor has it been denied to my knowledge, but the similarities are very striking. In an article on Yahoo News, Will Bolton wrote, “The organizers of the Paris Olympics have apologized after a drag queen parody of Leonardo Da Vinci’s Last Supper featured in the opening ceremony . . . On Sunday, Anne Deschamps, a Paris 2024 spokesman, said that ‘clearly there was never an intention to show disrespect to any religious group.’ Ms. Deschamps said that the opening ceremony ‘tried to celebrate community tolerance.’”

Immediately Christians took to social media and expressed how shocked they were that nonbelievers were capable of such disgraceful behaviors. Other Christians were quick to point out that everyone sins, and we need to love everyone and stop attacking people. We should never make concessions for sin, but we shouldn’t be shocked that the world loves darkness. In the days of Noah, “The wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was on evil continually” (Genesis 6:5). During the period of the Judges, “Everyone did what was right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25). Nothing has changed. The world loves wickedness. This is the nature of the world. It’s broken. “People loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed” (John 3:19).

Don’t be surprised when the world chooses darkness over the light. The behaviors of the world should sadden us, but not surprise us. Our job isn’t to whine, gripe, and complain about the offensive actions of people in darkness, and we certainly don’t need to mock them back (1 Peter 2:21-24). Believers must shine the light of Jesus, exposing the unfruitful works of darkness while displaying the fruit of the Spirit until Jesus returns and judges the world. On that day, we can rest assured that He will not be mocked. Until then, pray that the LORD will use you to bring someone out of darkness and into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

God loves you,
Shawn

Keep on 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 Mark Freeman

Communion Leader Chris Wright

Adult Bible Classes:

“Foundations of Faith II: Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Spiritual Identity, Our Worship” by Bob Klemm—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“A Study of Acts 1-12: Extra Ordinary & Significant” by Marty Miller—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

“1st & 2nd Corinthians” by Chris Wright
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

“Faithful Fathers Bible Class: What is a Dad . . . In God’s Eyes” (Men) by Scott Logan
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)

“David: A Man After God’s Own Heart” (Young Professionals) by Randy Sparks
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in Chapel Center Room C201

“Encounters With Jesus” by Various Teachers
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

“The Bible Quoting the Psalms” (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in C106 (Magnolia Room)

Teen Bible Classes:

“1 & 2 Timothy & Titus” (9th–12th) by Logan Cates/Gavin Dao
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Numbers & Law” (7th –8th) by Kevan Taylor
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

“James” (7th –12th Girls) by Various Teachers
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Becoming the Men We Need” (7th –12th Boys) by Various Teachers
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0–1 year	A103
1 year	A105/A106
2 years	A107
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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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, July 28, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	373
10:15 AM Worship	604 @ WOCC 257 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	259
Contribution	\$29,748.60

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	262
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Contacts:

Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant
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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 May 31, 2024 are \$893,102 compared with a budgeted amount of \$798,078 producing a surplus of \$95,024.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Rose & Steven Gailey** on the birth of their son, **Ethan Michael**, who was born Sunday, July 28 weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches. **Annie** is the proud big sister.

Please join us for **Ladies Bible Class** beginning Tuesday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up begins TODAY in the Worship Foyer.

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

Heart to Home Sign Up is now open at: <https://bit.ly/WOCCH2H>. **Heart to Home** is a year long opportunity for women in our congregation to gather monthly in 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 2024-25 will end August 18. Women will be divided as "moms" and "sisters." Moms serve as hostesses and sisters are the guests. If you have any questions please reach out to Patricia Osborn.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, August 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Pallotta's Italian Grill.

Please join us Saturday, August 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Woodland Oaks Church of Christ Chapel Center to celebrate the **50th Wedding Anniversary of Rex and Linda Reeve!** Let's come together to honor their love and commitment over the past five decades. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Annika Victorson**, bride elect of Alex Yanochik, on Sunday, August 11 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Annika & Alex are registered at Crate & Barrel.

Texas Bible Bowl 2025 Registration is live! Please register before August 16. We will begin meeting on Sunday, August 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bible Bowl is for children grades 3rd and up, as well as adults. The link to register is: <https://bit.ly/2024txbbl>.

Mission Updates

There was another baptism in Vermont recently. This time it was Kirk and Karen Israel's 20 yr old grandson, Ely Stoner. We'd love for people from the congregation to send him notes of encouragement. His mailing address is below:

Thank You

A special thank you to the families that opened their homes to the summer interns. Adam & Monica Fracht for hosting Jacob Stapleton. Also, Joel & Kendra Blake for hosting Ellie Kate Fitzhugh.

Youth News

The final **Jabberwacky** for this year will be TOMORROW, August 5 at League City CoC. The vans will depart WOCC at 5:15 p.m. The theme will be 80's, so please wear retro 80's attire. Please RSVP [here](#).

There will be a **Youth Invasion** on Sunday, August 11 immediately following the evening assembly.

Mark your calendar for a **7th-12th Grade Girls Pool Party** to kick-off a new year of girls Dinner Devos on Sunday, August 25 at Sara Blake's home. The van will depart from WOCC after morning service and return around 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP [here](#). See Emma Montandon or Elise Fair for additional information.

Treehouse Kids

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 "adopt" a child to pray over this school year in the foyer TODAY.

Attention All Moms: Please join us for a light brunch, devo, and to cover our children in prayer at our **Tears and Cheers Back to School Prayer Brunch** on August 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel center. Please sign up by August 12 via link: <https://bit.ly/wocctearsandcheers>.

Mark your calendars! The **Back to School Snow Cones and Scavenger Hunt** will be Saturday, August 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.! Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/woccb2s>.

Prayers

- ✚ **Beth Wade**/surgical procedure went well and she is now home/ please call before visiting.
- ✚ **Ella Kasinger**/16 year old daughter of Josh & Whitney Kasinger (former minister at Bammel CoC)/was diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma and is undergoing chemo treatments.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Laurie Riggs**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Lisa Geerman, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Patricia Franklin, Camellia Jackson, Barbara Starr.**

Expectant Family

Maria & John Moehlenbrock

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The WOCC Sharing Pantry is in need of Back to School: Jello, pudding packs & mixes, seasoning & gravy envelopes, condiments
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Pancake Mix, Paper Towels/Napkins, Body Wash, BBQ Sauce

This Week

Today		Sign up for Ladies Bible Class Opens THK Prayer Buddy Adoption Fair
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Congregational Singing
Monday	4:)) p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	5:15 p.m.	Van depart for Jabberwacky—League City CoC
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Pallotta's Italian Grill
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Reeve 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Upcoming Events

August 11	Bridal Shower for Annika Victorson—Bride elect of Alex Yanochik
	Youth Invasion
August 16	Tears and Cheers THK Parents Prayer Brunch
	Sign Up for TX Bible Bowl Due
August 17	THK Back to School Snow Cones and Scavenger Hunt Bash
August 18	Speed Fellowship
	TX Bible Bowl Kick-Off
August 20	Senior Saint Game Night & Potluck Supper
August 25	Youth Girls Pool Party
	Youth Invasion
August 28	GriefShare Begins
September 1	Fall Quarter Begins
	Congregational Singing
	High School Devo
September 3	Ladies Bible Class Begins
September 4	Wednesday Fellowship Meals Resume
September 7	Men's Breakfast
September 8	Sunny Glen Children's Home Donations Due
	Bible Builders Resume
	Youth Invasion
September 15	JR High Devo
September 22	Youth Invasion
September 27	Southern Sudan Banquet
September 28	Youth SNL Devo
October 5	Men's Breakfast

Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to Marty Miller at the loss of his sister-in-law, **Patti Miller**, on Thursday, July 25. The services was held Friday, August 2. Please keep Marty and the family in your prayers. [Obituary](#)

Heartfelt condolences to Debra Miller at the loss of her father, **Milton Adams**, on Sunday, July 28. The services are scheduled for August 6 in Snyder, TX. Please keep Debra and the family in your prayers. [Obituary](#)