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A Case Of Mistaken Identity

Monday morning, I dropped Levi off at school and then drove to Starbucks for a cup of coffee and to study. As I pulled into the parking lot, I saw a man standing outside the coffee shop with a backpack and small suitcase. He was dressed in business casual without a jacket. After I parked, he began to walk behind my car, and before I could get out, he opened my back door and said, "Hey just pop the trunk." I calmly responded, "Sorry, but I'm not your ride." He began to profusely apologize and said he was waiting on a white Toyota car to pick him up. I told him, "Don't worry about it and I hope you have a nice day."

That's a first for me. I've never been mistaken for an Uber or Lyft driver before, but my car matched the same description of the car he was waiting on, so I understand why the man would mistake me for his ride. Mistaking the identity of a person can be embarrassing.

There are several times in the Bible when Jesus was mistaken for someone else or people didn't recognize Jesus for who He is. Misunderstanding the identity of Jesus is a life and death matter.

- The people in his hometown of Nazareth only recognized Jesus as the son of Mary and the brother to James, Joseph, Judas, Simon, and his sisters. They were astonished by his teachings and wisdom, but they took offense because they knew his family. The people of Nazareth made a fatal mistake by not seeing Jesus for who He really is. Jesus marveled because of their unbelief (Mark 6:1-6).
- In Matthew 16, after feeding 4,000 men plus women and children, Jesus asks his disciples a question about his identity. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The disciples said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets" (Matt. 16:14). Sadly, the multitudes were mistaken about the identity of Jesus.
- Still today many have a mistaken understanding about Jesus. There are people who still argue that Jesus is not a real historical figure. Others argue that Jesus was simply a good man, no different than anyone else. Some mistake Jesus for being an enlightened spiritual leader equal to Buddha, Confucius, or Muhammed.

Jesus is a good man. Jesus is an enlightened spiritual leader. But Jesus is way more than a good spiritual leader. Jesus is God (John 1:1-18; John 3:16; John 8:58; Mark 14:61-63). A proper understanding of the identity of Jesus is a matter of life and death. Jesus said, "I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am He you will die in your sins" (John 8:24). Peter got Jesus right, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16).

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 Marty Miller
Communion Leader Joel Blake

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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Missions

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

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, August 11, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	444
10:15 AM Worship	696 @ WOCC 186 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	221
Contribution	\$28,254.88

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	301
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You may give online at:

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

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:
Woodland Oaks Church of Christ
6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252
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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 **Coen Dozier** who was baptized Sunday, August 11! Welcome to the family Coen!

Congratulations to **Rocky & Gina Rutledge** who celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 17!

Heart to Home Sign Up is due TODAY 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). 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.

Speed Fellowship will be TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please arrive early!

Texas Bible Bowl 2025 will begin meeting TONIGHT from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 3rd—6th grade will meet in the Magnolia Room with Mrs. Janna. 7th grade—adults will meet in the Chapel Center with Raymond Walker, Al Ardito, & Jessica Hooks.

We are still needing **Bible Class Teachers for the Fall Quarter**. Current openings include: Sunday Kinder teacher & K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th grade helpers; Wednesday, 2 year old & 4 year old teacher & helpers, and Journeyland (craft, music, games). Please contact Mike Arnold, Matt Fitzgerald, or Janna Wilkerson know if you can help!

Men’s Luncheon will be this Tuesday, August 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Mia’s Table.

There will be a **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** on Tuesday, August 20 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Join us for a **Heart to Home Meet and Greet** on Sunday, August 25 from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel Center. This will be a time for Moms and Sisters to meet everyone in their group.

GriefShare will begin meeting Wednesday, August 28 at 4:00 p.m. in room A101. Please see Sherry Reaves or Marty Justice for more information.

Please join us for **Ladies Bible Class** beginning Tuesday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m. Sign up is now open in the Worship Foyer or at: <https://bit.ly/2024-25lbc>.


A **World Bible School** information and training meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in Room A102. Anyone wanting to set up their account on the World Bible School website, learn about various WBS courses, and learn how to be a study helper in those courses, is invited to come. Please bring your devices with you so that the WBS representative can walk you through your account setup.

Youth News

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 the morning assembly and return around 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Bring towels, sunscreen, etc. Please RSVP [here](#). See Emma Montandon or Elise Fair for additional information.

There will be a **High School Devo** on Sunday, September 1 from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Join us for fellowship, fun, food and a time of Bible Study.

Treehouse Kids

Please scan the QR code to access our **August Newsletter** to find out all that is going on for our Treehouse Kids this month! 

Prayers

- ✝ **Neil Gist**/emergency surgery August 14 for ruptured gallbladder/Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Barbara Conaway, Bobbie Fellabaum, Joyce Pieper, Laurie Riggs, Denise Tolbert, Beth Wade, Warren West.**
- ✝ Please remember our friends & family: **Noah Duke, Larry Klepac.**
- ✝ 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, Ella Kasinger, Barbara Starr.**

Expectant Family

Maria & John Moehlenbrock

New Members

Diane Atchinson

Debbie Horn

Laura Walker

Philip & Andrea Leonardos
Luke, Carter, Caleb, Maddie

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Sign Up for Heart to Home Due
	10:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	5:00 p.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Speed Fellowship
		Evening Worship
		TX Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men’s Luncheon—Mia’s Table
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
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

Upcoming Events

August 25	Heart to Hom Meet & Greet
	Youth Girls Pool Party
	Youth Invasion
August 28	GriefShare Begins
September 1	Fall Quarter Begins
	Congregational Singing
	High School Devo
September 2	Church Offices Closed
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
	World Bible School Information & Training Meeting
	Bible Builders Resume
	Youth Invasion
September 10	Youth Bible Study
September 14	Bridal Shower for Kylie McLeod—Bride elect of Caleb Myers
September 15	JR High Devo
September 22	Youth Invasion
September 27	Southern Sudan Banquet
September 28	Youth SNL Devo
October 5	Men’s Breakfast
October 6	Congregational Singing
	Combined Devo
October 13	Youth Invasion
October 18-20	Faithful Fathers Father/Daughter Retreat
October 20	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	Congregational Meeting
October 24	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Alicia Lucas’ Home
October 26	Youth SNL Devo
October 27	Speed Fellowship
	Youth Invasion

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The WOCC Sharing Pantry is in need of Jello, Pudding Packs/Mixes, Seasoning & Gravy Envelopes, Condiments
Sunny Glen Children’s Home: Pancake Mix, Paper Towels/Napkins, Body Wash, BBQ Sauce