



March 3, 2024

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**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**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	Bible Classes
	10:15 AM	Morning Assembly
	6:00 PM	Evening Assembly
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Classes

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**Elder of the Day** Marty Miller  
**Communion Leader** Richard Justice

**Adult Bible Classes:**

- “**Foundations of Faith: Who We Are, What We Believe, What We Practice**”  
by Bob Klemm  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- “**What They Believe: Christian Denominations, and What the Bible Teaches**”  
by Mike Smith  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- “**In the Fullness of Time: Both Jew and Greek**” by Mike Yanochik  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- “**Lessons From the Book of Matthew**” (Young Professionals) by Joel Blake  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
- “**His Presence**” by Rocky Rutledge  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- “**Young Adults**” (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Room A102
- Teen Bible Classes:**
- “**Colossians, Philippians, Philemon**” (9th–12th) by Todd Watrous  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107
- “**Exodus**” (7th –8th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
- “**Church History**” (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
- “**Psalms**” (7th –8th) by Nathan Lockwood/Chris Fowler  
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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**A Key To Happiness**

Eddie Parrish

Following their banishment from Eden’s paradise, God blessed Adam and Eve with two sons, Cain and Abel. Moses records that both offered sacrifices to God, but only Abel’s offering was accepted (Gen. 4:304). Cain’s was not (Gen. 4:5). Cain allowed his anger and resentment toward his brother to grow so much that seized an opportunity and murdered Abel in cold blood (Gen. 4:8).

Sometimes lost in the circumstances surrounding this first murder is a statement by God that reveals one of the secrets of genuineness happiness. When Cain realized that God had rejected his sacrifice, the Bible says that the firstborn son of Adam and Eve “became very angry and his countenance fell” (Gen. 4:5). To this infuriated man God said, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up?” (Gen. 4:6,7a). God connected a lifted countenance (i.e., lifted face, or happy disposition) to a life well lived.

How would you describe your disposition toward life? Would you label it happy, contented, and pleasant? Or do you find that your “countenance has fallen?” It is certainly true that God’s faithful servants will have periods of emotional struggle that are not connected to sin. But it is also true that some of the heartaches we face are due to something faulty in our relationship with God. If you are not faithfully serving the Lord, and you know that you’re not, life can be miserable. On the other hand, no greater joy exists than the joy of knowing that God Almighty finds pleasure and happiness because of who you are.

“Happy are the people whose God is the Lord” (Ps. 144:15). “Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God” (Ps. 146:5). “Whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he” (Prov. 16:20). “Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law” (Prov. 29:18). “For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight...” (Eccl. 2:26).

One of the constant desires of mankind is to find genuine happiness. Yet they often look for it in the things that are rooted in self-indulgence: money, drugs, sex, alcohol, power, and the like. But God would have us know what he wanted Cain to know, that the path that leads to true joy – a joy that can even be maintained in the worst of circumstances (Phil. 4:4) – is the path that leads away from self and toward God.

God loves you,  
Shawn

Keep on reading your Bible!

**Elders**

Scott Blake  
Mac Brockman  
Mark Freeman

**Deacons**

Administration Joel Blake  
 Audio/Visual & Media Mark Jetton  
 Building & Grounds Scott Green  
 John Tolbert  
 Sam Washburn  
 Children’s Programs Richard Hyde  
 Education Matt Fitzgerald  
 Mike Arnold  
 Family Life Center Chris Davis  
 Fellowship Tim Riggs  
 Finance Jeff Fleming  
 Foreign Missions Paul Gidden  
 Adam Fracht  
 Al Ardito  
 Information Technology Frank Kerze  
 Involvement Jeremy Haynes  
 Networks/Special Ministries Steve Baker  
 Serving Hearts/Hospital Visits Mike Stevens  
 Sharing Kyle Gordley  
 Bradley Wellborn  
 Reaching Out/Welcome Center Gavin Dao  
 Bryce Caldwell  
 Ushers Tony Bloom  
 Homebound/Men’s Ministry Robert Shock  
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**Last Week’s Attendance**

**Sunday, February 25, 2024**

9:00 AM Bible Class	419
10:15 AM Worship	625 @ WOCC 257 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	233
Contribution	\$31,909.90

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

7:00 PM Bible Class	316
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**Contacts:**

**Faithful Fathers:** Chuck Bryant  
**Celebrate Recovery:** Nathan Ingram

**Missions**

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

You may give online at:

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

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:  
**Woodland Oaks Church of Christ**  
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**Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions through January 31, 2024 are \$219,206 compared with a budgeted amount of \$159,616 produces a surplus of \$59,590.

**Notes**

## Announcements

Congratulations to **Joseph and Kathyleen Bills** who were baptized February 25. Welcome to the family!

**Counseling Creations** contact information:

<https://www.counselingcreations.org/>

Kim Huff-Howard

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**Congregational Singing** will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

There will be **NO Water** at the building tomorrow, March 4.

The **Men's Luncheon** is this Tuesday, March 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Sakekawa on Research Forest.

The **Young Adults** will be playing **Board Games** in room A102 this Friday, March 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Anyone 18-39 is encouraged to come!

Please note: **Men's Breakfast** will be this **Saturday, March 9** at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center. The speaker will be Bob Reaves.

There will be a **Senior Saints Movie Night** Thursday, March 21. We will meet at the building Thursday, March 21 at 4:30 p.m. and leave promptly at 4:45 p.m. to go to Rudy's BBQ in Tomball (24503 Tomball Pkwy). The movie, *The Ark and The Darkness*, will follow at 7:00 p.m. at Tomball Premier Cinemas (28497 Tomball Parkway, Tomball, TX 77375). The cost is \$9. Please pay and sign-up ASAP so the seats can be purchased. Please give payment to John or Denise Tolbert or Mac Brockman.

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Summer Holt**, bride elect of Bryce Welborn, on Sunday, March 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Bryce & Summer are registered at [myregistry.com](http://myregistry.com).

**VBS** is May 29-31! We need your help in order to make it a success! Please consider signing up to help **Volunteer** for these special days in order to share God's love with our children. For more information, please contact: Jordan Fontenot, Janna Wilkerson, or Daniel Fair.

**2024 VBS Pre-Registration** is Live! Please scan the QR code to pre-register your child and find more information. We are expecting up to 200 children, and it is extremely helpful to have as many children as possible pre-registered in order to make this a successful event.



## Texas Bible Bowl

**Bible Bowl Practice** meets Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Grades 3rd—6th will meet in the Magnolia Room C106. Grades 7th—12th will meet in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

Bible Bowl is around the corner, and we are getting everything in place for a successful weekend for our participants. If your child, or yourself, is attending Bible Bowl, please make every effort to attend the **Parent Meeting** at 5:00 p.m. on March 24 in the Chapel Center. Important information such as a packing list, expectations, t-shirts, etc. will be distributed and discussed, and we need everyone there if possible. Dinner will follow, as well as a final Binder check and Review for Bible Bowl. Practice will end at our usual time of 7:00 p.m.

## Expectant Families

Janna & Kevin Wilkerson  
Meredith & Bryce Caldwell

Steven & Rose Gailey

## Youth News

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

There will be an **Elevate Hike Day** this Saturday, March 9. Meet at WOCC at 9:00 a.m. Please bring money for lunch.

The **Broomball Lock-In** will be Friday, March 15-16 from 8:00 p.m. to 7:10 a.m. The cost is \$20. Please sign up on the [youth website](#).

The next **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** will be Thursday, March 21 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Hyde home. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Trisha Hyde.

For those able to volunteer for this year's **VBS**, May 29-31, please sign up by scanning the QR code.



## 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" in room C103.

**Sprouts Storytime** will meet at 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays in room A109. Join us for a story, craft/activity, songs, and learning more about how God loves us, all while building friendships that will last for years to come!

**March Memory Verse Challenge:** Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous, and do not be afraid; For the Lord your God is with you wherever you shall go." Memory Verse Check-In Day will be March 24 morning in between Bible Class and Worship Service. We will be located by the Memory Verse posters across from the Welcome Center.

Our 2nd Quarter **Service Project** will take place on March 24 immediately following morning services. We will be planting the butterfly garden and laying out our stones from our 1st quarter service project! THK families: please plan to bring a sack lunch for your family, clothes to change into that you don't mind getting dirty, and any extra trowels that you might have. Look forward to seeing you there!

Check out our **March Newsletter** to get the scoop on this month's events for our Children's Ministry!



## Prayers

- ✚ **Rose Talbott**/mother of Steven Talbott/cancer has worsened /please keep Rose in your prayers and pray for Steven & Gina as they travel to be with her.
- ✚ **Ken Cornett**/hospitalized on February 27 with cardiac issues/no visitors at this time.
- ✚ **Sonny Taylor**/was admitted to ICU at St. Luke's on Sunday, February 25.
- ✚ **Bill Malone**/was expected to be released to a rehab facility/is expected to have carotid artery surgery at a later date.
- ✚ **Skip Foreman**/at Houston Methodist Hospital with breathing issues and fluid on lungs.
- ✚ **Ada Duitt**/friend of Robert Shock/has leukemia and is undergoing chemo treatments.
- ✚ **Tony Bloom**/surgery was scheduled for February 28.
- ✚ **Don & Eve Southall**/very much appreciate all your continued prayers, cards, and visits.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Glenn Addison, Debi Hix, Sandy Klemm, Jeanette Malone, Maryjane Nevels, Joyce Pieper, Linda Reeve, Laurie Riggs, Gina Talbott, Kevan Taylor, Dawn & Wayne Yates.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Renee Davison, Betty Keese.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Joanie Roberts, Charles Smithson, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Dorcas Dillard, Paul Hendrickson, Phil Martinez, Paul Melton, Christal Ortiz, Ingrid Quigley.**

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Spring Quarter Begins Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Singing Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth High School Devo
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Sakekawa on Research Forest
	12:00 p.m.	VBS Prep Workday
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Storytime
	4:00 p.m.	GriefShare
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Game Night
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	9:00 a.m.	Elevate Hike Day

## Upcoming Events

March 10	Daylight Savings Begins Sunny Glen Donations Due Youth Invasion
March 15-16 March 17	Youth Broomball Lock-in Bridal Shower for Summer Holt—bride elect of Bryce Welborn Junior High Devo
March 18 March 19	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Men's Luncheon VBS Prep Workday Youth Bible Study—Market Street
March 21	Senior Saints Movie Night Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Trisha Hyde's Home
March 22 March 24	Youth Harding Trip March Memory Verse Challenge TX Bible Bowl Parent Meeting/Binder Check THK Service Project: Plant The Butterfly Garden Youth Invasion
March 29 March 29-31	Church Offices Closed Lads to Leaders Youth Spring Retreat
April 5-7 April 6 April 7	Texas Bible Bowl Men's Breakfast Congregational Singing
April 12 April 13 April 14 April 19 April 20 April 21	Dorcus Service Project/Slumber Party Youth SNL Devo Youth Invasion Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Fleming Home Youth Service Day Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting
April 26	Senior Saints—The Music Man by National Youth Theatre

**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Laundry Products  
**Sunny Glen Children's Home:** Baby Wipes, Pampers Pull Ups Size 6, Comet Cleaner, Pinto Beans

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