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**GOD'S LOVE FOR HIS CHILDREN**

By Andy Baker

*"Jesus loves me, this I KNOW."* God loves all humanity and there is a sense in which all who are on the earth are His children as His creation (Ps. 8:3-8; Acts 17:28-29). Yet, the ones who call on Him as Father, through Jesus Christ, truly are His children (cf. Jn. 1:12; Acts 2:21, 38; Eph. 1:5; 5:1-8). How do I know Jesus loves me? Look at ways the Bible tells me so: God's nature is evidence of His love for His children. *"God is love"* (1 Jn. 4:8). *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning"* (Jas. 1:17). The changeless nature of God shows He loves us and will always love us. He will always be a source of constant strength, stability, wisdom, and love. *"Yes, Jesus loves me."*

**God's physical provisions are evidence of His love for His children.** God created the world *"very good."* He provides for His creation, and He will provide for us! In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives points to the birds and grass to materially worried people. Jesus concluded, *"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you"* (Matt. 6:25-34). *"Yes, Jesus loves me."*

**God's instruction is evidence of His love for His children.** One man said, *"Rules without relationship equals rebellion, but relationship without rules equals chaos."* Many parents know the pain and sorrow of both extremes. God in His great love for us did not leave us without a moral guide, but the Bible, is His word to His children to know Him and who He wants us to be (Eph. 5:1, 8). *"Yes, Jesus loves me."*

**God's chastening is evidence of His love for His children.** *"If you endure chastening, God deals with you as sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten"* (Heb. 12:7)? Chastening and discipline demonstrate love. God chastens us *"for our profit that we may be partakers of His holiness"* (Heb. 12:10). God wants the *"peaceable fruit of righteousness"* to grow in our lives, and therefore He disciplines us as His children. How deep the Father's love for us! *"Yes, Jesus loves me."*

**God's Sacrifice is evidence of His love for His children.** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"* (Jn. 3:16). The greatest evidence of God's love for us is in Jesus Christ and His death on the cross for our sins. We should have a profound appreciation for the *"width and length and depth and height"* of the love of Christ which *"passes knowledge"* (Eph. 3:18-19). *"Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so."*

God loves you,  
Shawn

**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** Mac Brockman

**Communion Leader** Mike Norwood

**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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**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](http://woodlandoaks.org), under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

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**Last Week's Attendance**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 417                            |
| 10:15 AM Worship    | 690 @ WOCC<br>184 Views online |
| 6:00 PM Worship     | 261                            |
| Contribution        | \$40,367.99                    |

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 332 |
|---------------------|-----|

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

We are looking for **Teachers and Teacher Helpers** for the Summer Quarter. Current needs are: Sunday morning: 3-year olds, Kindergarten and 3rd grade; Wednesday night: 2, 3, and 4-year olds. Contact Matt Fitzgerald or Mike Arnold if you are interested.

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

The **L2L Student Registration Forms** are due TODAY. If you need a form, please see Shawn. These forms are not a final commitment, they will be used to gauge interest and see what needs to be done to prepare for the 2025 convention.

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

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, May 21 at 11:30 a.m. at Shanghai Bistro on Research Forest Dr.

This Wednesday, May 22 will be the **Last Wednesday Fellowship Meal** before the summer break. Meals will resume in the fall.

The **WOCC Golf Tournament** has been rescheduled for May 25 at Oakhurst Golf Club (Kingwood). The cost is \$55. Men & Women, aged high school and above, are able to play. Please sign up in the foyer by TODAY. See Robert Shock for more information.

There will be a **Blood Drive** on Sunday, June 2 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please sign up at:  
[https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/385201](https://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/385201).

Be looking for this **Faithful Fathers Bible Class** starting in June 2024. "What is a Dad...In God's Eyes" will be taught by Scott Logan on Sunday mornings, the class is for all Dads and Grandads.

## VBS

We are in need of your help to make snack possible at VBS! We start collecting **Nut-Free Only Cookies** next Sunday, May 26. Please send them in a container that you would not like back, such as Ziploc bags or aluminum pans. For more information, please contact Kendra Blake.

We would like to invite our entire congregation out to our **WOCC VBS Showcase and Celebration** on May 31 from 5:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m. We will get to watch our children show what they have learned at VBS, and celebrate our time learning about Jesus together with dinner and fellowship. Please make plans to join us!

**Parents of Pre-Registered Children**, please make plans to pick up your child's VBS informational packet on Sunday, May 26 from the VBS table in the Worship Foyer. This packet will include important information such as your child's day 1 nametag and checkout ticket to ensure pick-up on the first day runs smoothly!

**2024 VBS Pre-Registration:** Please scan the QR code to pre-register your child and find more information.



We need all hands on deck to help make VBS possible, starting with set-up! We will have a **VBS Set-up** and dinner on Tuesday, May 28 from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please join us to help set up decorations, stations, and more before VBS begins.

## Youth News

The **Youth Induction** will be Saturday May 25 at 5:00 p.m. Join us for a night of fun and fellowship as we welcome our incoming 7th graders. All current and incoming youth members are encouraged to attend.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Monday, May 26 at Freddy's on FM 2978.

This summer we will be taking a **Youth Mission Trip to Medina Children's Home** July 21-26 to spend a week helping serve by working in various capacities. This trip will give us the opportunity to work hard as well as connect with kids. Please sign up on the Youth website: <https://www.basicyouthministry.com/> by Sunday, May 26 if you will attend.

## Treehouse Kids

TONIGHT will be the final **Bible Builders** before we break for the summer. Children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year". Bible Builders will resume in the fall.

Our **May Memory Verse** will be Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones." We cannot wait to hear our children recite their verse at our Memory Verse Check-In on Sunday, May 26 in between Bible Class and Worship. The Check-In will be located across from the Welcome Center by the Memory Verse posters.

Please scan the QR code to access our **May Newsletter** to find out all of the incredible opportunities going on for our Treehouse Kids this month!



## Prayers

- ✝ **Jeff Peak**/scheduled to have second cataract surgery on May 20.
- ✝ **George Franklin**/father of Pam Garner/moved to Methodist Downtown/fluid drained from lungs and additional testing.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Skip Foreman, Laurie Riggs.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **Eva Zell Burris, Kandy Glass.**
- ✝ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Lisa Geerman, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Charles Smithson, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✝ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Dorcas Dillard, Ada Duit, Patricia Franklin, Camellia Jackson, Phil Martinez, Paul Melton, Christal Ortiz, Ingrid Quigley, Leigh Ann Ray, Rose Talbott.**

## Expectant Families

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell

Steven & Rose Gailey

## New Members

**Thomas & Kristy  
Christopher  
Brooklyn**

**Samatha Deming  
Michael, Allen**

**Tammy Story**

## This Week

|           |            |   |
|-----------|------------|---|
| Today     | 9:00 a.m.  | L2L Registration Forms Due                    |
|           | 10:15 a.m. | Bible Class                                   |
|           | 5:00 p.m.  | Worship                                       |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Speed Fellowship                              |
|           | 6:15 p.m.  | Evening Worship                               |
| Monday    | 4:00 p.m.  | Bible Builders                                |
|           | 5:00 p.m.  | Pickleball—Women                              |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper     |
| Tuesday   | 11:30 a.m. | Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced    |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m.  | Men's Luncheon—Shanghai Bistro on Research    |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Fellowship Meal—last meal before summer break |
| Thursday  | 6:15 a.m.  | Bible Classes                                 |
|           | 10:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast. (Denny's on 1488)     |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Community Bible Class                         |
|           |            | Celebrate Recovery                            |
|           |            | Basketball                                    |
| Saturday  | 8:00 a.m.  | WOCC Golf Tournament                          |

## Upcoming Events

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| May 26          | Sign up for Mission Trip: Medina Children's Home Due            |
|                 | THK Memory Verse Challenge                                      |
|                 | Youth Invasion @ Freddy's on FM 2978                            |
| May 27          | Church Offices Closed   |
| May 28          | VBS Set Up Night  |
| May 29-31       | VBS   |
| May 29          | PreK-6th grade Children's Bible Classes will meet in the Chapel |
| May 31          | VBS Showcase & Celebration                                      |
| June 1          | Men's Breakfast   |
| June 2          | Blood Drive   |
|                 | Summer Quarter Begins   |
|                 | Congregational Singing  |
| June 2-8        | Camp Bandina  |
| June 4          | Men's Luncheon  |
| June 5          | Family Camp Meeting   |
| June 7-9        | Family Camp   |
| June 10         | Jabberwacky—Abel St. Church of Christ                           |
| June 13         | Elevate Packing Party   |
| June 14-22      | Elevate   |
| June 17         | Jabberwacky—Katy Church of Christ                               |
| June 23-29      | Camp Blue Haven Session 3                                       |
| June 23         | Youth Invasion  |
| June 24         | Jabberwacky—Lake Houston Church of Christ                       |
| June 30-July 12 | Camp Blue Haven Session 4                                       |

## Summer Camps

**Camp Bandina:** June 2-8 Find out more information and register [here](#).

**Uplift at Harding:** June 15-20 Find more information and register [here](#).

**Camp Red Oak:** Registration for this year's summer session at Camp Red Oak Springs is now open. Woodland Oaks, in conjunction with Champions, will be hosting session 7, which runs July 15th - 20th. This camp is for all children ages 10 to 18. Matt Fitzgerald will be the director of this session. Visit [www.campredoaksprings.com](http://www.campredoaksprings.com) for more information and to register your child. Early bird pricing is available through May 31st. We are also in need of counselors and cooks for the week. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please see Matt Fitzgerald.

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)