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### Why Did Jesus Come To Earth?

Occasionally we sing the song,

Why did my Savior come to earth, and to the humble go? Why did he choose a lowly birth?

Why did He drink the bitter cup of sorrow, pain, and woe? Why on the cross be lifted up?

BECAUSE HE LOVES ME SO!

He gave his precious life for me, because he loves me so!

Why did Jesus come to earth? The Bible says he came . . .

- To call sinners to repentance. *“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners”* (Mark 2:17).
- To seek and save the lost. *“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”* (Luke 19:10).
- To give his life. *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”* (Mark 10:45).
- To dispel darkness. *“I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness”* (John 12:46).
- To take away sins. *“You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin”* (1 John 3:5).
- To destroy the works of the devil. *“Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil”* (1 John 3:8).
- To save us from God’s wrath. *“For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come”* (1 Thess. 1:9,10).
- To give life. *“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly”* (John 10:10).
- To show us how to live life to the glory of God. *“I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do”* (John 17:4).

In the incarnation,

- Jesus emptied himself so we might become full.
- Jesus became sin so we might become righteous.
- Jesus died so we can live.

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 1:3). Because of the incarnation, God has blessed us with everything heaven has to offer! All that’s required of us is everything we have to offer!

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** Raymond Walker

**Communion Leader** Bob Klemm

### 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.

### 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

### Staff

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### Last Week’s Attendance

#### Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	399
10:15 AM Worship	616 @ WOCC 210 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	230
Contribution	\$25,284.68

#### Wednesday, May 1, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	312
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You may give online at:

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

Or mail contributions to our PO Box at:  
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## Announcements

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

The **Lads 2 Leaders Award Recognition and 2025 Kick-Off** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center for those who signed up.

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. at Local Table.

**Celebrate Recovery** will be celebrating 7 years at WOCC this Thursday May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. For more information or to RSVP contact: [celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org).

**Youth Service: Mom's Day**—Moms! How does a few hours to yourself sound? The youth group (and adults) are offering you 2 hours of alone time on Saturday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please sign up no later than this Wednesday May 8. Please send your child with a lunch. Dads, you are encouraged to stay and help with this activity!



There will be a **Dorcas Widowed/Senior Singles Supper & Game Night** this Saturday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. The girls will need to plan to be there at 3:30 p.m. The Dorcas Class Girls will serve supper and play games with the Widowed/Seniors.

The **Faithful Fathers Game Day** has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Ingram's place. This event is for all Dads, Granddads, and their children to come out and enjoy some food and fun while spending quality time together. Please RSVP to Adam Fracht, Kevin Wilkerson, Gavin Dao.

**Speed Fellowship** will be Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please arrive early.

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 Sunday, May 19. See Robert Shock for more information.

## VBS

The **VBS Mission Station** is collecting NEW toys for boys and girls, ages 4-10 to be donated to Impact CoC for children in need. Please bring your donations by TODAY.

We are in need of your help to make snack possible at VBS! We will start collecting **Nut-Free Only Cookies** the Sunday before VBS, 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.

**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags & Small Water Bottles.

## Youth News

**VBS Youth Volunteer Meeting** will be TODAY immediately after morning assembly in room A101. A parent is required to attend with their youth volunteer(s).

There will be a **Youth and Parent Meeting** TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please plan to attend as there will be a lot of information about the upcoming youth events for May as well as through the summer.

The next **Girls Dinner Devo** will be Monday, May 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Robin Smith. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Robin Smith.

The **May Youth Service Day** (Mom's Day) will be Saturday, May 11 at the Church building from 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Shawn Montandon no later than Wednesday, May 8 if you can help.

There will be a **Fairwell & Thank You Party** for Jordan and Ellen Sunday, May 12 following the evening assembly in the Family Life Center. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a devotional and fellowship as we share our appreciation for Jordan and Ellen for all they have done for our youth.

There will be an **Elevate Camp Weekend** May 17-19. Please RSVP by May 12. You can find more info and RSVP at: <https://www.basicyouthministry.com/>.

The **Elevate Colorado Trip** sign-up deadline is Sunday, May 12. Please reference the Youth website: <https://www.basicyouthministry.com/>.

## Treehouse Kids

**Bible Buddy Check-Up** will be TODAY. Please check in with us in the foyer between classes and church to let us know how your family Bible Reading is going.

Those who signed up to attend **Charlotte's Web**, presented by the National Youth Theatre at Concordia Lutheran H.S. will meet TODAY after the morning assembly to eat sack lunches in the Chapel. We will take the vans and depart WOCC at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$15.

**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.

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

- ✝ **Katie Gaither**/daughter of Bob & Lorene Burrig, developed blood poisoning after kidney stone surgery/Please pray for her healing.
- ✝ **Jeff Peak**/eye surgery April 29 went well/prayers for healing are appreciated.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Lorene Burrig, Skip Foreman, Ann Gilbert, Chuck Hix, Don & Eve Southall, Becky Splawn, Sharon Voorhees, Patty Yates.**
- ✝ Please remember friends & family: **George Funk, Kandy Glass, Jennet Gray.**
- ✝ 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, Camellia Jackson, Phil Martinez, Paul Melton, Christal Ortiz, Ingrid Quigley, Rhonda Ramsey, Leigh Ann Ray, Barbara Starr, Rose Talbott.**

## Expectant Families

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell    Janna & Kevin Wilkerson    Steven & Rose Gailey

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	9:45 a.m.	Bible Buddy Check-Up
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	11:30 a.m.	VBS Youth Volunteer Meeting THK: Charlotte's Web
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Youth and Parent Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship—Congregational Singing
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Lads 2 Leaders Awards/Kick-Off
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Youth Girls Dinner Devo
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class (Visitation)
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Local Table
	5:30 p.m.	Sign Up for Youth Service: Mom's Day Due
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	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
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery 7 Year Celebration
	10:30 a.m.	Basketball
	4:30 p.m.	Youth Service: Mom's Day Dorcas Widowed Meal

## Upcoming Events

May 12	Sign up for Elevate Camp Weekend Due Sign up for Elevate Due Farewell & Thank You Party for Jordan & Ellen
May 14	Youth Bible Study
May 17-18	Elevate Camp Weekend
May 18	Faithful Fathers Game Day Event
May 19	Speed Fellowship
May 20	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
May 25	WOCC Golf Tournament Youth Induction
May 26	Sign up for Mission Trip: Medina Children's Home Due THK Memory Verse Challenge Youth Invasion
May 27	Church Offices Closed
May 28	VBS Set Up Night
May 29-31	VBS
May 29	All PreK-6th grade Children's Bible Classes will meet in the Chapel
May 31	VBS Showcase & Celebration
June 1	Men's Breakfast

## 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:** July 15-20 Find more information and register [here](#).

## Thank you

We are so blessed by our church family. The outpouring of cards, visits, meals and messages were a great encouragement to us. Thank you!

Love, Kevan, April, Heston, Noah and Titus

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Ryan Ramsey at the loss of his mother, **Rhonda Ramsey**, on Tuesday, April 23. The services were held May 3 in Cedar Hill. Please keep the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#).

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)