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What Is Your Delight?

By Steve Higginbotham

By definition, the word “delight” means “to have a high degree of gratification, joy, and extreme satisfaction. Something that gives great pleasure.” I believe it is true that the character of a man can be measured by the things in which he delights.

The Bible records for us the delights of several biblical characters and God, Himself. For instance, it was said that Jehoshaphat delighted in the ways of the Lord (2 Chron. 17:6). The people in the days of Nehemiah delighted in the great goodness of God (Nehemiah 9:25). Job delighted in God (Job 22:26). The upright man delights in the law of the Lord (Psalm 1:2). Godly men delight in peace (Psalm 37:11). God delights in man (Psalm 16:3) and He also delights in extending mercy unto man (Micah 7:18).

There is also the other side of this picture. Not everyone delights in what is good and pleasing to God. The Bible tells us that the wicked delight in lies (Psalm 62:4), war (Psalm 68:30), scorning (Proverbs 1:20), perversity (Proverbs 2:14), and abominations (Isaiah 66:3).

Do you see how one’s delights can easily reveal the true character of a man? There is quite a contrast between the delights of a righteous man and the delights of an unrighteous man.

Let me ask you – in what do you delight more? Discovering the sins of another person or helping to cover the sins of another person? A good church fuss, or a church existing in peace? Giving a person just what they deserve or being gracious and merciful? Worshiping and studying with the saints or watching television? Take a good look at the things in which you delight, and while you’re looking, take a look at your character as well. You see, your delights and your character travel together, and when you see one, you will most certainly see the other.

God loves you and keep reading your Bible!
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

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 Butch Merriman

Communion Leader Richard Justice

Adult Bible Classes:

“A Study of Matthew”

by Joel Blake—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“Doers Not Just Hearers: Book of James”

by Bob Klemm—Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

“One Nation Under God or Man?” by Mark Freeman

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

“What They Believe” (Young Professionals) by Mike Smith
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)

“Select Verses from the Gospel of John” by Shan Jackson
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

“The Bible Quoting the Psalms” (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A102

Teen Bible Classes:

“Hebrews” (9th–12th) by Quinn Tolbert
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Life of Christ” (7th –8th) by Morgan Whatley
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

“Our Identity as Christians and Using Our Talents” (9th –12th)
by Bruce & Bryce Caldwell
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Joshua” (7th –8th) by Ross Randow/Colten Cavanaugh
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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Youth

Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, October 6, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	362
10:15 AM Worship	523 @ WOCC 276 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	253
Contribution	\$33,301.77

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	250
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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 August 31, 2024 were \$1,346,164.24 compared to a budgeted amount of \$1,276,924.64 producing a surplus of \$69,239.60.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Peter Liu** who was baptized Thursday, October 13! Welcome to the family Peter!

Congratulations to **Maria & John Moehlenbrock** on the birth of their daughter, **Matilda Eve**, on Thursday, October 3 weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Everyone is doing great, and **Eloise** is the proud big sister.

Woodland Oaks will be making a contribution to the **Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Fund**. If anyone else would like to make an additional voluntary donation to help the hurricane relief effort that is associated with the Churches of Christ, you can donate here: <https://www.disasterrelieffort.org/>.

Please join us in celebrating the marriage of **Alyssa (McWhirter) and Tim Park** (Alyssa is the granddaughter of Teresa Hermann) with a Cash/Gift Card Shower. There will be a box on the Gift Table in the Foyer TODAY. Please place your gift in the shadow box, which will be presented privately to the couple.

3rd to 6th grade Bible Bowlers will meet in Chapel Center with the other class this TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

Impact Church of Christ has requested **WOCC to donate gifts for Christmas** by December 6 for 40 children as well as gift cards for 10-15 teenagers. We need volunteers to lead this charge beginning November 6. Please see Todd Watrous if you would like to help.

The Youth Group will be collecting dry **Beans and Rice to take to Impact Church of Christ** to restock their pantry. Please place your donations in the box in the foyer (near Youth Table).

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, October 15 at 11:30 a.m. at Niko Niko's (Lake Front Circle & I45).

Matt Walker & Sarah Mayo would like to extend an invitation to attend their **Wedding** on Saturday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. at WOCC. If you will attend, please RSVP by this Wednesday, October 16 at: <https://www.theknot.com/us/sarah-mayo-and-matt-walker-dec-2024>.

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Rya Welborn**, bride elect of Mitchell Knox, on Sunday, October 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Rya & Mitchell are registered at myregistry.com.

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, October 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Rm.

There will be a **L2L Boys Song Leading Class** for those signed up to participate in song leading for L2L on Sunday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. in room A101.

The next **Congregational Meeting** will be Sunday, October 20 immediately following the evening assembly.

The **Senior Saints will attend Steel Magnolias** at the Owen Theatre on Friday, October 25. Tickets are \$22. Please sign up and pay Denise Tolbert or Sherry Reaves. Tickets will be purchased as the money is received, so please sign up ASAP for best seats.

Speed Fellowship will be Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

We are seeking additional **World Bible School** study helpers. Please consider joining this growing group to help students progress through WBS courses to better understand the Bible. Click the QR code to sign up. For additional info, contact Adam Fracht or Paul Gidden.



We are gearing up for our **WOCC Fall Festival**, which will be held on Saturday, November 2 from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. We are in need of candy/prize donations that are NOT chocolate to be handed out at the "Car-nival." Ideas for donations include pencils, lollipops, fruit snacks, bouncy balls, etc. There will be a box marked "Fall Festival Treat Donations" in the worship foyer near the Children's Check-Out area to place your items. Thank you!

- Please see the **Poster Board Sign-Up** in the Worship Foyer for "WOCC Fall Festival Volunteers." Many hands make light work, and we appreciate your help and generosity!

Save the date! **Friends Day** will be Sunday, November 10! More info coming soon!

Shower Gifts can now be placed in the closets in Room A101. The closets are clearly marked with the shower honorees names.

It's time for **College Care Packages!** Please sign up your college/military kids by Sunday, October 27 in the foyer. Item donations and letters of encouragement can be placed in the box at the Welcome Center. Monetary donations may be given to John Tolbert, Denise Tolbert, or Kendra Blake or place checks in the offering plate with College Care Package marked in memo line. Please have all notes and donations turned in by Sunday, November 17.

Youth News

There will be a **Combined Youth Devo** TONIGHT from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Come for fellowship, fun, food and a time of Bible study.

Youth Service: The Youth will go to the **Impact Church of Christ** to help with their ministry this Saturday, October 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be packing and delivering groceries to residents in apartment living complexes who are affiliated with the Impact Church of Christ. Please sign up on the youth website if you will attend.

Mark you calendars for the **October Girls Dinner Devo** on Thursday, October 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Alicia Lucas, hosted by the Young Professionals. Please RSVP on basicyouthministry.com.

Treehouse Kids

There will be **NO Bible Builders** TONIGHT. We will resume meeting Sunday, October 20.

There will be **NO Sprouts Storytime** this Wednesday, October 16. Sprouts will resume meeting Wednesday, October 23.

Dorcas Bible Class (for girls K- 6th grade) will meet this Saturday, October 19 in the room A101 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

Our **October Pumpkin Painting Social** will be held on Sunday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the grassy area by the Education Building near the Butterfly Gardens. Please RSVP at the following link in order to have a good idea of how many pumpkins to have at the event by Sunday, October 20: <https://bit.ly/THKpumpkinpainting>.

October Memory Verse Check In: Our October Memory Verse is Ecclesiastes 3:1 "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.". Our Memory Verse Check In will be on October 27 in between Bible Class and Morning worship service in foyer.

The **Treehouse Kids will attend The Little Mermaid**, presented by National Youth Theatre in support of Isla Combs on Saturday, November 16. Tickets are \$15. Tickets will be purchased as the money is received. Seats are selling out fast, so please sign up ASAP and pay Denise Tolbert or Krista Chapman.

Be sure to check out the **October News Letter** to stay updated and find more details on all upcoming events!



Thank You

Thanks to all of our precious church family. Your cards, prayers, and words of encouragement soothe our souls, at the passing of my little sister.

Fondly, Bob & Sherry Reaves

Thanks to everyone for supporting Smile for a Child. We filled 187 boxes! The children of Honduras will be truly blessed!

Thank you, Glenda Haggard

Prayers

- † **Hoben**/grandson of Victor & Graciela Martinez/at home after hospitalization.
- † **Dennis Chrisco**/heart catheter procedure scheduled for October 16.
- † **Erika Philips**/daughter of Victor & Graciela Martinez/began new treatments/please pray for no negative side effects and that the medicine go only after the malignant cells.
- † **Dave Short**/surgery scheduled for October 29.
- † Please remember our members: **Cleve McMillion, Rex Reeve, Laurie Riggs, Larry Voorhees, Raymond Walker.**
- † Members battling cancer: **Bill Blumenshine, Tania Cantu, Pharis Fowler, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.**
- † Friends & family battling cancer: **David Bloh, Patricia Franklin, Lisa Geerman, Camellia Jackson, Ella Kasinger, D'Ann Norwood, Erika Philips, John Singletary, Sabrie Stamper, Barbara Starr.**

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The WOCC Sharing Pantry is in need of Canned Meats.
Impact CoC: Dry Rice & Beans

This Week

Today		Gift Card Shower for Alyssa (McWhirter) & Tim Park Sign Up for College Care Packages Begins
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship TX Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	7:15 p.m.	Combined Youth Devo
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Niko Niko's (Lake Front Circle & I45) RSVP Due for Walker/Mayo Wedding
Wednesday		Quilting Group
	9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Meal
	5:30 p.m.	Bible Classes
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday		Faithful Fathers Father Daughter Retreat
	9:00 a.m.	Youth Service: Impact CoC
	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Bible Class

Upcoming Events

October 20	Sign Up Due for THK Pumpkin Painting Social L2L Boys Song Leading Class Bridal Shower for Rya Welborn—Bride elect of Mitchell Knox Elder/Deacon Meeting Congregational Meeting
October 24	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Alicia Lucas' Home
October 25	Senior Saints—Steel Magnolias @ Owen Theatre
October 27	Sign Up Due for THK The Little Mermaid Sign Up for College Care Packages Due October Memory Verse Check In Speed Fellowship THK Pumpkin Painting Social Youth Invasion
October 28	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
October 30	5th Wednesday—No Fellowship Meal/No Journeyland—God's Creatures
November 2	Men's Breakfast Fall Festival
November 3	Bridal Shower for Sarah Mayo (bride elect of Matt Walker) THK Willie Wonka @ Lone Star College Tomball Congregational Singing
November 9	High School Devo Dorcas Class Youth Service
November 10	Friends Day
November 12	Youth Bible Study—Watrous Home

New Members

Peter Liu

Marc & Melissa LaRocca

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Robert Thompson at the loss of his brother, **Lawrence Thompson**, on Saturday, October 5. The visitation for Lawrence will be today, October 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The funeral service will be Monday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo, TX. Please continue to keep Robert and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary [here](#).

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