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## The Ministry Of Jesus

*“And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan” (Matthew 4:23-25).*

People were the focus of Jesus’ ministry; not things or concepts or ideas; people. As Jesus traveled, He went where the people were. He went to the synagogues. A synagogue was a place of worship, assembly, and study for the Jewish community similar to our modern-day church buildings. Synagogues emerged during Babylonian captivity after the temple was destroyed. By the time of Jesus’ ministry synagogues were a common fixture. On the Sabbath, local Jews would meet for prayer and Scripture reading. Jesus participated in this as well (Luke 4:16-21). Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, so naturally, He put himself around the people. The gospel accounts tell us that Jesus proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and healed people as he traveled. There’s a reason that Jesus taught the good news and healed every disease and every affliction among the people. Jesus’ healing all sorts of diseases and physical ailments and casting out demons authenticated His message. His ability to perform miracles proved He was sent by God (Exodus 4:1-9). Matthew says this brought Jesus great fame and His fame spread throughout the whole region and great crowds began to follow Him.

We can’t perform miracles. We can’t cast out demons and heal paralytics. What does Jesus’ teaching and healing have to do with us today? Jesus’ ministry consisted of both word (teaching) and deed (doing). In that way we minister as Jesus ministered. We teach and we do. James wrote, *“What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” (James 2:14-17).* James is instructing us in ministry. Ministry is teaching and doing, word and deed. People want to see authentic ministry. They want to see people who practice what they teach. If we want to be like Jesus, we teach people and we serve people.

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

<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** Bradley Welborn

### 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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### 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, October 13, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	402
10:15 AM Worship	617 @ WOCC 228 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	236
Contribution	\$29,744.44

#### Wednesday, October 16, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	Not counted
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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  
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### 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

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 for a **Bridal Shower honoring Rya Welborn**, bride elect of Mitchell Knox, TODAY 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** TODAY at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Rm.

For those signed up to participate in song leading for L2L, there will be a **L2L Boys Song Leading Class** TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in room A101.

**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 next **Congregational Meeting** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly.

There will be a **Young Professionals Devo** on Monday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring your favorite chili or drinks, and/or candy for a potluck dinner. We will eat together, share thoughts on Scripture, and sing! Contact Andrew Isherwood or Karen Isherwood with any questions.

For those signed up, the **Senior Saints** will attend **Steel Magnolias** at the Owen Theatre this Friday, October 25.

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

It's time for **College Care Packages!** Please sign up your college/military kids by Sunday, October 27 in the foyer. We also need donations for the Care Packages. 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.

For many years Mrs. Joyce Pieper has been know her baby quilt gifts. Now the **Quilting Group** will be carrying on the tradition of making the quilts for the new babies. This group of ladies meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in room C102. If you are interested in being involved or would like more information, please see Sheri Acosta, Becky Splawn, or Joyce Pieper.

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!

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Sarah Mayo**, bride elect of Matthew Walker, Sunday, November 3 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Sarah & Matt are registered at Amazon, Crate & Barrel, & Lowes (gift cards).

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.

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

**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 November 24 by scanning the QR code.



**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
The WOCC Sharing Pantry is in need of Cereal.

## Youth News

Mark you calendars for the **October Girls Dinner Devo** this 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](http://basicyouthministry.com).

There will be a **Youth Invasion** on Sunday, October 27 immediately following the evening assembly.

**Youth Service:** The Youth Group will be deep cleaning the building in preparation of Friends Day on Saturday, November 9. Please sign up on the youth website if you will attend.

There will be a **High School Devo** Sunday, November 3 from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

We will be attending **Camp Red Oak Springs Fall Retreat** this year November 22-24! Come and have a great weekend! The link to sign up is on [basicyouthministry.com](http://basicyouthministry.com). The cost is \$20.

## Treehouse Kids

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 TODAY: <https://bit.ly/THKpumpkinpainting>.

**Bible Builders:** Children ages 2 yrs-Kinder will be dismissed at Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year" and learn about how God has interacted with His people throughout the ages.

**Sprouts Storytime** meets Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in room A109. This program is for children ages 0-Prek4. We will meet together for sensory play, songs, story time, a craft, and fun with friends!

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

**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.

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



## Friends Day

Be praying for **Friends Day**, which will be Sunday, November 10. You should receive a letter in the mail about the activities planned for the day.

Everyone is encouraged to invite at least three friends to Friends Day. There will be a **Fellowship Luncheon** immediately following the morning assembly. Each family is asked to please bring cookies or cake in a disposable container cut into single serve size.

We kindly request that you please park in the Bush Elementary Parking Lot, if you are able, and leave the visitor spaces in front open for our guests.

Reminder: There will NOT be an evening assembly on Sunday, November 10.

## New Members

**Kaleb & Gissela Steinhauer**  
Georgina

## Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to Sharon Voorhees at the loss of her husband and our brother in Christ, **Larry Voorhees**, Friday, October 11. Please keep Sharon and the family in your prayers You can read the obituary at find more info [here](http://here).

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m. Bible Class 10:15 a.m. Worship 3:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Rya Welborn-bride elect of Mitchell Knox 4:30 p.m. Elder/Deacon Meeting 5:00 p.m. L2L Boys Song Leading Class 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship TX Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	6:15 p.m. Bible Builders 7:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting 4:00 p.m. Pickleball-Women 6:00 p.m. Pickleball 6:30 p.m. Young Professional Devo
Tuesday	9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Sprouts Storytime 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m. Bible Classes
Thursday	10:00 a.m. Community Bible Class 6:30 p.m. Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Alicia Lucas' Home 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery
Friday	Basketball Senior Saints Steel Magnolias

## Upcoming Events

October 27	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	Daylight Savings Ends Bridal Shower for Sarah Mayo (bride elect of Matt Walker) THK Willie Wonka @ Lone Star College Tomball Congregational Singing High School Devo
November 5	Men's Luncheon—Hopdoddy Burger Bar (Lakeside)
November 9	Dorcas Class Youth Service Friends Day
November 10	Youth Bible Study—Watrous Home
November 12	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Washburn Home
November 14	THK The Little Mermaid @ Lone Star College Tomball
November 16	3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo—Fleming Home
November 17	RSVP Due for Weekend Youth Rally—Enterprise Blvd CoC Donations & Letters for College Care Packages Due

## Prayers

- ✚ **Sharon Freeman**/at home after surgery October 15.
- ✚ **Scottie West**/has been struggling with retinitis pigmentosa for a number of years and it has greatly diminished her eye sight/Please pray for her upcoming appointment on October 28 that the low vision doctor can help restore her vision.
- ✚ **Shannon & Gary Ditterline**/daughter & son in law of Melinda & Jim Hodges/are both scheduled to have surgery next month/Prayers are appreciated that they are able to find home health help for while they are both recovering.
- ✚ **Dennis Chrisco**/heart catheter procedure scheduled for October 16.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Ann Gilbert, Cleve McMillion, Rex Reeve, Laurie Riggs, 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.**

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)