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**What The Bible Says About Government**

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed” (Romans 13:1-7).

“Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor” (1 Peter 2:12-17).

“Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away” (Matthew 22:15-22).

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

“But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen” (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

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** Butch Merriman  
**Communion Leader** Doug Dobbs

**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 A101
- “One Nation Under God” by Mark Freeman  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- “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 & Ross Riggs  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in C106 (Magnolia Room)
- 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:**

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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, August 25, 2024**

9:00 AM Bible Class	480
10:15 AM Worship	689 @ WOCC 307 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	256
Contribution	\$35,924.49

**Wednesday, August 28, 2024**

7:00 PM Bible Class	303
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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  
6700 Woodlands Parkway Suite 230-252  
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**Budget**

Actual unrestricted contributions through July 31, 2024 are \$1,200,035.05 compared to a budgeted amount of \$1,117,309.06 producing a surplus of \$82,725.99.

**Notes**

## Announcements

**HELP WANTED: Celebrate Recovery is in need of an additional child care provider on Thursdays, from 7:00—9:00 p.m. This is a paid position. Please see Teresa Hermann for more details.**

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

The **Church Offices will be Closed** this Monday, September 2.

The **Senior Saints** will be going to the **Sight & Sound Presentation** (in movie form) on Monday, September 2 at the Regal Lone Star Theatre in Tomball. We will meet and depart WOCC at 1:00 p.m. and go to the 2:00 p.m. matinee show. The cost is \$17.20 each. We will eat together after the show. Please give Denise or John Tolbert or Bob or Sherry Reaves your money as soon as possible, because tickets are going fast!

**Ladies Bible Class** begins this Tuesday, September 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center. For those who signed up, books are available to pick up in the foyer.

**Men's Luncheon** will be this Tuesday, September 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Adriatic Café in Shenandoah.

The **Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals Resume** this Wednesday, September 4. Meals are served the first 4 Wednesdays of every month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the FLC.

**GriefShare** meets Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in room A101. Please see Sherry Reaves or Marty Justice for more information.

The **Senior Saints** will attend the **James Taylor Tribute** at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, September 6. Billy Griese will play at the Lone Star College Art Center in Tomball. Meet at WOCC at 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$31 per person. Please give your money to John or Denise Tolbert ASAP.

**Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, September 7 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

**World Bible School** information and training meeting will be held on Sunday, September 8, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. in Room A102. Anyone wanting to set up their account on the World Bible School website, learn about various WBS courses, and learn how to be a study helper in those courses, is invited to come. Please bring your devices with you so that the WBS representative can walk you through your account setup.

A **New Ladies Celebrate Recovery Step Study Class** begins on Wednesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in room C203 (upstairs in Chapel Center). For questions or to register interest, please send an email to [celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org](mailto:celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org).

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower honoring Kylie McLeod**, bride elect of Caleb Myers, on Saturday, September 14 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Kylie (Ky) and Caleb are registered at [myregistry.com](http://myregistry.com).

Save the date! The **Faithful Fathers Father Daughter Retreat** will be October 18-20 at Frontier Camp Retreat Center in Grapeland, TX. Fathers and one daughter, ages 7 - high school seniors, are invited to attend. The cost is \$100 for each father-daughter pair. A table in the foyer is coming soon to sign up and find more information!

## Mission Updates

On Sunday, August 18, there were 2 more baptisms in Vermont, a husband and wife, Fredrick and Rose Passco. Here is their address for those who would like to send a card:

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Bobby Joyner at the loss of his sister, **Linda Joyner Lemley**, on August 22. The service will be scheduled at a later date. Please keep Bobby and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary [here](#).

Please keep Larry Brabham and his family in your prayers for the recent loss of his sister & nephew.

## Youth News

There will be a **High School Devo** TONIGHT from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center. Join us for fellowship, fun, food and a time of Bible Study.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, September 8 immediately following the evening assembly.

There will be a **Youth Bible Study** Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Watrous home.

Mark your calendars for the **September Girls Dinner Devo** on Thursday, September 26 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the FLC Kitchen. Bring your Bible and an apron (optional)! Please RSVP on [basicyouthministry.com](http://basicyouthministry.com).

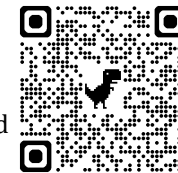
The **Youth Calendar** is updated and accurate thru Feb 2025 on the website. However, be sure to check it regularly, there may be more events added thru the year. [Basicyouthministry.com](http://Basicyouthministry.com)

## Treehouse Kids

**Journey Land Bible Class Rotation** will resume this Wednesday, September 4! This is for ages Prek-6th Grade.

- 4 yrs - Kinder will go to room B207.
- 1st & 2nd grade will go to room B208.
- 3rd & 4th grade will go to the Chapel Center.
- 5th & 6th grade will go to room B201.

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



**Bible Builders** begins Sunday, September 8. Children ages 2yrs-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.

**Dorcas Bible Class** (for girls K- 6th grade) resumes Saturday, September 14. Meet in the room A101 from 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. For more information, please see Jane-Ann Fleming.

If you are interested in hosting the **3rd to 6th Grade Monthly Boys Dinner and a Devo** please see Janna Wilkerson. We need one host per month, from September 2024 to May 2025. They can take place at your home, the park, FLC, etc. Duties include: preparing dinner for 3rd to 6th Grade Boys, giving a devo, prayer and song time, and having a fun activity for them to participate in.

**Sprouts Storytime** will resume September 25 at 10:00 a.m. This program is for children ages 0-Prek4. We will meet together for sensory play, songs, story time, a craft, and fun with friends!

**September Memory Verse Check In:** Our September Memory Verse is 1 Corinthians 10:31. Our Memory Verse check in will take place in between Bible Class and Worship September 29 in the foyer.

## Thank you

Thank you so much for all the love you have shown me during my surgery! I have received numerous cards, texts, meals, and visits during my recuperation, but most of all, thank you for your prayers! Our church family is such a blessing to us and we love each and every one of you!

Love, Denise & John Tolbert

## Expectant Family

Maria & John Moehlenbrock

## This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Fall Quarter Begins Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship - Congregational Singing TX Bible Bowl Practice
	7:15 p.m.	High School Devo
Monday		Church Offices Closed Senior Saints—Sight & Sound Presentation
	1:00 p.m.	Pickleball-Women
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	9:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Adriatic Café
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Adriatic Café
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	4:00 p.m.	GriefShare
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints—James Taylor Tribute
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast

## Upcoming Events

September 8	Sunny Glen Children's Home Donations Due Smile for a Child Begins (Pick Up Boxes) World Bible School Information & Training Meeting Bible Builders Resume Youth Invasion
September 10	Youth Bible Study—Watrous Home
September 14	Dorcas Class Bridal Shower for Kylie McLeod—Bride elect of Caleb Myers
September 15	JR High Devo
September 21	Youth Service
September 22	Youth Invasion
September 23	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
September 25	Smile for a Child Boxes Due Sprouts Storytime Resumes
September 26	Youth Girls Dinner Devo
September 27	Southern Sudan Banquet
September 28	Youth SNL Devo
September 29	September Memory Verse Check In

## Prayers

- ✚ **Erika Phillips**/daughter of Victor & Graciela Martinez/biopsy of her lungs on August 29 at MD Anderson.
- ✚ **Dennis Chrisco**/hospitalized August 28 with afib/undergoing testing.
- ✚ **Joyce Pieper**/surgery August 27 went well/she is at home recovering.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Barbara Conaway, Bobbie Fellabaum, Neil Gist, Laurie Riggs, Denise Tolbert.**
- ✚ Please remember our friends & family: **Billy Dearing, Noah Duke, Jim Hughes, Larry Klepac, Don Tucker.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Lisa Geerman, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **David Bloh, Patricia Franklin, Camellia Jackson, Ella Kasinger, D'Ann Norwood, Barbara Starr.**

**A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Rice, Beans, Boxed Potatoes  
**Sunny Glen Children's Home:** Pancake Mix, Paper Towels/Napkins,  
Body Wash, BBQ Sauce

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)