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Forgive AND Forget AND Reconcile

Joe Barnett posted this article on his website, Pathway Evangelism.

“Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry”
(James 1:19).

You know someone who models the exact opposite of today’s text: someone who is slow to listen, quick to speak and quick to become angry—leaving in their wake a waste dump of disaster.

To me, one of the most breathtaking things about God is that he not only forgives our sins, but forgets them (Heb 8:12). We’re not like that! When we’ve been the target of hateful words, hopefully we can forgive. But forget?

If your words wound, no matter how sorry you are for having said them, you’ve left a load of toxic relationship rubble.

Before speaking, turn up the volume on these words: *“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips”* (Ps 141:3).

Speak sparingly. Silence cannot be repeated.

God really does expect His children to forgive AND forget AND reconcile. It’s not easy, but it’s necessary. We want to say we forgive, but we don’t want to put in the work and reconcile hurt relationships. We want to forgive and move on and not repair the relationship. God expects us to love others the way He loves us. Jesus said, *“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift”* (Matt. 5:23-24). Paul wrote, *“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive”* (Col. 3:12-13).

God loves you!
Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

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 Mark Freeman

Adult Bible Classes:

“I Don’t Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist” by Doug Dobbs
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“The Kingdom of Christ” by Chris Wright
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

“Life of Christ” by Adam Fracht, Colten Cavanaugh, Kaleb Steinhauer
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

“The Table: Teachings of the Last Supper” by Various Teachers
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

Teen Bible Classes:

“Sharing the Gospel” (9th—12th) by Kevan Taylor & Jeremy Haynes
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

“Judges” (7th –8th) by Rocky Rutledge, Matt Fitzgerald,
& Garrett Waldrum
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

7th-12th Grade Boys in Education Center Room B107
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. by Various Teachers

7th-12th Grade Girls in Education Center Room B101
Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. by Various Teachers

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 in Room A104.
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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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, August 9, 2026

9:00 AM Bible Class	436
10:15 AM Worship	677
	205 Views Online
6:00 PM Worship	288
Contribution	\$41,551.52

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

7:00 PM Bible Class	369
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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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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 July 2026 are \$1,585,021.03 over a budget of \$1,270,512.25 for a surplus of \$314,508.78.

Notes

Announcements

Please join us for **Ladies Bible Class** beginning Tuesday, August 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel Center. This Fall/Winter we will be studying Philippians. Sign up by TODAY!



Texas Bible Bowl Practice begins TONIGHT at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

We are looking for **Bible Class Teachers and Helpers** for Sunday Morning and Wednesday Evenings for the Fall Quarter beginning in September. Please let Matt Fitzgerald or Mike Arnold know if you are interested in helping.

Volunteers are Needed to help set up tables and chairs for Wednesday night meals throughout the year. Help is needed setting up for the third and fourth Wednesdays each month. Set up will be on Tuesday nights. Please contact Chris Davis if interested.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, August 18 at 11:30 a.m. at Mia's Table.

Reece and Addison Glass were married July 14! Let's celebrate the newlyweds with a gift card box! Please drop your cards in the box on the table under the name tag board by August 30. Reece is the grandson of Tyrone and Alma Mynhier.

Filled **Smile for a Child** boxes are due Sunday, August 30. Don't forget the \$5 for shipping and handling! Please see Glenda Haggard for more information.

Heart to Home Sign Up is now open! **Heart to Home** is a year long opportunity for women in our congregation to gather monthly in small groups to build and foster strong relationships. Each September the groups form and begin a new year. We are asking everyone to sign up (even if you have previously filled out a form). Sign up opportunities for the school year 2026-27 will end August 30. Women will be divided as "moms" and "sisters." Moms serve as hostesses and sisters are the guests. Please use the QR code to register for this program. See Denise Tolbert or Marty Justice (@ Welcome Center) or contact Carren Craft or Patricia Osborn for more information or if assistance is needed to sign up.



Our boys and girls, ages Kinder to 4th Grade, have been working hard learning how God has designed both women and men to lead in His church. All ladies are invited to attend the **Girls Summer Leadership Class Tea** on September 2 in the Chapel Center once dismissed for class. All men are invited to attend the **Boys Summer Leadership Class leading worship** on Wednesday evening, September 2. Once dismissed for class, please remain in the Auditorium. Thank you for encouraging our children!

We are gearing up for our **2026-2027 3rd to 6th Grade Boys Dinner and a Devos!** We are looking for one host family per month, starting in September and ending in April. If you are interested in more information and to sign up, please scan/click QR code.



The **WOCC Children's Ministry Program** has the safety and security of our children, teachers, and volunteers at the forefront of all that we do. We will be implementing a new comprehensive child safety and abuse prevention program, called **Ministry Safe**, this week. This program will be required for all teachers and adult volunteers working with our children. It will be sent via email to all teachers signed up to help with the Fall and Winter quarters, as well as those already signed up to help with programs this school year for our children. This will be mandatory that it be completed by December 1st for those teaching. Once you have completed the course, we will be notified via Ministry Safe. Thank you for working with us to protect our children, as well as our teachers and volunteers. For more questions, please see Janna Wilkerson.

Youth News

The Youth Group will be serving the **Impact Church of Christ Meal** TODAY. We will leave during the song after the scripture reading at the morning worship and return around 2:00 p.m.

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Mod Pizza (6777 Woodlands Pkwy Suite 314, The Woodlands, TX 77382).

The next **High School Devo** will be Sunday, August 23 immediately following the evening assembly.

Mark you calendars for the next **Youth SNL** on Saturday, August 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Riva Row Boat House.

Treehouse Kids

Bible Builders, for ages 2 years - kindergarten, will be dismissed during the Sunday evening assembly to room C103.

Our **WOCC Bridge Kids** are the children that will be going into 5th and 6th grades this year. They have a special class on Wednesday nights, just for them, that meets in A102. We also will start back with our Bridge Kids BLASTS! once a month beginning in September. If you have a child in this age range and would like for them to have a WOCC Bridge Kids shirt, please complete the form no later than August 30 and pay \$10. You can give this directly to Janna Wilkerson by August 30.



August Newsletter:



Thank You

Dear WOCC Family,
We would like to say thank you to all who helped in so many ways to make Chandler and Chris' wedding day so special! Many hands helped with moving tables and chairs, serving at the reception, and in countless other ways and we are so appreciative. Most of all, we want to thank you for sharing your love with our family during this exciting time.

Love and hugs, Jeff and Jane-Ann Fleming

Prayers

- ✚ **Janet Foreman**/scheduled to have hip surgery August 18 at Houston Methodist at the Medical Center.
- ✚ **Robert Shock**/precedure went well/awaiting test results.
- ✚ **Cynthia Haney**/was scheduled to go to MD Anderson Downtown for tests August 13.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Lorene Burright, Janice Simon-Harris, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell.**
- ✚ Please remember our Friends & Family: **Stewart Bishop, Sherry Kinney.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Rodney Burke, Tania Cantu, Denise Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Bobby Joyner, Carolyn Keeney, Beverly Knox, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Patricia Osborn, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Marshall Lee.**

This Week

Today		Sign Up for Ladies Bible Class Deadline
		Gift Card Shower for Reece & Addison Glass
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
		Impact CoC Meal
	5:30 p.m.	Texas Bible Bowl Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - MOD Pizza
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball - Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Mia's Table
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class - Bill Rasco
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball

Upcoming Events

August 23	High School Youth Devo
August 25	Ladies Bible Class Begins
August 29	Youth SNL - Riva Row Boat House
August 30	Smile for a Child Boxes Due
	Heart to Home Sign Up Deadline
	Cards for Reece & Addsion Glass Deadline
	Memory Verse Check In
	Junior High Youth Devo
September 1	Ladies Bible Class Stay & Play
September 2	Fall Quarter Begins
	Wednesday Fellowship Meals Resume
	Girls Summer Leadership Class Tea
	Boys Summer Leadership Class Lead Worship
September 5	Men's Breakfast
September 6	Congregational Singing
	Youth Invasion
September 7	Church Offices Closed
September 10	Community Bible Class Resumes
September 11	3rd-6th Grade Boys Dinner Devo - Margie Dugan's Home
September 12	Dorcas Class
September 13	Youth Girls/Guys Devo
September 15	Ladies Bible Class - Salad Luncheon
September 18	Sprouts Story Time
September 19	Youth SNL
September 20	Baby Shower for Cassie Spacek

Expectant Families

Alyssa & Nick Bishop
Kirstin & Elliot Roberts
Cassie & Kyle Spacek
Gissela & Kaleb Steinhauer

Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Back to School - jelly, snack crackers, cereal, snack packs, juice boxes, canned chicken