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## What Does The Bible Say About Lying?

Have you ever told a little white lie? Why did you tell a lie? What did you gain from lying? No one likes to be lied to, and most people don't consider themselves liars. However, lying has become very prevalent in our culture. According to *Psychology Today*, there are two types of lies; self-serving lies and kind-hearted lies. A self-serving lie is meant to help the person telling the lie look better than they actually are, and a kind-hearted lie is meant to protect someone's feeling. The fact remains; both are lies. Consider what the Bible says about lying.

- *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”* (Ex. 20:16).
- *“Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit”* (Ps. 34:14).
- *“No one who practices deceit shall dwell in my house; no one who utters lies shall continue before my eyes”* (Ps. 101:7).
- *“Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who act faithfully are his delight”* (Prov. 12:22).
- *“A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who breathes out lies will perish”* (Prov. 19:9).
- *“Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator”* (Col. 3:9,10).
- *“Whoever says ‘I know him’ but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him”* (1 John 2:4).
- *“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me’”* (John 14:6).

Lying is wrong because it contradicts the truthful character of God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18). God's word is truth (John 17:17).

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 Raymond Walker

### Adult Bible Classes:

**“The Holy Spirit”** by Dave Short  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

**“Exodus”** by Troy French  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

**“A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John”** by Logan Cates  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

**“Miracles of Christ - Implications”** by Marty Miller  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

**“Purpose in Design”** by Blake Westerfeld  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

### Teen Bible Classes:

Wednesday **Root Groups** @ 7:00 p.m.  
by Various Teachers

7th-8th Grade Boys - C201

7th-8th Grade Girls - B101

9th Grade Boys - C203

10th-11th Grade Boys - C206

12th Grade Boys - B107

9th-12th Grade Girls - B106

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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Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant  
Grief Share: Sherry Reaves  
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Ladies Ministry: Sharon Freeman  
Parking Transport: Philip Leonardos  
Prison Ministry: John Cheatham,  
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### Last Week's Attendance

#### Sunday, September 20, 2026

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 9:00 AM Bible Class | 440              |
| 10:15 AM Worship    | 656              |
|                     | 363 Views Online |
| 6:00 PM Worship     | 272              |
| Contribution        | \$32,534.52      |

#### Wednesday, September 23, 2026

|                     |     |
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| 7:00 PM Bible Class | 373 |
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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](http://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

Congratulations to **Dawson Flournoy** who was baptized Friday, September 18! Welcome to the family Dawson!

The Elders are **Seeking Additional Deacons** to serve our congregation. Deacon Nomination forms are available on the foyer tables beside the bulletins. Each member is requested to submit a signed form using the box in the foyer by Sunday, October 11. Contact the church office if you need to electronically receive and/or submit a form.

TODAY is the final day to register for the **Father-Daughter Retreat**. We invite all dads with daughters aged 7-18 to attend the retreat, held October 9-11 at Frontier Camp. See Ben Brockman for details.



**Texas Bible Bowl Practice** will meet at 5:30 p.m. TONIGHT in the Chapel Center.

This Wednesday, September 30 is the 5th Wednesday therefore there will be **NO Fellowship Meal**.

**Woodland Oaks Celebrate Recovery** is happy to announce that this Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center we will have Ryan Thackeray sharing his testimony live with us. Ryan is our CR State Representative. Come listen to someone who has worked the Celebrate Recovery program as he gives us hope and encouragement through his own testimony. Snacks and childcare will be provided.

Please join us for the **Southern Sudan Banquet** this Friday, October 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. See Tyrone Mynhier for more information.

**Men's Breakfast** will be this Saturday, October 3 at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center.

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Claire Bennett**, bride elect of Isaac Gidden, on Sunday, October 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Claire & Isaac are registered at [theknot.com](http://theknot.com).

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Autumn Young**, bride elect of Ethan Jetton, on Sunday, October 11 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Claire & Isaac are registered at [theknot.com](http://theknot.com).

It's time for **College Care Packages**! Please sign up your college/military kids by Sunday, October 11 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, Glenda Haggard, or Kendra Blake. Please have all notes and donations turned in by Sunday, November 15. College Care Packages will be available for pick up Sunday, November 22!

The **WOCC Fall CAR-Nival** will take place on October 24, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We need your help to make this a success! Please visit the Children's Check-In area to sign up to volunteer at this event, sign up to host a trunk game, and more information. For questions, please see Janna Wilkerson.

**Young Professionals Retreat:** Dead or Alive - Colossians 3:1-4. Please join us for another retreat out at Burnt Cabin Christian Camp on October 23-25. Our schedule is filled with amazing opportunities to meet fellow brothers and sisters from all over! The lessons will be lead by our fellow young adult brothers, and there will be individual opportunities for building your spiritual disciplines! Expect tons of great singing, a joyous prayer walk, and the fabulous sights of the beautiful Oklahoma hills! The cost is \$25 per person. Please see Andy Stone with for more information.



The Senior Saints will attend **Robin Hood the Musical** presented by National Youth Theater on Saturday, October 31 at 2:00 p.m. at Lone Star College Tomball Performing Arts Center. There are 20 tickets available. Sign up and pay (\$16) Denise Tolbert by October 7.

## Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Crust Pizza (Research Forest).

Join us for a **Youth Group Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting** on Sunday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m. in room A102. This is for all families with High School students. Entire Families can attend but must have a high school student. The mission trip is March 13-20, 2027. Please talk with Aaron beforehand if you have any questions.

The next **High School Devo** will be Sunday, October 4 immediately following the evening assembly.

There will be a **Youth Fall Retreat** November 13-15 at Camp Journey. Please sign-up by November 1. The cost is \$40.



## Treehouse Kids

**Memory Verse Check In** will be TODAY in between Bible Class and Worship in the Worship Foyer. The memory verse for September is: Colossians 3:2 "Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things."

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

The next **Sprouts Story Time** will be this Friday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. in room C103.

**Dorcas Class** for girls ages Kinder-6th grade will meet this Saturday, October 3 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in room A101. This will be a Big Sis & Little Sis activity.

The Sprouts group will be visiting the **Oil Ranch** in Hockley on October 30. Please meet us at the gate at 9:50 a.m. The cost is \$17 for children/kids/adults 3 years and older. 0-2 years old are free. Please pay via Giving Fire and submit your RSVP no later than Sunday, October 18. This is a firm deadline, as I have to give the Oil Ranch a definite number.



## Prayers

- ✠ **Linda Borne**/scheduled to have hip replacement surgery October 1.
- ✠ **Mary Nell Bollman**/at home after being hospitalized.
- ✠ Please remember our members: **Diane Atchison, Nicah Branham, Lorene Burright, Joe Fellabaum, Jennifer Pittman, Janice Simon-Harris, Joyce Pieper, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Kaye Shock, Lana Webster, Bradley Welborn.**
- ✠ Members battling cancer: **Tania Cantu, Cynthia Haney, Bobby Joyner, Carolyn Keeney, Beverly Knox, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✠ Friends & family battling cancer: **Jennifer Jones, Marshall Lee, Emily Seaman.**

## Thank You

Our families deeply appreciate the love and concern shown to our D'Ann over the past six years. Your prayers, cards and notes brightened her days-thank you. So thankful to be in this Church family.

The Mann and Reaves families

## Expectant Families

Alyssa & Nick Bishop      Addison & Reece Glass      Cassie & Kyle Spacek  
Katelyn & TC French      Kirstin & Elliot Roberts

## This Week

|           |            |                                                |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Today     |            | Sign Up Due for Father-Daughter Retreat        |
|           | 9:00 a.m.  | Bible Class                                    |
|           | 9:45 a.m.  | Memory Verse Check In                          |
|           | 10:15 a.m. | Worship                                        |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Texas Bible Bowl Practice                      |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Evening Worship                                |
|           | 6:15 p.m.  | Bible Builders                                 |
| Monday    | 7:00 p.m.  | Youth Invasion - Crust Pizza (Research Forest) |
|           | 4:00 p.m.  | Pickleball - Women                             |
|           | 6:00 p.m.  | Pickleball                                     |
| Tuesday   | 9:30 a.m.  | Ladies Bible Class                             |
| Wednesday | 7:00 p.m.  | Bible Class                                    |
| Thursday  | 10:00 a.m. | Community Bible Class                          |
|           | 7:00 p.m.  | Celebrate Recovery - Ryan Thackeray Basketball |
| Friday    | 10:00 a.m. | Sprouts Story Time                             |
|           | 5:30 p.m.  | Southern Sudan Banquet                         |
| Saturday  | 8:00 a.m.  | Men's Breakfast                                |
|           | 9:30 a.m.  | Dorcas Class (Big Sis/Little Sis Activity)     |

## Upcoming Events

|               |                                                                |  |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| October 4     | Bridal Shower for Claire Bennett (bride elect of Isaac Gidden) |  |
|               | Youth Group Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting        |  |
|               | Congregational Singing                                         |  |
|               | Youth High School Devo                                         |  |
|               | Ladies Bible Class - Stay & Play                               |  |
| October 6     | Men's Luncheon - Whataburger (FM 1488 & Egypt)                 |  |
|               | Sign Up and Payment Due for Senior Saints Robin Hood           |  |
|               | Faithful Fathers Father Daughter Retreat                       |  |
|               | Deacon Nomination Forms Due                                    |  |
|               | College Care Package Sign Up Due                               |  |
| October 7     | Bridal Shower for Autumn Young (bride elect of Ethan Jetton)   |  |
|               | Youth Invasion - Shake Shack                                   |  |
|               | Sprouts Story Time                                             |  |
|               | Sign Up and Pay Due for Sprouts Oil Ranch                      |  |
|               | Elder/Deacon Meeting                                           |  |
| October 11    | Junior High Devo                                               |  |
|               | Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper                      |  |
|               | Young Professionals Retreat                                    |  |
|               | WOCC Car-Nival                                                 |  |
|               | Youth Service                                                  |  |
| October 16    | Memory Verse Check In                                          |  |
|               | Congregational Meeting                                         |  |
| October 18    |                                                                |  |
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| October 19    |                                                                |  |
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| October 23-25 |                                                                |  |
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| October 24    |                                                                |  |
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| October 25    |                                                                |  |
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## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Myra Burke at the loss of her husband and our brother in Christ, **Rodney Burke**, on Saturday, September 19. The memorial service was held September 26 at Woodland Oaks Church of Christ. Please keep Myra and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more information at: <https://www.magnoliafunerals.com/obituaries/rodney-burke-2/#!/Obituary>.

Deepest sympathy to Bob & Sherry Reaves at the loss of their daughter, **D'Ann Norwood**, on Friday, September 18. The memorial service will be Thursday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. in Midland, TX. Please keep Bob, Sherry, and the family in your prayers. You can find more info at: <https://npwelch.com/obituary/dann-norwood/>.

**Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.**  
**WOCC Sharing Pantry:** Cereal, hamburger helper, toilet paper, paper towels, dish soap, dish scrubbers.