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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, October 25, 2026

9:00 AM Bible Class	421
10:15 AM Worship	674 436 Views Online
6:00 PM Worship	242
Contribution	$29,356.90

Wednesday, October 28, 2026

7:00 PM Bible Class	Not Counted

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Grief Share:	Sherry Reaves
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Ladies Ministry:	Sharon Freeman
Parking Transport:	Philip Leonardos
Prison Ministry:	John Cheatham, Blake Westerfeld
Senior Saints:	John & Denise Tolbert
Young Professionals:	Hayden Talbott & Emma Callahan

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

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

November 1, 2026

Elder of the Day Todd Watrous

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 - C205

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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Cain and Abel: The First Murder

By: Jordan Arnold
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The first murder explains what's wrong with modern civilization.

Cain is the cultivator of the ground. His name evokes acquisition and possession. He represents humanity's technological impulse: our capacity to manipulate nature, harness its resources, and make the earth produce according to our desires. Abel, whose name means breath or vapor, represents something more elusive: the spiritual, contemplative, and transcendent dimensions of human existence. He is a shepherd, following living creatures rather than imposing his will upon the soil.

Neither vocation is inherently evil. Both are necessary. But they must exist in proper relationship. Cain's tragedy is that he cannot tolerate Abel's acceptance before God. Rather than recognizing that his brother possesses something he lacks, he destroys him. Material power, unwilling to acknowledge spiritual authority, murders the very thing that might have redeemed it.

And isn't this the story of modern civilization? We have become astonishingly proficient at making things and increasingly confused about what things are for. We can manipulate genomes, manufacture intelligence, and extract unimaginable wealth from the earth. Yet our technological sophistication has outpaced our moral wisdom.

The tragedy is not that Cain cultivated the earth. It is that he could cultivate the earth but not his own soul. The brothers should have lived together. Cain's productivity could have sustained Abel's contemplation; Abel's spiritual wisdom could have directed Cain's industry toward God. Instead, Cain asked, "*Am I my brother's keeper*?" Yes, Cain. That was precisely your calling.

The enduring warning of this ancient story is that civilization becomes monstrous whenever its power exceeds its wisdom. Technology can sustain human life, but it cannot tell us what makes life worth living.

God loves you!
Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

Announcements

Congratulations to **Cassie & Kyle Spacek** on the birth of their son, **Kolt Russell Spacek** on Tuesday, October 27, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 21 3/4 in. Proud big sister is **Charlee**!

Your elders encourage you to exercise your right to vote, in both national and local elections. Do your research. Support candidates that align with godly principles and vote against those that support policies and positions in opposition to God's will.

The **Ask About a Home in Heaven** (AAAHIH) outreach opportunity mission is to help others discover how they can have assurance of their home in Heaven by directing them to study the Bible at the World Bible School. One of the ways we are promoting the website on the roadways , in parking lots and around town is with our AAAHIH vehicle plaques. Please stop by our table in the foyer after assembly to learn more and to pick up a plaque for your vehicle. Also be sure to ask about our Sharing Cards .

Please Sign Up for Wednesday Fellowship Meals! Scan the QR code or sign up in Lightpost by Tuesday so we can prepare enough food. There will be an updated link each week.

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

Please join us for a **Baby Shower for Alyssa Bishop** TODAY from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Alyssa & Nick are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Amazon.

There will be **NO Ladies Bible Class** this Tuesday, November 3. Classes will resume November 10.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, November 3 at 11:30 a.m. at Golden Chopsticks on FM 242.

Please note the monthly **Men's Breakfast** will be November 14 at 8:00 a.m.

College Care Package 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!

Please join us for a **Baby Sprinkle for Kirstin Roberts** on Saturday, November 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Kirstin & Elliot are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Amazon.

Thank you

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much to all of you that volunteered or helped in some way to contribute to the success of our WOCC Fall CAR-Nival! From the amazing food team to our incredible Security team, the generous families who hosted a trunk to our station volunteers, and everyone in between, we had so many people from our church family come together for a common goal. I deeply appreciate everyone who was involved in this effort!

In Him, Janna Wilkerson

Expectant Families

Alyssa & Nick Bishop	Addison & Reece Glass	Kirstin & Elliot Roberts
Katelyn & TC French	Randi & Alex Hall	

Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
WOCC Sharing Pantry: Cereal, spaghetti sauce, hamburger helper, chili, jelly, can broth, canned pinto beans.

Friends Day

Be praying for **Friends Day**, which will be Sunday, November 8. 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 pre-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 8.

Youth News

Mark you calendars for the **Youth Fall Retreat** November 13-15 at Camp Journey. Please sign-up by TODAY. The cost is $40.

The Youth will **Serve the Impact CoC Meal** TODAY.

There will be a **Guys/Girls Devo** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly. Please meet in the Chapel Center.

The **Youth Service Project** for the month of November will be this Saturday, November 7. Please meet at the building at 10:00 a.m. and be ready to clean the Church campus in preparation for Friend's Day! Bring a drink and lunch will be provided.

Honduras Mission Trip March 13-20, 2027. Scan QR for all the details!

Treehouse Kids

THK Thankful Tree: "Count your blessings, name them one by one! Count your blessings, see what God has done!" The "Thankful Tree" will be displayed starting TODAY near the Children's Check-In area. Encourage your child to take a leaf, write/draw something that they are thankful for, and add it to our tree!

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.

Sprouts Story Time will meet this Friday, November 6 at 10:00 a.m. in room C103.

Dorcas Class for girls ages Kinder-6th grade will meet this Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in room A101.

Our November **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Dinner and a Devo** will be at the Dillon Home on Friday, November 13 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Please RSVP no later than November 6. This is a great time for our boys through worship, devo, fellowship, food, fun, and games!

The Bridge Kids *5th and 6th graders* will be having a **Bridge Kids BLAST** at Slick City Action Park in The Woodlands on November 17 from 5:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m. The cost is $20 per person and includes entry, socks, and dinner. Please RSVP no later than November 10 via the link. We are also in need of 3-4 parents willing to stay and chaperone. If interested, please let Janna know. Thanks!

November Newsletter:

This Week

Today		Daylight Saving Time Ends
		Sign Up for Youth Fall Retreat Due
		THK Thankful Tree
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
		Impact CoC Meal
	4:00 p.m.	Baby Shower for Alyssa Bishop
	6:00 p.m.	Texas Bible Bowl Practice
		Evening Worship - Congregational Singing
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Guys/Girls Devo
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball - Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Golden Chopsticks on FM 242
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story Time
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Dorcas Class
	10:00 a.m.	Baby Sprinkle for Kirstin Roberts
		Youth Service

Upcoming Events

November 8	Friends Day
November 10	RSVP Due for Bridge Kids BLAST - Slick City
	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	Ladies Bible Class - Stay & Play
November 13-15	Youth Fall Retreat
November 13	3rd-6th Grade Boys Devo - Dillon Home
November 14	Men's Breakfast
November 15	Congregation Reviews Deacon Nominations
	College Care Package Donations Due
	Impact Holiday for Kids Selection in foyer
November 16	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
November 17	Ladies Bible Class - Thanksgiving Lunch
	Men's Luncheon
	Bridge Kids BLAST - Slick City Action Park
November 18	Sign Up & Payment Due for Senior Saints Traditions of Christmas
November 20	Sprouts Story Time
November 21	Senior Saints Frozen the Musical
November 22	College Care Package Pick Up
	Memory Verse Check In
	Texas Bible Bowl Review
	Youth Invasion - The Stand
November 25-27	Church Offices Closed
November 25	No Meal - Combined Devo/No Children's Classes
November 29	Youth Invasion - Mod Pizza

Prayers

- **Lorene Burright**/at home after successful ablation surgery October 27.
- **Don Webb**/cousin of Sherry Reaves & Judy & Mike Bollman, nephew of Mary Nell Bollman/undergoing treatment for stage 4 gastric cancer.
- Please remember our members: **Diane Atchison, Mary Nell Bollman, Linda Borne, Lorene Burright, Joyce Pieper, Janice Simon-Harris, Jettie Huff, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Eve Southall.**
- Members battling cancer: **Tania Cantu, Ron Crawford, Vicki Gilmer, 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.**

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