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Meet The Greeters

By Noel Whitlock

I ran across an article this week that I wanted to share because it highlights an often unnoticed, but very vital ministry in the Church. It was written by Noel Whitlock at the College Church of Christ in Searcy, AR. Some edits have been made.

Our “greeters” matter. The ministry is much more than handing out bulletins or opening doors. It is hospitality. Scripture repeatedly calls God’s people to “practice hospitality” (Rom. 12:13), including and especially to strangers (Heb. 13:2).

If we are the family of God, then our building is His home. Every person who enters should experience the warmth of a welcoming fellowship. A friendly smile and sincere greeting, or even directions to a classroom, can relieve someone’s anxiety.

Long before the opening prayer, guests may already be deciding whether or not this is a place where they feel noticed or valued. The life and death of Jesus says loudly to each living soul, “You matter to me.” Our “greeting ministry” is our organized attempt to say exactly that to our visitors.

Thank you so much for opening doors, handing out bulletins, pointing visitors in the right direction, offering a kind word, and making people feel welcomed and valued.

Keep doing what you already do: welcoming visitors in His name.

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 Mac Brockman

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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Heart to Home: Marty Justice

Ladies Ministry: Sharon Freeman

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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00 AM Bible Class	421
10:15 AM Worship	633
	327 Views Online
6:00 PM Worship	252
Contribution	\$41,604.66

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

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:
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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

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 TODAY.

Please join us for a **Bridal Shower Honoring Autumn Young**, bride elect of Ethan Jetton, TODAY from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Autumn & Ethan are registered at theknot.com.

It's time for **College Care Packages**! Please sign up your college/military kids by TODAY 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!

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** on Sunday, October 18 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

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.

We are collecting prizes, favors, and treats to pass out to the kids at our **CAR-Nival**. Please put your treat donations in the large box by the Volunteer Sign Up boards near the Children's Check-In area. Donations that are NOT chocolate are appreciated due to it melting in the hot Texas sun, and toy prizes that are not candy are highly encouraged! Think bouncy balls, spinner toys, pencils, etc! Thank you!

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 for more information.

The next **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be Monday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

The **Senior Saints will attend Frozen** presented by National Youth Theater on Saturday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m. at Lone Star College Tomball Performing Arts Center. There are 25 tickets available. Sign up and pay (\$16) Denise Tolbert by October 28.

Do you have a heart for mentoring youth and sharing God's love? Camp Red Oak Springs is looking for dedicated counselors for **Session 2, June 14-19, 2027**. Serving as a counselor is a rewarding opportunity to encourage campers in their faith while creating meaningful memories. If you feel called to serve or would like additional details, please reach out to **Matt Fitzgerald**.

Prayers

- ✝ **Vicki Gilmer**/diagnosed with endometrial cancer/surgery scheduled for October 12.
- ✝ Please remember our members: **Diane Atchison, Mary Nell Bollman, Linda Borne, Nicah Branham, Lorene Burright, Joyce Pieper, Jennifer Pittman, Janice Simon-Harris, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Eve Southall, Lana Webster.**
- ✝ 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.**

Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Shake Shack.

There will be a **Junior High Devo** on Sunday, October 18 immediately following the evening assembly.

📱 We need **Youth Group volunteers for our Fall CAR-Nival** on October 24 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please look at the Sign Up link for areas to volunteer and more information. For questions, please see Janna Wilkerson.

The Youth will **Serve the Impact CoC Meal** on Sunday, November 1. Please sign up on the Band App!

The **Youth Service Project** for the month of November will be on 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.

Mark you calendars for the **Youth Fall Retreat** November 13-15 at Camp Journey. Please sign-up by November 1. The cost is \$40.

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

Treehouse Kids

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 16 at 10:00 a.m. in room C103.

The **Memory Verse Check in** will be Sunday, October 25 in between Bible Class & Worship in the foyer. The verse for October is: Proverbs 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

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.

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

October Newsletter:

Thank You

Words seem inadequate when trying to express our thankfulness for what the Lord's Church means to our family through the Woodland Oaks Church family. Prayers offered, visits and hand holding, meals prepared and delivered, cards, texts, phone calls, etc. have truly helped us start the healing process after the loss of Rodney. God is and has been incredibly gracious to us and has blessed us beyond measure.

Blessings and many thanks to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ as we continue to glorify our God daily.

Myra Burke and Family

Dear Women's Ministry@ Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,
We are so grateful for the generous collection of items you lovingly donated to our "Giving Room" at Isaiah 117 House. It is only with the help of donors like you that we can hope to make a difference in the lives of the children who, on a very hard day, walk through our red doors as guests, to feel "seen & lavishly loved" while they wait for foster care placement. Your kindness and sharing the love of Jesus is a HUGE blessing to our ministry! Thank you for helping us change the way foster care begins in Montgomery-Walker counties.
God Bless You!!! Denise Vincent - Isaiah 117 House Team

This Week

Today		Deacon Nomination Forms Due
		College Care Package Sign Up Due
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:30 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Autumn Young(brid
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Texas Bible Bowl Practice
		Evening Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion - Shake Shack
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball - Women
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast - House of Pies
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday	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
Friday		Basketball
	10:00 a.m.	Sprouts Story Time

Upcoming Events

October 18	Sign Up and Pay Due for Sprouts Oil Ranch Elder/Deacon Meeting
October 20	Junior High Devo
October 23-25	Men's Luncheon
October 24	Young Professionals Retreat
	WOCC Car-Nival
October 25	Youth Service
	Memory Verse Check In
	Congregational Meeting
	Youth Invasion - Whataburger
October 26	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
October 27	Men's Prayer Breakfast
October 28	Sign Up Due for Senior Saints Frozen by NYT
October 30	Sprouts Story Time Outing - Oil Ranch
October 31	Senior Saints - Robin Hood the Musical by NYT
November 1	Daylight Saving Time Ends
	Thankful Tree
	Impact CoC Meal
	Baby Shower for Alyssa Bishop
	Congregational Singing
	Youth Invasion - Freebirds
November 6	Sprouts Story Time
November 7	Youth Service Project
	Dorcas Class
	Sprinkle for Kirstin Roberts
November 8	Friends Day
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
November 16	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper

Expectant Families

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

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

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