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What Does The Bible Say About Gossip?

Gossip is either truth or a lie that is whispered to others for the purpose of make someone else look bad. A gossip is one who has information or rumors about people and reveals that information to those who have no business knowing it. It takes two to gossip; the person spreading the rumor and the person eager and willing to listen. Gossip, whether it’s true or not, hurts everyone involved. It’s divisive, it destroys friendships, breaks trust, and the pain felt by it lingers. Please consider what the Bible says about gossip.

- *“With his mouth the godless man would destroy his neighbor, but by knowledge the righteous are delivered”* (Prov. 11:9).
- *“Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a thing covered”* (Prov. 11:13).
- *“A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends”* (Prov. 16:28).
- *“Whoever goes about slandering reveals secrets; therefore do not associate with a simple babblers”* (Prov. 20:19).
- *“For lack of wood the fire goes out, and where there is no whisperer, quarreling ceases”* (Prov. 26:20).
- *“Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips”* (Ps. 141:3).
- *“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear”* (Eph. 4:29).
- *“Besides that, they learn to be idlers, going about from house to house, and not only idlers, but also gossips and busybodies, saying what they should not”* (1 Tim. 5:13).
- *“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless”* (James 1:26).

A gossip is to strife, quarrels, and contention as wood is to fire. Both gossip and wood are fuels. By sealing our ears and sewing our lips shut, we can smother the burning fires of gossip. Let’s use our words to honor God and encourage others.

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:

“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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Last Week’s Attendance

Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00 AM Bible Class	444
10:15 AM Worship	635
	355 Views Online
6:00 PM Worship	257
Contribution	\$35,768.02

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

7:00 PM Bible Class	335
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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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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 Sunday, October 11. Contact the church office if you need to electronically receive and/or submit a form.

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

Congregational Singing will be TONIGHT during the evening assembly.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, October 6 at 11:30 a.m. at Whataburger (FM 1488 & Egypt Ln).

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. Autumn & Ethan are registered at [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!

There will be an **Elder/Deacom 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 starting TODAY. 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 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.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Garrett Waldrum & Delena McEwen at the loss of their father, **Michael Waldrum** on Saturday, September 26. The visitation will be today, October 4 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Magnolia Funeral Home. The funeral service will be Monday, October 5 at 10:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Methodist Church. Please keep Garrett, Delena, and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary & find more info [here](#).

Expectant Families

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

Youth News

Join us for a **Youth Group Honduras Mission Trip Informational Meeting** TODAY 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.

There will be a **High School Devo** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly.

The next **Youth Invasion** will be Sunday, October 11 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.

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

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.

Our October **3rd to 6th Grade Boys Dinner and a Devo** will be held at The Cavanaugh's home on Friday, October 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by this Wednesday, October 7.

The next **Sprouts Story Time** will be this Friday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. in room C103.

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:

Prayers

- ✚ **Joyce Pieper**/released from hospital to go home to the Forum on hospice care.
- ✚ **Vicki Gilmer**/diagnosed with endometrial cancer/surgery scheduled for October 12.
- ✚ **Erika Phillips**/daughter of Victor & Graciela Martinez/recent test came back cancer free/will continued to be monitored every 3-4 months.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Diane Atchison, Mary Nell Bollman, Linda Borne, Nicah Branham, Lorene Burright, Jennifer Pittman, Janice Simon-Harris, Laurie Riggs, Danyce Rundell, Lana Webster.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tania Cantu, 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.**

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.

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Bridal Shower for Clair Bennett (bride elect of Isaac Gidden)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Group Honduras Mission Trip Info Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Texas Bible Bowl Practice
Monday		Evening Worship - Congregational Singing
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	High School Devo
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball - Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class - Stay & Play
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon - Whataburger
Wednesday		Sign Up Due for 3rd-6th Grade Boys Devo
		Sign Up Due for Senior Saints Robin Hood
	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		FF Father Daughter Retreat
	5:00 p.m.	3rd-6th Grade Boys Devo & Dinner

Upcoming Events

October 11	Deacon Nomination Forms Due College Care Package Sign Up Due Bridal Shower for Autumn Young (bride elect of Ethan Jetton) Youth Invasion - Shake Shack
October 16	Sprouts Story Time
October 18	Sign Up and Pay Due for Sprouts Oil Ranch Elder/Deacon Meeting Junior High Devo
October 19	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper
October 23-25	Young Professionals Retreat
October 24	WOCC Car-Nival Youth Service
October 25	Memory Verse Check In Congregational Meeting Youth Invasion - Whataburger
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

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, & prayers as I recover from my hip repair surgery. It really means a lot to me that you took the time to uplift me. I appreciate your continued prayers as healing is slow.

God bless you all, Janet Foreman

Dear Woodland Oaks Church of Christ,
Our hearts have been comforted by your cards, help with the funeral, food and other generous expressions of your love. We couldn't have asked for a more perfect celebration of life for Stan Titlow, husband, father and brother. May God bless you all for your kindness. Thank you.

With love,
Linda, Pam, Kim, Janet and the rest of Stan Titlow family

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