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### **Last Week's Attendance**

Sunday, October 5, 2025 9:00 AM Bible Class

627 @ WOCC 10:15 AM Worship 259 Views online

6:00 PM Worship 254 Contribution \$42,588,47

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class

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 Spring, TX 77382

#### **Missions**

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

#### **Deacons**

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Mike Stevens Sharing Kyle Gordley

Bradley Welborn Special Ministries Seth Dillon Reaching Out/Welcome Center Gavin Dao

Bryce Caldwell Homebound/Men's Ministry Robert Shock

Worship Steve Baker Jordan Blake Eric Kirkland

Youth Brant Mathis Daniel Fair Trent Tadlock Kevin Wilkerson

#### **Special Ministries: Contact:**

Celebrate Recovery: Tom Kernan Faithful Fathers: Chuck Bryant **Grief Share:** Sherry Reaves Heart to Home: Patricia Osborn Ladies Ministry: Sharon Freeman Parking Transport: Philip Leonardos Prison Ministry: John Cheatham, Blake Westerfeld

Senior Saints: John & Denise Tolbert Young Professionals: Hayden Talbott &

Karen Isherwood

#### Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through July 31 actual \$1,367,244.55 compared to budget of \$1,174,605.00 for surplus of \$192,639.55.

#### 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

Bible Classes

October 12, 2025

Elder of the Day

7:00 PM

**Butch Merriman** 

#### **Adult Bible Classes:**

**"Wisdom"** by Dave Short Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

"God's Covenants" by Raymond Walker Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101

**"Romans"** by Morgan Whatley Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102

"Philippians" by Various Teachers Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

"God's Covenants" (Young Professionals) by Raymond Walker Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Worship Center Room A101

#### **Teen Bible Classes:**

"Daniel" (9th-12th) by Brant Mathis/Trent Tadlock Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107

"Genesis" (7th -8th) by Aaron Trent Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101

"How We Got the Bible" (9th -12th) by Marty Miller Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

"Apologetics" (7th –8th) by Bryce Caldwell Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107

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. 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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### If the LORD Returned Today

By: Josh McCord

The Bible teaches not only that the Lord will return, but provides information about how that will happen, "... the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night." (1 Thessalonians 5:2). Jesus Himself said, "But of that day and hour no one knows" (Matthew 24:36). So, when Jesus returns, it will be sudden and unexpected. This truth should cause us to pause and consider, what if the Lord returned today?

If the Lord came back today, every earthly pursuit would instantly lose its value. Our money, careers, possessions, and even our plans for tomorrow would all fade away.

If the Lord returned today, would He find us faithfully serving Him with gladness? Would He find us distracted by the cares of this life, unprepared to meet Him? What would matter most is whether we are found in Christ. Paul urged the Corinthians to "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58). The return of Jesus will be either a day of great joy or a day of great sorrow. For the faithful, it will be the moment of eternal reward, the fulfillment of every promise. For the unprepared, it will be too late to change.

There is no better time than now to obey God, to live faithfully, and to prepare for the day that will surely come. Peter reminds us that "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9). His delay is giving us time to turn to Him, but the delay will not last forever. One day, the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised, and we will all stand before the Lord in judgment. At the end of the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, Jesus said, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." (Matthew 25:13) We should live in constant readiness, watching and waiting for His coming.

Fanny Crosby wrote a song that was published in 1876 titled "Will Jesus Find Us Watching?" The chorus of the song asks the following questions:

"O can we say we are ready, brother? Ready for the soul's bright home? Say, will He find you and me still watching, Waiting, waiting when the Lord shall come?" If the Lord returned today, would you be ready to meet Him?

God loves you! Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

### **Announcements**

There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** TODAY at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be this Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 a.m. at Snooze Eatery (2415 Research Forest Dr.).

There will be a **Young Professionals Fall Retreat** at Burnt Cabin Christian Camp in Oklahoma from October 17-19. Please join us for a weekend spending time with brothers and sisters in another state and discussing God's family. Cost is \$25 + some food to share, and we plan to carpool. Contact Andy Stone or Karen Isherwood for more details. Sign up by scanning/clicking the QR code.

You're invited to a **Baby Sprinkle in honor of Meredith Caldwell** this Saturday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Sweet Paris Creperie & Café. Meredith and Bryce are expecting a baby girl and are registered at Amazon. Gift cards are also helpful. Please RSVP to Elise Fair by today if you will attend.

It's time for **College Care Packages**! Please sign up your college/military kids by Sunday, October 19 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 or Denise Tolbert, Glenda Haggard, or Kendra Blake or place checks in the offering plate with College Care Package marked in memo line. Please have all notes and donations turned in by Sunday, November 16. College Care Packages will be available for pick up Sunday, November 23!

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** Sunday, October 19 immediately following the evening assembly.

### **Prayers**

- ♣ Robbie Kirby/mother of Janet Logan/fell and has a broken sinus bone in jaw and has a small brain bleed/Memorial Hermann The Woodlands Hospital.
- **Brynn Arnold**/was scheduled to have tonsil/adenoid surgery 10/09.
- **→ Marina Spargo**/friend of Graciela Martinez/diagnosed with brain cancer and was scheduled to have surgery for brain tumor 10/8.
- **Robert Thompson**/heart catheter procedure was scheduled for 10/9.
- **Roger Borne**/husband of Linda Borne/heart issues.
- **† Nancy Walker**/recovering from surgery 10/3.
- ♣ Lily/newborn granddaughter of Chuck & Debi Hix/will be scheduled for surgery at a later date when she is stronger.
- ₱ Barbara Starr/friend of Scottie West/hospitalized with salmonella poisoning/expected to move to rehab.
- Please remember our members: Sara Blake, Nicah Branham, Jane-Ann Fleming, Bobby Joyner, Betty Kody, Valerie Lowry, Rhonda Mashburn, Laurie Riggs, Don Southall, Gina Talbott, Debra Thompson.
- Please remember our Friends & Family: Ivvanee Martinez.
- The Members battling cancer: Tania Cantu, Denise Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Carolyn Keeney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Harold Mangham, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Janice Tadlock.
- ♣ Friends & family battling cancer: Brenda Booth, Steve Harding, Ty Mynhier, Erika Phillips, Robert Redden, Barbara Starr, Bryan Titlow.

### **Youth News**

The **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Coop's Hot Chicken.

There will be an **Youth SNL Devo** on Saturday, October 18 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at WOCC. Light refreshments will be served.

The next **JR High Devo** will be Sunday, October 19 immediately following the evening assembly.

Please join us for a **Girls Dinner Devo** on Thursday, October 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Kendra Blake. RSVP <u>here!</u>

October Newsletter: <a href="https://secure.smore.com/n/e2sv4">https://secure.smore.com/n/e2sv4</a>.

### **Treehouse Kids**

There will be **NO Bible Builders** tonight. We will resume meeting October 19!

There will be **NO Sprouts Storytime** on October 15 or October 22. We will resume meeting October 29!

Those signed up to attend **Oil Ranch** in Hockley will meet there (by the front gate) at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 22. See Janna Wilkerson for more info.

The **THK Pumpkin Painting Social** will take place on October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in the grassy area between the Education Building and Auditorium near the Butterfly Garden. Please RSVP by this Thursday, October 16 in order for us to properly prepare. All materials will be provided, and light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP via the link: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAA2FA5F9C07-59156980-thkpumpkin">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAA2FA5F9C07-59156980-thkpumpkin</a>.

The **3rd to 6th Grade Boys will be leading Singing** on Wednesday, October 29. If your son would like to participate, please see Kevin Wilkerson by October 26.

Our **October Memory Verse Check In** will be October 26 in between Bible Class and Worship in the foyer. The verse is: John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

October Newsletter: https://secure.smore.com/n/zh8fa.

### **New Members**

Lexi Medina

**Jaiden Hicks** 

## **Expectant Families**

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Krista & Jason Chapman Emily & James Dillard Elise & Daniel Fair

<u>Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.</u>

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Holiday Items: canned pumpkin, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk, gravy envelopes.

		This Week
Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	4:30 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Coop's Hot Chicken
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Snooze Eatery
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	4:00 p.m.	GriefShare
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class—Kaleb Steinhauer
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
		Basketball
Friday		Young Professionals Fall Retreat
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Baby Sprinkle for Meredith Caldwell-Sweet Paris Creperie & Ca
·	7:00 p.m.	Youth SNL

# **Upcoming Events**

October 19	Sign Up for College Care Packages Due		
	Congregational Meeting		
	Junior High Devo		
October 21	Men's Luncheon—Pappas BBQ—I45		
October 22	THK Sprouts Oil Ranch Outing		
October 23	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Kendra Blake's home		
October 26	THK Memory Verse Check In		
	THK Pumpkin Painting Social		
	Youth Invasion—"This or That"		
October 28	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper		
October 29	5th Wednesday—No Journey Land- Experience Night/No Meal		
November 1	Men's Breakfast		
November 2	Daylight Saving Time Ends		
	THK Thankful Tree		
	Congregational Singing		
	Combined Youth Devo		
November 4	Young Professional Dinner Devo		
November 7	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Dao Home		
November 8	Youth Service—Friends Day Prep		
	Senior Saints—Mary Poppins @ Lone Star College Tomball Performing Arts Cent		
November 9	Friends Day		
vember 14-16	Youth Fall Retreat		
November 15	Baby Shower for Emily Dillard		
November 18	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper		
November 23	Bridal Shower for Elle Montandon—bride elect of John O'Connor		
	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza		
November 26	Combined Devo—No Children's Classes/No Meal		
	Sympathy		

## Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Janey Moreland at the loss of her brother, **Billy Dearing**, on Tuesday, October 7. The visitation will be Wednesday, October 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. with funeral to follow at 10:00 a.m. at Bammel CoC. Please keep Janey and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more information at: <a href="https://beresfordfunerals.com/obituary/billy-b-dearing-ii">https://beresfordfunerals.com/obituary/billy-b-dearing-ii</a>.