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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

7:00 PM Bible Class

9:00 AM Bible Class

10:15 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Contribution

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.

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Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through October actual \$1,835,570.93 vs budget of \$1,683,600.50 for surplus of \$151,970.43.

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 23, 2025

Elder of the Day

Todd Watrous

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 Class audio available at romanizing.transistor.fm

"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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A Tender Friend

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matthew 11:16-19).

In what terms do you think of your relationship with Jesus? We tend think of Jesus as our Redeemer and Savior. We think of him as our Lord and King. While those things are true and will never change, do you see Jesus as your friend? The Pharisees accused Jesus of being friend with sinners and tax collectors. They accused Jesus was being friends with the wrong people, the most despicable kinds of people known to that culture. While the Pharisees call him a friend of sinners as an insult, what a comfort to those who knew they were sinners. To make matters worse, Jesus had the audacity to ask one of those "tax collectors and sinners" to be one of his students. After Iesus called Matthew (a tax collector) to follow him, Matthew threw a party at his house for his sinner and tax collector friends and invited Jesus, and Jesus came to the party, and Jesus shared a meal with them.

"When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard it, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.' Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners'" (Matt. 9:11-13).

Jesus enjoyed spending time with these people. Jesus befriended sinners and tax collectors because they were sinners and tax collectors and they needed Him. They were drawn to His gentle and lowly heart.

"Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:1,2).

They felt comfortable and at ease around Jesus. They knew there was something different about Him. Why was Jesus drawn to these people and why where they drawn to Jesus?

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15).

Deep down they knew Jesus was there to help them, not condemn them.

Father, please draw us to people who need Jesus, and bless us with the boldness to help them and share His good news.

God loves you! Shawn

Keep reading your Bible!

Announcements

Congratulations to **Rocky & Gina Rutledge** on the birth of their second great grandson, **Bryce Barker**, who arrived at 9:58 am on Monday in Florida. He weighed 7 lbs 14 oz. His parents are **Brooke & Lawson Barker**. All are doing well.

For those who signed up, **College Care Packages** are available for pick up TODAY!

Please join us for a **Wedding Shower honoring Elle Montandon & John O'Connor** TODAY from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Elle & John are registered at theknot.com. Males are welcome.

There will be **NO Men's Prayer Breakfast** this Tuesday, November 25. We will resume meeting Tuesday, December 9.

There will be a **Combined Devo** this Wednesday, November 26. There will be NO Fellowship Meal and NO Children's Classes.

There will be **No Community Bible Class, No Celebrate Recovery, & No Basketball** this Thursday, November 27.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** this Thursday & Friday, November 27-28.

There will be a **Young Professional Devo & Potluck** meal on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

IMPACT HOLIDAY FOR KIDS: Please see Jessica Hooks if you would like to contribute a gift card for a family. Gifts are due back by Wednesday, December 3.

All Ladies are invited to a **Merry Mix & Mingle Ladies Fellowship** & gift exchange on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring a finger food and a holiday gift to exchange (no more than \$15).

There will be a **Faithful Fathers Pickleball Tournament** on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC. Join us for pizza, a devo, and fun with your kids (dads & kids 7 yrs+). Please sign up in the foyer if you will attend!

The **Senior Saints will attend** *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at the Crighton Theatre on Friday, December 19. Tickets are \$23. There are 24 tickets available. Please sign up and pay Denise Tolbert. The first to pay will ensure their seats.

Join us for our **New Years Eve Game Night!** We will meet in the Chapel Center at 5:00 p.m. to enjoy pizza and games. We will break at 7:00 p.m. to come to the auditorium for our church devo. At 8:00 p.m. we will resume our game night and enjoy desserts. Before the night ends we will do some sparklers with the kids for those interested, bring your own sparklers! Babysitting will be provided for \$10 per child in the gym. For questions see Lizzie Stegall or Alix Randow! Please sign up by December 21 at: https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/20F0E4FAFAF2EAAF85-59431645-nyegame.

Expectant Families

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Emily & James Dillard Elle & Jackson Pate

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

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Birthday Kits: Brownie Mix, Cake Mix, Icing, Candles, Single Use 9X13 Aluminum Pans

Sunny Glen Children's Home: salad dressing, potato chip variety packs, square dinner napkins, Lysol toilet bowl cleaner, multi-surface cleaner (Pine-Sol, Mr. Clean, Fabuloso), heavy duty nitrile latex free gloves, refried beans (15oz), nacho cheese sauce (15 oz), disposable plastic party cups, disinfecting wipes, small space air fresheners, baby wash & shampoo.

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT at Mod Pizza (6777 Woodlands Pkwy).

Youth Service: The Youth Group will meet at WOCC Saturday, December 6 at 1:30 p.m. for caroling at Heritage Oaks. Please RSVP <u>here</u> if you will attend.

The **Junior High Progressive Dinner** will be Friday, December 12 and the **High School Progressive Dinner** will be Saturday, December 13. Vans will depart WOCC at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a \$10 gift. The sign up is due December 5 at: https://www.basicyouthministry.com/.

Please save the date! There will be a **Youth Group & Parent Meeting** on Sunday, December 7 immediately following the morning assembly in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

The next **Combined Devo** will be Sunday, December 7 immediately following the evening assembly.

Sign up for the **Youth Winter Retreat** is now open! The retreat will be January 9-11 at Camp Hensel. The cost is \$30. Please sign up by December 25 at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduV1E9xy6ow-TzBR83G4Bsj-Xh4ldS-if]T3ilWn 6EU0F4A/viewform.

Youth November Newsletter: https://secure.smore.com/n/tyncp.

Treehouse Kids

There will be **NO Bible Builders** for the remainder of the year. We will resume in January.

THK Service: All Treehouse Kids and their families are invited to join in as we go caroling and pass out treats to the residents of Worthington Manor in Conroe on Saturday, December 6 at 9:30a.m. This is a parent transportation provided event. Please RSVP via the link to ensure we have enough song books prepared by December 1: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CABAA2FA5F9C07-60595846-wocc.

There will be **NO Sprouts Storytime** this Wednesday, November 26. due to the holiday. Please join us again on December 3, and be sure to wear your pajamas for our Pajama Party day!

Our **November Memory Verse Challenge** will take place on November 30 between Bible Class and Worship in the foyer. Our verse of the month is: Psalm 9:1 "I will give thanks to you Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of your wonderful deeds."

There will be a **Prayer Buddy Adoption Meeting** on Sunday, December 7.

Treehouse Kids November Newsletter: https://secure.smore.com/n/1waq4.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Sterling Lockwood at the loss of his mother, **Marjorie Lockwood**, on Saturday, November 15. Marjorie is also the grandmother of Nathan Lockwood. A graveside service was held in Oklahoma. Please keep Sterling and the family in your prayers.

Deepest sympathy to Janet Logan at the loss of her mother, **Robbie Kirby**, on Sunday, November 16. The funeral service was held November 22 in Jackson, TN. Please keep Janet and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary <u>here</u>.

This Week

Today		College Care Package Pick Up
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	3:30 p.m.	Wedding Shower for Elle Montandon & John O'Conno
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		TX Bible Bowl Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Combined Devo-No Meal/No Children's Classes
Thursday		Church Offices Closed
Friday		Church Offices Closed

Upcoming Events

November 30	THK Memory Verse Check In		
	Youth Invasion—Five Guys		
December 1	RSVP due for THK Service—Caroling		
December 2	Men's Luncheon—Mia's Table		
	Young Professional Dinner Devo		
December 3	Quilting Group		
	Sprouts Storytime—Pajama Day		
	Winter Quarter Begins		
	IMPACT Holiday for Kids Gifts Due		
December 5	Sign Up due for Youth Progressive Dinners		
	Ladies Merry, Mix & Mingle		
	Faithful Fathers Pickleball Tournament		
December 6	Men's Breakfast		
	THK Service: Caroling @ Worthington Manor		
	Youth Service: Caroling at Heritage Oaks		
	Senior Saints— <i>Oliver</i>		
December 7	Prayer Buddy Adoption Meeting		
	Youth Parent Meeting		
	Congregational Singing		
	Combined Youth Devo		
December 9	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Honor Café (103 Thompson St., Conroe)		
December 12	Youth Junior High Progressive Dinner		
December 13	Youth High School Progressive Dinner		
December 14	Youth Invasion—Whataburger		
December 15	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper		
December 20	Senior Saints—The Best Christmas Pageant Ever @ Crighton		
December 21	Sign Up Due for New Years Eve Game Night		
	THK Memory Verse Check In		
	THK Sunday Social: Cookies & Cocoa		
	Youth Invasion		
ecember 21-22	3rd - 6th Grade Boys Lock In		

Prayers

- **Kiara Coyle**/open myomectomy surgery scheduled for December 10.
- **Rodney Burke/**upcoming radiation treatments will be scheduled soon.
- **Roger Borne**/husband of Linda Borne/moved to rehab facility November 18.
- **† Darryl Hermann**/hospitalized November 19 at Methodist Hospital.
- ₱ Please remember our members: Erving Alexander, Mary Nell Bollman, Romelle Evans, Joe Fellabaum, Philip Leonardos, Valerie Lowry, Rhonda Mashburn, Laurie Riggs, Sonny Taylor.
- Please remember our Friends & Family: **King Chandler, Elmo & Mary Collins.**
- Members battling cancer: Rodney Burke, 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, Lacey Hunter, Jennifer Jones, Ty Mynhier, Erika Phillips, Robert Redden, Marina Spargo, Barbara Starr, Bryan Titlow.