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When The End Comes

The end of the year is quickly approaching. The month of December always seems hectic with mid-terms, holiday parties, gifts to buy, plans to make, Christmas, traveling, and company along with all the stress of the normal everyday activities. We all wish we had some extra time towards the end of the year. A couple of extra hours during the day or maybe an extra Saturday at the end of the week would be nice to finish what needs to be done, but that's just wishful thinking. Around the end of the year, my mind always thinks about THE END, when Jesus returns. We know how much time is left before this year is over, but we don't know how much time we have till Jesus returns and time as we know it is over. Jesus said, *"Behold I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done"* (Revelation 22:12)! When the end comes, nothing but Jesus will matter. All the things that clutter our life, that seem important, and cause needless stress won't matter.

- When Jesus returns your hobbies won't matter!
- It won't matter how much time you spent learning the statistics of your favorite sports team!
- It won't matter if you were rich or poor!
- It won't matter if you shot a trophy buck!
- It won't matter how many hours you put into perfecting your golf swing!
- It won't matter how many video games you conquered!
- It won't matter how hard and long you worked to get into college!
- It won't matter if you wore name brand clothes!
- It won't matter how much money you made!
- It won't matter how fancy your car was or how big your house was!
- It won't matter how many times you went on vacation or where!
- It won't matter what you checked off your bucket list!

Don't be carried away by these things! All those things will be of no value when Christ returns! What will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul (Matt. 16:26)? Here are a few things that will matter when Jesus returns.

- What does matter is if you love God with all your heart with all your soul and with all your mind (Matt. 22:37)!
- What does matter is if you love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:39)!
- What does matter is if you live in holiness and godliness (2 Pet. 3:11)!

Don't get caught up in the things that don't matter, because when the end comes all that will matter is Jesus! Are you ready?

God loves you,
Shawn

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 Raymond Walker
Communion Leader Eric Alarid

Adult Bible Classes:

- **"A Study of 1st Corinthians"** by Dave Short
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- **"John, Jesus and Discipleship"** by Rocky Rutledge
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- **"Reaching Out— In Christ"** by Gavin Dao, Chris Wright, Jeremy Haynes
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- **"Demolishing Strongholds"** by Jordan Fontenot & Shawn Montandon
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- **"The Bible— From God or Man"** by Scott Logan
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- **"Young Adults"** (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center C201

Teen Bible Classes:

- **Demolishing Strongholds"** by Jordan Fontenot & Shawn Montandon
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium
- **"High School Bible Class"** (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101
- **"Jr High School Bible Class"** (7th –8th) by Daniel Fair
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-106

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0–1 year	A103
1 year	A105/A106
2 years	C106
3 years/Pre-K	A108
Kindergarten	B200
1st grade	B202
2nd grade	B203
3rd grade	B206
4th grade	B208
5th grade	B207
6th grade	B209

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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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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Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:00 AM Bible Class	369
10:15 AM Worship	538 @ WOCC 257 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	220
Contribution	\$30,246.21

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

7:00 PM Bible Class	231
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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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Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through November 30, 2022 are \$1,533,008 compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,374,375 produces a surplus of \$158,633.

Notes

Announcements

Congratulations to **Andrew Gidden** who was baptized Sunday, December 11. Welcome to the family Andrew!

Max & Mary Lou Evans last Sunday at WOCC was December 11. They will be moving to Mexia, TX. We will miss you and wish you the best on your next adventure!

There will be a **Combined Devo** this Wednesday, December 21 and Wednesday, December 28. There will be NO children's Bible classes and NO meal. There will be **NO Bible Classes** Sunday morning, December 25.

There will be **NO Celebrate Recovery** Thursday, December 22 & 29. Meetings will resume Thursday, January 5.

The **Church Offices will be Closed** December 23 & 26, and January 2. The December 25 bulletin submissions are due Wednesday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

A 13-week **GriefShare** program will be offered beginning Thursday evening, January 5 from 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m., and will continue every Thursday through April 6 (excluding Conroe ISD's spring break). Childcare will be provided. Please contact Bob or Sherry Reaves for further info.

There is a **2023 Bible Readers' Sign up** at the Welcome Center for those who plan to read through the Bible in 2023.

The **2022 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, February 4 at 5:30 p.m. Those who have/or plan to completed reading the Bible for 2022, please sign up individually at the Welcome Center and indicate whether you will attend by January 29.

In early 2023, WOCC will be hosting a two-part **Ultimate Escape Workshop** and weekly Bible classes for teens, parents and those interested in discussing God's plan for sexuality, as well as societal misinformation. The workshop will be held on Jan 14-15 and conclude on Feb 25-26. Steve Holladay from ultimateescape.org will be leading the workshop discussions. We will offer a combined adult-teen Bible class for those interested in further discussion during the Winter Quarter. Please be praying about this series and those that will be teaching and leading the discussions. For more information, see Jordan Fontenot, our Youth deacons, or the elders.

The Prestoncrest congregation in Plano will be hosting a **Conference on Evangelism** and church growth on Feb 3-5, 2023. For those interested in attending, there is an RSVP/sign-up in the Welcome Center. More information is available at Prestoncrest.org/story.

Texas Bible Bowl

There will be a **Bible Bowl Practice** tonight from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center.

Expectant Family

Candice & Matt Fitzgerald

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of personal care items (shampoo, liquid & bar soap, toothpaste, hygiene products, baby care items).

Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Which Wich (Woodlands Parkway).

There will be **NO Tuesday Bible Study** for the month of December. We will resume January 10.

Save the date! The **Youth Progressive Dinner** will be Saturday, December 31. We will meet at the church building at 6:00 p.m., then travel to each house (appetizer, entree, & dessert). We will end with a gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift with no name on it if you would like to participate. Kids will need to be picked up from the last house. Dress is Formal/Black tie. Please sign up through the December Calendar link below.

December Calendar: <https://www.smores.com/qbyux>.

January Calendar: <https://www.smores.com/kgpq9>.

Treehouse Kids

Sprout's Craft Time will not meet for the remainder of the year. We will resume in January.

Thank you

Emma and I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy December schedule to attend our Holiday Open House and made it a huge success. We really enjoyed having all of you in our home. We would like to personally thank a few people who helped make our open house run smoothly. Thank you to Tim Riggs who made the coffee and to everyone that provided sweets. Thanks to Jennifer Watrous and Sherry Reaves who worked in the kitchen and made sure we didn't run out of cookies or apple cider. Thanks to Carren Craft for the beautiful holiday flower arrangement and to Marty Justice and Gina Rutledge who allowed us to borrow percolators. God has blessed us greatly with our Woodland Oaks family.

Shawn & Emma Montandon

Thank you all for the good luck messages and yummy treats! It was just what I needed for finals. I'm so lucky to be a part of an amazing church family. Thank you for everything!

Love, Brooke Mallory

Thank you so much for all the texts, phone calls, and cards we've received at the passing of my dad. Thank you Church for the beautiful plant in memory of my dad, as well as all the prayers for him during his illness and for our family at his passing. We are so grateful for the outpouring of love. We love you all.

Bill & Velta Worley

Thank you all for the gift bag! Thank you for supporting me and the other college kids, it is so encouraging to us! Also thank you so very much for loving and welcoming my family. I am so blessed to be a part of the Woodland Oaks family!

Love, Elle Montandon

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Practice
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Which Wich (Woodlands Pkwy)
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Men
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Republic Grill—on Gosling
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	7:00 p.m.	Combined Devo—No Meal/No Bible Classes
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Denny's on 1488)
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Beginners)
	7:00 p.m.	Basketball
Friday		Church Offices Closed
	9:00 a.m.	Pickleball (Intermediate/Advanced)

Upcoming Events

December 25	No Bible Classes
Dec. 23 & 26	Church Offices Closed
December 28	Combined Devo—No Meal/No Bible Classes
December 31	Youth Progressive Dinner
January 1	Congregational Singing
January 2	Church Offices Closed
January 3	Men's Luncheon
January 4	Quilting Group
January 5	GreifShare Program Begins
January 7	Men's Breakfast
January 8	Youth Invasion—In N Out
January 10	Youth Tuesday Bible Study Resumes
January 13	High School Event
January 14-15	Ultimate Escape Workshop
January 15	Speed Fellowship
	Youth Invasion—Mod Pizza (Woodlands Parkway)
January 17	Men's Luncheon

Prayers

- ✚ **Joanie Roberts**/recent scans showed some black spots and doctors are concerned the cancer is active again.
- ✚ **Cherene McDonald**/expected release from Encompass Rehab Hospital December 17.
- ✚ **Karen Farr**/cracked elbow (replacement) on Saturday, December 10/Please pray for Karen, who will be in TN with her daughter for treatment.
- ✚ **Tesa Cornett**/daughter-in-law of Ken & Penny Cornett/ruptured small intestine/ Please keep Tesa's husband, Kyle, and the children in your prayers and pray for Tesa's complete healing.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Jim Granger, Cherene McDonald, Maxine Raney, Laurie Riggs, Gina Talbott, Judy Tarver, Stephen Williams.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Kevin Cornett, Vicky Dodson, Brittany Chandler Rackley, Myron Stewart.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts, Russell Smith, Janice Tadlock, Michael Williams.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Judy Chandler, Tesa Cornett, Melissa Hightower, Toni Mansker, Phil Martinez, D'Ann Norwood, Jerry Smith, Raymond Smith, Nancy Stewart, Rose Talbott.**

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