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Reading Your Bible

The story is told of an old man who lived on a farm in the river valley of West Virginia with his young grandson.

Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him, tried to imitate him any way he could.

One day the grandson asked, 'Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?'

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, 'Take this old wicker coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.'

The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house. The grandfather laughed and said, 'You'll have to move a little faster next time,' and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again.

This time the boy ran faster, but again the old wicker basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was impossible to carry water in a basket, and he went to get a bucket instead. The old man said, 'I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough,' and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, 'See Papa, it's useless!'

'So you think it is useless?' The old man said, 'Look at the basket.'

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different. Instead of a dirty old wicker coal basket, it was clean. 'Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.'

Moral of the wicker basket story: Take time to read a portion of God's word each day; it will affect you for good even if it feels like you don't retain a word.

Adapted from an article via email.
Author unknown

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 Scott Blake
Communion Leader Chris Wright

Adult Bible Classes:

“True Justice, Kindness & Compassion” - A Study of the Minor Prophets by Chris Wright

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

“A Study of 1st Timothy” by Bob Klemm

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center Auditorium

“Young Adult” (Ages 18-25) by Andrew Isherwood & Ross Riggs
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center Magnolia Room (C106)

Teen Bible Classes:

“Joshua” (7th –8th) by Jordan Fontenot

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium

“Shared Experiences” (9th –12th) by Various Teachers
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-205

“Do Hard Things” (7th–12th Boys) by Will Fitzhugh
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-205

“Christian Dating” (7th-12th grade Girls) by Jaime Faulkner
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center, Room C-203

*Links for streaming Bible classes and Worship:

<http://woodlandoaks.org/media-center.html> or
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3r3Z5p1jFwx1g7rDUcIVYA>
Youth: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCit8ZGyUoQr1EB61DYyDLiA/>
Children: Woodland Oaks Children's Ministry Facebook Page

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0–1 year	A105/A106
2 years	A107
3–4 years	C103
Kinder–1st grade	C201
2nd–3rd	C106/Magnolia Room
4th–5th grade	A101
6th grade	A102

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Brant Mathis
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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 May 31, 2021 are \$717,682 compared with a budgeted amount of \$605,036 produce a surplus of \$112,646.

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:00 AM Bible Class		317
10:15 AM Worship	446 @ WOCC	
	253 Views online	
6:00 PM Worship		183
Contribution	\$41,681.79	

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

7:00 PM Bible Class		163
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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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Notes

Announcements

TODAY is the **LAST** Sunday to sign up for **Impact Back to School!** We need more volunteers to take Impact kids shopping for school clothing and to eat this Saturday, July 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please sign up at the table in the foyer. Contact Glenda Haggard for more information. Donations are also welcome if you cannot take a child.

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

Everyone is invited to a **Farewell Meal for Will TONIGHT** at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Thank you Will for all your hard work with the youth group this summer!

Ladies Bible Class will be back in September! Sign-up at the Welcome Center. We're looking forward to a great year ahead!

Prayers

- ✚ **Mary Jane Nevels**/had eye surgery July 22.
- ✚ **Don Southall**/doing well after heart surgery and has been moved to rehab.
- ✚ **Rodney Burke**/cancer has not spread and will proceed with planned treatments.
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Chuck Birt, Rodney Burke, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Terry Hopper, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Joanie Roberts.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Phillip Bailey, Jennifer Woodward Banks, Paola Bejaran, Judy Chandler, Judy Davis, Michael Dawdy, Joe Guidry, Jacob Harter, Rita Huffstutter, Mike James, Jerry Malone, Phil Martinez, Susan May, Andrea Finley Nelson, Malu Oliveira, Meghan Rudd, Tara Slusser, Jerry Smith, Don Stewart, Butch Stone, Nancy Stucky, Rose Talbott, Mary Titlow.**
- ✚ Please remember our members: **John Charleston, Ken Coleman, Clint Edgar, Pharis Fowler, Evelyn Lancaster, Cynthia Lockwood, John O'Connor, Terence O'Connor, Michael Williams, Howard Yates.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **Ann Johnson, Leilani Palmer, Walt Shaffer, Elton Stubblefield.**

Expectant Family

Maggie & Daniel Spears

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

JULY DONATION NEEDS:

WOCC Sharing Pantry: Peanut butter, Jelly, Snack Crackers, Sandwich Bags, Snack Packs, Juice Packs

Youth News

The next **Jabberwacky** will be at Katy church of Christ **TOMORROW**, July 26. The van will leave WOCC at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. at Market Street and will be followed by a **Movie Night** at 6:30 p.m. at the Salazar Home.

Summer Camps

Those attending **Camp Awesome**, meet in the WOCC parking lot Wednesday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. If you plan to drive yourself, please let Jennifer Tolbert or Jordan Fontenot know. We will return Sunday, August 1 at around 4:00 p.m.

Treehouse Kids

Please RSVP for this **Bridge Kids Event** (3rd—6th graders)! It's going to be so much fun! Drop off will be August 5 at 9:45 a.m. at **Geronimo Adventure Park!** We will be going with Champions church of Christ! Wear close toed shoes, bring a sack lunch and glove. The cost is \$35 per kid. RSVP on the Children's Ministry Facebook Page or email Jennifer Tolbert: Jennifer.tolbert@woodlandoaks.org.

Children's Bulletins and Busy Bags are available at the Welcome Center.

Thank you

Thank you all for the lovely plant, cards and prayers for the passing of David's mother. They have meant a lot to him and uplifted both our spirits. We are very blessed to be a part of this loving and caring family.

In Him,
David & Mary Jane Nevels

Thank you so much to the VBS children who sent us the goodie bags and cards. It was such a welcome surprise and so very thoughtful.

In Him,
Skip & Janet Foreman

Dear Church Family,
My husband Don is now in therapy at the hospital where he is recovering from heart surgery to correct a condition overlooked for years. Don and I and our Family are so thankful to you who have phoned, sent a card, and visited, but most of all, for you who have prayed for him. I make one more request, be not forgetful to thank God for prayers answered. Please know that God hears prayers.

Thank you sincerely,
Eve

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
	7:00 p.m.	Farewell for Will
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball (Women)
	6:00 p.m.	Jabberwacky @ Katy CcC Pickleball (Men)
Tuesday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Movie Night—Salazar Home
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Depart for Camp Awesome
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Class
Thursday	6:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast—Denny's on 1488
	10:00 a.m.	Community Bible Class
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Impact Back to School

Upcoming Events

July 28-August 1	Camp Awesome
August 1	Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
August 2	Quilting Group Jabberwacky - League City CoC
August 5	Bridge Kids Event @ Geronimo Adventure Park
August 7	Men's Breakfast
August 8	Youth Invasion
August 13	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out
August 14	Teacher Workday Back to School Bash
August 15	Youth Invasion
August 17	Youth Bible Study time changes to 7 pm
August 22	Youth Invasion
September 4	Men's Breakfast
September 5	Fall Quarter Begins Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise Congregational Singing Youth Devo
September 6	Church Offices Closed
September 10	Youth Guys/Girls Night Out
September 18	Hannah's Hope
October 1-3	Youth Girls Retreat
October 3	Sunday Social Popcorn & Praise

New Member

Russell Smith