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## 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!

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#### **Growing and Increasing**

t always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one increasing. Therefore, we ourselves boast about you in the churches of your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the that you are enduring" (2 Thess. 1:3,4).

anything, he's an encourager! Paul wants to see followers of Jesus He wants them to grow and abound in faith. He wants his brothers ers to inherit eternal life. So, Paul begins this letter like he does alonians and most of his other letters. He tells the Thessalonian s he's thankful for them and that he always prays for them. In lonians 1:2-3, Paul shares the content of his prayer. "We give thanks always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ring before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love lfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." In 2 Thessalonians, Paul lets ow that God has answered his prayer. He tells them ...

faith was growing abundantly. The Greek word for "growing lantly" means extraordinary growth. This isn't "normal" growth, it's ad measure. It's growth beyond what is ordinary. Their faith was shing.

love for one another was increasing. The word "increase" means "to nd, multiply, or more than enough," and gives the picture of waters overflowing the banks and spreading out. Their love for each was growing and enveloping the whole church.

were enduring persecutions and afflictions. These are some intense s. The word "persecution" means "to hunt to bring someone down an animal." "Affliction" is the idea of "intense pressure with the g of no escape." Those outside the Church were seeking to punish ourt God's people. Paul says the gospel was proclaimed to them in the t of much conflict (1 Thess. 2:2). These Christians were actively being g in the face of persecution from the very beginning. They were truly ring.

ful for where we live and the time in which we live. We don't have to but actively enduring persecution and afflictions from nonbelievers. to be hated by the world, but there's no persecution here in The ls like in the first century. But we do need to ask ourselves two from the text.

faith growing abundantly?

love for one another increasing?

swered yes, how do you know? What evidence is there? If you no, why not? What changes do you need to make so that your faith abundantly and your love for your church family will increase?

you!

ling your Bible!

#### Announcements

The Men's Luncheon will be June 17 at 11:30 a.m. at The Olive Oil Restaurant (Sawdust).

Save the Date for the Faithful Fathers Father-Son Retreat October 10 -12, 2025! For more information and to sign up, please visit https:// forms.gle/WoaKo8o65r6drjS16.

## **Senior Saints**

There are 24 slots available to attend the **Star-Spangled Solute** at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion on Thursday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up in the foyer.

Senior Saints will attend *Fiddler on the Roof* presented by National Youth Theater on Saturday, August 2. The musical begins at 2:00 p.m. at Lone Star College Tomball Performing Arts Center. Shelbea Combs plays the female lead. Please sign up and pay Denise Tolbert. Tickets will be purchased as money is received. Please note there are other dates/ times available for those who cannot attend Aug 2 and would like to attend another time and support Shelbea.

### **Prayers**

- Gina Talbott/fell, cracked pelvis/released from hospital June 5.
- **Ruthie Grushkowsky**/scheduled to have eye surgery June 13.
- Please remember our members: Ken Cornett, Gary Erwin, Karen Gilbert, Eathel Higgins, Lincoln Kersh, Valerie Lowry, MaryJane Nevels, Coleen Prahl, Laurie Riggs, Don & Eve Southall, Debra Thompson, Denise Tolbert.
- Please remember our Friends & Family: Mary Collins, Ruby Harman, Linda Weatherly.
- ✤ Members battling cancer: Tania Cantu, Denis Gibson, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Roger McDonald, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Jeanne Riggs, Janice Tadlock.
- Friends & family battling cancer: Brenda Booth, Lisa Geerman, Steve Harding, Todd Hendrix, Erika Phillips.

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Youth News		This Week	
The next <b>Youth Invasion</b> will be Sunday, June 15 immediately following the evening assembly at MOD Pizza (Woodlands Pkwy).	Today	9:00 a.m. Bible Class 10:15 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship	
Mark you calendars for a <b>Tuesday FUNday</b> on June 17 for a skate night at Ultimate Arena! The cost is \$10 per person.	Monday	Camp Red Oak Springs 4:00 p.m. Pickleball-Women 6:00 p.m. Pickleball	
There will be a <b>FNL Devo</b> on Friday, June 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Washburn Home. Come enjoy devo, food and fellowship!	Wednesday Thursday	7:00 p.m.Bible Class10:00 a.m.Community Bible Class7:00 p.m.Celebrate RecoveryBasketball	
Treehouse Kids	Upcoming Events		
The <b>THK Summer Challenges</b> have begun for our Children's Ministry kiddos! Visit this month's newsletter for details.	June 15 June 17	THK/Faithful Fathers Father's Day Youth Invasion—MOD Pizza Tuesday FUNday THK Terrific Tuesday—Pool Playda	
We will have a <b>THK Terrific Tuesday</b> meetup at Falconwing Pool in The Woodlands on June 17 at 10:00 a.m. This pool is great for all ages of our Treehouse Kids! Prices are: \$7 per person for Woodlands Residents or \$10 per person for non-Woodlands residents. Click the QR Code below for more details!	June 18 June 20 June 21-28 June 24 June 27 June 28	Men's Luncheon—The Olive Oil Rest Quilting Group Youth FNL @ Washburn Home Camp Blue Haven—Session 3 THK Terrific Tuesday—Timarron Sp Youth FNL @ Home of Jordan & Ashl	
The <b>June Memory Verse Check-in</b> will take place Sunday, June 29 in the foyer, in between Bible class and Worship.	June 28 June 28-July 11 June 29	Elevate Hike Day Camp Blue Haven—Session 4 Memory Verse Check In Bridal Shower for Sarah Catherine F	
Scan/Click the QR code to read the <b>June Newsletter</b> and find more information about upcoming events!	June 30 July 3 July 4 July 6	Monday FUNday @ WOCC Senior Saints Star-Spangled Salute Church Offices Closed Congregational Singing Youth Invasion—Coop's Hot Chicker	
	July 7 July 8	Jabberwacky @ WOCC THK Outing—Altitude	
Expectant Families	July 10 July 11	Elevate Packing Party Youth FNL—Girls	
Elise & Daniel Fair Maegan & Brett Rodriguez	July 11-19 July 12 July 13 July 14	Elevate Men's Breakfast Bridal Shower for Taylor Green—br Monday FUNday	
Sympathy	July 18 July 20	Youth FNL—Guys Elder/Deacon Meeting	
Heartfelt condolences at the loss of former member <b>Robyn Banner</b> on Thursday, June 5. Arrangements are pending. Updates and a live stream link will be available at: https://www.eatonfuneralservice.com/. Please keep Robyn's sister, Angie McFarland, and the family in your prayers.	July 22 July 23-25 July 25 July 27 July 28 July 30-Aug 3	Youth Invasion—Five Guy's VBS Set Up VBS VBS Showcase & Celebration Memory Verse Check In Monday FUNday Camp Awesome	
Donations Requested: A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer. WOCC Sharing Pantry: Soups (canned & dry mixes), Crackers, & Small Water Bottles	August 2 August 3	Men's Breakfast Senior Saints Fiddler on the Roof Prayer Buddy Adoption Congregational Singing Youth Intern Farewell	

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