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Benefits Of Reading Your Bible

I've never been an avid reader. Everyone else in my family is a voracious reader. My wife and kids can read a book in 48 hours that would take me 48 days (or more) to read. Whether you are a slow reader or a fast reader there are some extraordinary benefits to reading. Reading books can reduce mortality by 20%. Reading helps lessen cognitive decline. Reading reduces stress. Reading also improves critical thinking. These are just a few benefits of reading. If this is true of reading book written by men and women, imagine the benefits of reading a book written by God. Here are a few benefits of reading the Bible in addition to what is mentioned above.

1. The Bible produces faith (Rom. 10:17).
2. The Bible reveals God's character. It is our definitive source for the answers to our questions about God (Ex. 34:6,7; Col. 1:15-20; Heb. 1:1-4).
3. The Bible teaches us to imitate God (Eph. 5:1).
4. The Bible reveals to us what true love is (John 3:16; 1 John 4:7,8).
5. The Bible keeps us from sin (Ph. 119:11).
6. The Bible is God's absolute truth (John 17:17).
7. The Bible reveals the good news of Jesus to us (Mark 1:1; 1 Cor. 15:1-4).
8. The Bible tells us what Jesus did to offer us salvation (Phil. 2:1-11).
9. The Bible teaches us salvation is found ONLY in Jesus (Acts 4:12).
10. The Bible helps us see our true selves (James 1:19-25).
11. The Bible warns us of sin and its effects (James 1:13-16).
12. The Bible nourishes us and helps us grow spiritually (2 Pet. 2:2; Matt. 4:4).
13. The Bible helps us make godly decisions (Ps. 119:105).
14. The Bible equips us to defeat the devil (Eph. 6:10-17).
15. The Bible is perpetually relevant (Heb. 4:12).

The Bible is God's way of speaking directly to us (2 Tim. 3:16) and so we read it to apply it to ourselves first and foremost (2 Tim. 2:15). The more we read the Bible for the purpose of internalizing it and allowing it to condition our hearts and minds, the more we will be transformed to be like Jesus. That's the primary goal of Christians. We want to be like Jesus. Be sure to spend time this week reading your Bible!

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 Butch Merriman
Communion Leader Matt Fitzgerald

Adult Bible Classes:

- “Foundations of Faith: Who We Are, What We Believe, What We Practice” by Bob Klemm
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- “What They Believe: Christian Denominations, and What the Bible Teaches” by Mike Smith
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- “In the Fullness of Time: Both Jew and Greek” by Mike Yanochik
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- “Lessons From the Book of Matthew” (Young Professionals) by Joel Blake
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
- “His Presence” by Rocky Rutledge
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 Room A102
- Teen Bible Classes:**
- “Colossians, Philippians, Philemon” (9th–12th) by Todd Watrous
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107
- “Exodus” (7th –8th) by Jordan Fontenot
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
- “Church History” (9th –12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
- “Psalms” (7th –8th) by Nathan Lockwood/Chris Fowler
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-101

Treehouse Kids Bible Classes:

0–1 year	A103
1 year	A105/A106
2 years	A107
3 years/Pre-K	A108
Kindergarten	B200
1st grade	B202
2nd grade	B203
3rd grade	B207
4th grade	B208
5th grade	B206
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, April 21, 2024

9:00 AM Bible Class	447
10:15 AM Worship	587 @ WOCC 223 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	252
Contribution	\$35,203.66

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	Not Counted
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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
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Budget

Actual unrestricted contributions through January 31, 2024 are \$219,206 compared with a budgeted amount of \$159,616 produces a surplus of \$59,590.

Notes

Announcements

Bible Bowl Awards Recognition will be TONIGHT following the evening assembly! All Bible Bowl participants, please wear your Red WOCC Bible Bowl shirts tonight.

Please join us for **Ladies Day—Sisters: Connected by the Heart**, featuring guest speaker Alison Radar, this Tuesday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center. Please sign up in the foyer. Invite a friend!

Young Professionals Devo is this Tuesday, April 30 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring a dish or drink for a Breakfast-For-Dinner potluck.

For those who signed up, **2024 Senior Banquet** will be this Saturday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

The **Lads 2 Leaders Award Recognition and 2025 Kick-Off** will be Sunday, May 5 immediately following the evening assembly in the Chapel Center for those who signed up.

Celebrate Recovery will be celebrating 7 years at WOCC on Thursday May 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel Center. For more information or to rsvp contact: celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org.

Youth Service: Mom's Day—Moms! How does a few hours to yourself sound? The youth group (and adults) are offering you 2 hours of alone time on Saturday, May 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please sign up no later than Wednesday May 8. Please send your child with a lunch. Dads, you are encouraged to stay and help with this activity!



There will be a **Dorcas Widowed/Senior Singles Supper & Game Night** Saturday, May 11 at 4:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. The girls will need to plan to be there at 3:30 p.m. The Dorcas Class Girls will serve supper and play games with the Widowed/Seniors.

Speed Fellowship will be Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please arrive early.

The **WOCC Golf Tournament** has been rescheduled for May 25 at Oakhurst Golf Club (Kingwood). The cost is \$55. Men & Women, aged high school and above, are able to play. Please sign up in the foyer by Sunday, May 19. See Robert Shock for more information.

Family Camp 2024 registration is now closed. See Brant Mathis for more information.

Prayers

- ✚ **Terri Lowry**/was released from the hospital April 24.
- ✚ **Kandy Glass**/mother of Reece Glass/daughter of Tyrone & Alma Mynhier/had successful surgery/doctors think the tumor is benign.
- ✚ **Camellia Jackson**/sister of Robert Shock/surgery was successful.
- ✚ **Great Grandson of Tyrone & Alma Mynhier**/hospitalized and undergoing tests.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Lorene Burright, Skip Foreman, Ann Gilbert, Chuck Hix, Don & Eve Southall, Sharon Voorhees.**
- ✚ Please remember friends & family: **George Funk, Jennet Gray.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Lisa Geerman, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Terri Lowry, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Charles Smithson, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Ada Duit, Camellia Jackson, Phil Martinez, Paul Melton, Christal Ortiz, Ingrid Quigley, Rhonda Ramsey, Leigh Ann Ray, Barbara Starr, Rose Talbott.**

A cart for all donations is in the Worship Center foyer.
The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of Gallon Sized Ziploc Bags & Small Water Bottles.

Youth News

The next **Youth Invasion** will be TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at MOD Pizza on Woodlands Pkwy.

Seniors Pictures and Recorded Letters for the Senior Banquet slide presentation are due Tuesday, April 30. Please send Jordan 30 digital photos of your senior over the years and an audio recording of one or both parents reading a letter to their senior (2 minutes). If you would like to place a trifold board with a (small) collection of memorabilia, you can set up your display on Friday, May 3 between 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, May 4 before the banquet at around 5:00 p.m.

VBS Youth Volunteer Meeting will be May 5 immediately after morning assembly in room A101. A parent is required to attend with their youth volunteer(s).

The next **Girls Dinner Devo** will be Monday, May 6 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Robin Smith. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Robin Smith.

The **May Youth Service Day** (Mom's Day) will be Saturday, May 11 at the Church building from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Shawn Montandon no later than Wednesday, May 8 if you can help.

Treehouse Kids

Memory Verse Check-In Day will be TODAY in between Bible Classes and Morning Worship. April Memory Verse: Psalm 33:4 "For the Word of the Lord is right; and all His works are done in truth."

Please make plans to join us for our **WOCC Children's Ministry Family Picnic and Games** TODAY after the morning assembly until 2:00 p.m.! Please bring a sack lunch for your family and drinks. Popsicles will be served. Join us for fellowship and family fun including a kickball game, sack races, yard games, playground fun, and more! This event will be held next door to the church building at Alden Bridge Park in the picnic pavilion and field area.

Bible Builders: Children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year" in room C103.

Sprouts Story and Craft time has come to a close for the 2023-2024 school year! We will resume our time together in September 2024.

Bible Buddy Check-Up will be Sunday, May 5. Please check in with us in the foyer between classes and church to let us know how your family Bible Reading is going.

Those who signed up to attend **Charlotte's Web**, presented by the National Youth Theatre on Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran H.S. we will meet after the morning assembly to eat sack lunches in the Chapel. We will take the vans and depart WOCC at 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$15.

VBS

For this year's **VBS Mission Station**, we are collecting NEW toys for boys and girls, ages 4-10. The toys will be donated to Impact CoC for children in need. Please bring your donations by Sunday, May 5.

2024 VBS Pre-Registration: Please scan the QR code to pre-register your child and find more information.



Expectant Families

Meredith & Bryce Caldwell Janna & Kevin Wilkerson Steven & Rose Gailey

This Week

Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
		Memory Verse Challenge Check-In
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
		Children's Ministry Family Picnic & Games
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Bowl Awards Recognition
		Youth Invasion—MOD Pizza, Woodlands Pkwy
Monday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday		Senior Banquet Pictures/Letters Due
	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Day
	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals Devo
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Meal
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Classes
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	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	2024 Senior Banquet

Upcoming Events

May 5	Bible Buddy Check-Up
	VBS Youth Volunteer Meeting (A101)
	THK: Charlotte's Web by NYT
	Congregational Singing
	Lads 2 Leaders Awards/Kick-Off
May 6	Youth Girls Dinner Devo (Home of Robin Smith)
May 7	Men's Luncheon—Local Table
May 9	Celebrate Recovery 7 Year Celebration
May 11	Dorcas Widowed Meal
	Youth Service
May 12	Youth Invasion
May 14	Youth Bible Study
May 17-18	Elevate Camp Weekend
May 19	Speed Fellowship
May 20	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
May 25	WOCC Golf Tournament
	Youth Induction
May 26	THK Memory Verse Challenge
	Youth Invasion
May 27	Church Offices Closed
May 28	VBS Set Up Night

Summer Camps

Camp Bandina: June 2-8 Find out more information and register [here](#).
Uplift at Harding: June 15-20 Find more information and register [here](#).
Camp Red Oak: July 15-20 Find more information and register [here](#).

New Members

Jake & Cora Gleason

Richard & April Hill
Ruby, Ira

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