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The Benefits of Daily Bible Reading (2)

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One of the most important spiritual exercises for the Christian is daily Bible reading. However, it is not hard to fill our days with so many other pursuits that we are left with little time and energy to meet God in his word. With the hope of motivating us to re-engage in this spiritual discipline, let us consider some additional benefits of being a daily reader of God's word.

Daily Bible reading reveals weaknesses and challenges us to work on our character. Regular self-examination is more than wise. It is imperative (2 Cor. 13:5). Each time we open the word of God and think about what we are reading, we will discover something about ourselves. Often that discovery involves a weakness, sin, or area in which we could stand to improve. Paul identified this helpful characteristic of the Bible when he wrote, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16). Is there anyone who could not benefit from this kind of character formation each day?

Daily Bible reading can enhance your prayers and praise. If you find yourself struggling to know what to say in prayer, reading and meditating on the Scriptures each day can give you the content you seek.

- "I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments" (Ps. 119:7).
- "Seven times a day I praise You, because of Your righteous ordinances" (Ps. 119:164).
- "Let my lips will utter praise, for You teach me Your statutes" (Ps. 119:171).

Daily Bible reading gives you things to think about when you aren't reading. Our minds are never idle. They are always focused on something. What we think about in these "idle" moments comes from things we have previously perceived through our senses. The more we read the word of God, the more thought material we will have stored in our brains.

- "At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You because of your righteous ordinances" (Ps. 119:62).
- "My eyes anticipate the night watches, that I may meditate on Your word" (Ps. 119:148).

Daily Bible reading can increase your comfort in times of difficulty. Earth is not heaven. Therefore, we will not escape hardships in this life. But the word of God offers a level of comfort and peace in these trying times that nothing else can.

- "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Rom. 15:4).
- "This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me" (Ps. 119:50).
- "I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O Lord, and comfort myself" (Ps. 119:52).
- "Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble" (Ps. 119:165).

Daily Bible reading can fill you with hope for the future. The more aware we become of the moral and spiritual degradation of our culture, the more prone we may become to discouragement. But the more we read and meditate on the word of God, the more confidence we have in our future as his children. Reading the word of God each day can lift our spirits.

- "And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, for I hope in Your ordinances" (Ps. 119:43).
- "Remember the word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope" (Ps. 119:49).

These are not the only benefits to a program of daily Bible reading. But they should be enough to motivate us to invest time each day in communing with God and allowing him to offer us instruction, guidance, help, encouragement, wisdom, rebuke, comfort, and peace.

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 Mac Brockman

Communion Leader Paul Gidden

Adult Bible Classes:

- **"Be Careful"** by Scott Blake
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Auditorium
- **"David: A Man After God's Own Heart"** by Randy Sparks
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A101
- **"Daniel—God's Sovereignty"** by Dave Short
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Worship Center Room A102
- **"Handling Money God's Way"** by Gary Tannahill & Dennis Chrisco
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center Room B204 Library
- **"Fruit of the Spirit"** (Young Professionals) by Tony Bloom & Doug Peak
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel Center Room C106 (Magnolia Rm)
- **"Amos—The Boldness of Faith"** 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 Room A102

Teen Bible Classes:

- **"Romans"** (9th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-107
- **"Genesis"** (7th–8th) by Brant Mathis
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m. in the Education Center B-101
- **"Judges"** (9th–12th) by Jordan Fontenot
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in the Education Center B-107
- **"JR High Class"** (7th–8th) by Daniel Fair
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, January 7, 2023		
9:00 AM Bible Class		301
10:15 AM Worship	607 @ WOCC	
	235 Views online	
6:00 PM Worship		196
Contribution	\$37,698.57	
Wednesday, January 10, 2024		
7:00 PM Bible Class		310

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 September 30, 2023 are \$1,368,178, compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,241,508 produces a surplus of \$126,670.

Notes

Announcements

If you have any items to donate to the **Wedding Closet**, please contact Marty Justice before bringing the items to church. There are also two baby girl quilts in the Wedding Closet. If you are in need of a quilt or know someone who does, please see Marty Justice.

Men's Luncheon will be this Tuesday, January 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Lupe Tortilla.

There will be a **Young Professionals Dinner Devo** this Tuesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please bring your thoughts on any Scripture you've been studying - we will all share and follow with singing. Dinner is provided! Contact Karen Isherwood or Andrew Isherwood if you will be there.

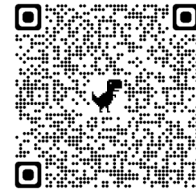
The **Young Adults will be playing board games** in room A101 this Friday, January 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Anyone 18-39 is encouraged to come!

The next **Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Supper** will be Monday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and join us in the Chapel Center.

In partnership with Memorial Christian Counseling Center we will be hosting a **Parenting Workshop** Sunday, January 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided. This presentation will provide parents with safety recommendations with children utilizing technology as well as the importance in helping children develop coping skills that are not centered on technology. Additionally, this presentation will teach parents how to have conversations about technology with their children. Registration is required by this Wednesday, January 17. Please contact Janna Wilkerson with any questions.



WOCC is partnering with the Memorial Christian Counseling Center to host a Parent Workshop on January 28. This event cannot happen if we do not have enough **Volunteers to Provide Childcare**. We would deeply appreciate your help! If you are interested in helping to provide childcare, please scan the QR code to sign up. Lunch will be provided for you. Thank you! Contact Janna Wilkerson for more information.



There will be an **Elder/Deacon Meeting** Sunday, January 21 at 4:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

The **Men's Advance** will be Friday, January 26 & Saturday, January 27! This year's speaker will be Sam Bradley. The cost is \$30 (Checks or Giving Fire Only). Sign up is now open at the table in the foyer. See Robert Shock for more information.

The **2023 Bible Readers' Banquet** will be Saturday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Those who have completed reading the Bible for 2023, please sign up individually at the Welcome Center and indicate whether you will attend by Sunday, January 28.

VBS will be here before we know it, and we need your help in order to make it a success! Please consider signing up to help **Volunteer** for these special days in order to share God's love with our children. You can sign up at: <https://bit.ly/WOCCVBSVolunteer>. The **VBS Volunteer Informational Meeting** will take place on February 4 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the Chapel Center. For more information, please contact: Jordan Fontenot, Janna Wilkerson, or Daniel Fair.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to David Nevels at the loss of his sister, **Debbie McGehee**, on Monday, January 8. The [arrangements](#) are pending. Please keep David and the family in your prayers.

Deepest sympathy to Joseph Fellabaum at the loss of his brother, **Warner Fellabaum**, on Thursday, January 11. Arrangements are pending in Oklahoma. Please keep Joseph and the family in your prayers.

Youth News

There will be a **Youth Invasion** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly at Whataburger (6203 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX 77354).

The next **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** will be this Thursday, January 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Lindsey Thomas' home. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Lindsey Thomas.

Youth Group Service Day: Please meet at Woodland Oaks Church of Christ at 8:30 a.m. this Saturday, January 20. The vans will depart PROMPTLY by 8:45 a.m. to go to Impact Houston. The Youth will be delivering groceries and offering general encouragement to seniors and disabled apartment residents affiliated with Impact. We should return around 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP on basicyouthministry.com. See Jenni Washburn for any questions you may have or to RSVP

There will be a **Junior High Devo** Sunday, January 21 immediately following the evening assembly in the Youth Center.

Mark your calendars for a **Service Day** at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, February 3. The vans will leave WOCC promptly at 7:10 a.m. Please see Shawn Montandon if you will attend and for more information.

The **Youth Winter Retreat** sign up is now open! The retreat will be February 9-11 at Hensel Camp, located outside of Marble Falls, TX. This event is open to students 7th-12th grade. The cost is \$30 per person. Please sign up at <https://bit.ly/WOCCWinterRetreat>. Registration closes Wednesday, January 31.

Treehouse Kids

Bible Builders resumes TONIGHT. Children ages 2 to 5 will be dismissed at the Sunday evening assembly to go "through the Bible in a year" to room A109.

Bible Buddy Adoption Fair: K-6th graders, please join us for our new Bible Buddy Family Reading Challenge! Please stop by the Bible Buddy Table by the Family Life Center on January 21 or January 28 for more information and to get started! For any questions: Please contact Janna Wilkerson, Judy Walker, Lindsey Thomas, or Lorie Addison.

January Memory Verse: Philippians 4:13 "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me." Let's commit this verse to memory this month, Treehouse Kids! Come see Mrs. Janna by the Welcome Center on January 21 after Bible Class time to say your verse and earn a prize!

Sprouts Storytime is BACK! We will resume Wednesday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m. in room A109. Join us for a story, craft/activity, songs, and learning more about how God loves us, all while building friendships that will last for years to come!

Please check out the **WOCC Treehouse Kids January Newsletter** by scanning the QR code to get the scoop on all of the fun we will be having this month!



Texas Bible Bowl

Bible Bowl Practice meets Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Grades 3rd—6th will meet in the Magnolia Room C106. Grades 7th—12th will meet in the Chapel Center Auditorium.

Expectant Families

Janna & Kevin Wilkerson
Meredith & Bryce Caldwell

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

The **WOCC Sharing Pantry** is in need of BREAKFAST ITEMS: Cereal, jelly, breakfast bars, pancake mix, syrup, canned fruit, juice packs
Sunny Glen Children's Home: Baby Wipes, Pampers Pull Ups Size 6, Comet Cleaner, Pinto Beans

This Week

Day	Time	Event
Today	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship Bible Bowl Practice
Monday	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders Resumes
	7:00 p.m.	Youth Invasion—Whataburger
	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Bible Class
	11:30 a.m.	Men's Luncheon—Lupe Tortillas
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Young Professionals Dinner Devo Sign Up for Parenting Workshop Due
	9:30 a.m.	Quilting Group
	4:00 p.m.	GriefShare
	5:30 p.m.	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
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Lindsey Thomas' Home
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery Basketball
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Adults Game Night
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Youth Service— Impact Houston

Upcoming Events

January 21&28 January 21	Bible Buddy Adoption Fair THK Memory Verse Challenge Check In Elder/Deacon Meeting Youth Junior High Devo
January 22 January 24	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck Youth Group Lead Assembly
January 26 & 27 January 28	Men's Advance Sign Up Due for 2023 Bible Readers' Banquet Parent Workshop Youth Invasion
January 31	Registration Closes for Youth Winter Retreat Sprouts Storytime Resumes 3rd-6th Grade Boys Lead Assembly
February 2-9 February 3	AIM Challenge Week Dorcas Class Youth Service
February 4	2023 Bible Readers' Banquet VBS Volunteer General Info Meeting Congregational Singing

Prayers

- ✚ **Skip Foreman**/hospitalized after fell January 8/has been moved to rehab for PT.
- ✚ **Rose Talbott**/mother of Steven Talbott/cancer is spreading/PET scan scheduled for January 25.
- ✚ **Glenn Talbott**/brother of Steven Talbott/had emergency surgery for blood clots in lungs/ doctors also found a blood clot in his leg.
- ✚ **Regina Evenstad's nephew**/diagnosed with cancer.
- ✚ **Jeri French**/was released from hospital January 5/continues to deal with a lot of pain.
- ✚ **Dennis Daulton**/scheduled to have a heart cauterization procedure January 19.
- ✚ **Peggy Kirby**/stroke January 5/calls are welcome.
- ✚ **Tony Bloom**/infection.
- ✚ **Jettie Huff**/scheduled to have knee replacement surgery January 16.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Debi Hix, Eric Kirkland, Jeanette Malone, Laurie Riggs.**
- ✚ Please remember our friends & family: **Andy Gaither, Dean "Jr" Guyton.**
- ✚ Members battling cancer: **Tony Bloom, Bill Blumenshine, Pharis Fowler, Don Gilbert, Cynthia Haney, Cynthia Lockwood, Erica Lunn, Bob McDougal, Marsha Owens, Joanie Roberts, Charles Smithson, Janice Tadlock.**
- ✚ Friends & family battling cancer: **Mary Aldaz, Darren Brooks, Dorcas Dillard, Paul Hendrickson, Phil Martinez, Paul Melton.**

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