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Goals of Daily Bible Reading (3)
By Eddie Parrish

Inferior Goals

- The goal of daily Bible reading should be more than merely checking something off a to-do list.
- The goal of daily Bible reading should be more than seeing how quickly you can finish the entire book.

Superior Goals

A proper goal of daily Bible reading is to know God more deeply. While one can discern certain characteristics of God through a proper assessment of the creation (Ps. 19:1-4; Rom. 1:20), there are some traits of the Almighty that we can only discover through our acquaintance with the scriptures. By reading the word of God, seeing how he has interacted with his creation, and studying his laws, we come to know that God is: light (1 Jn. 1:5), loving (1 Jn. 4:8), infinite in wisdom (Ps. 147:5), omnipresent (Ps. 139:7), holy (Ps. 99:9), just (Deut. 32:4), a consuming fire (Heb. 12:29), good (Ps. 34:8), faithful (1 Cor. 10:13), merciful (Eph. 2:4), longsuffering (2 Pet. 3:9), and gracious (Ex. 34:6). If our Bible reading doesn't deepen our relationship with God, we're doing it wrong.

A proper goal of daily Bible reading is to increase our understanding of ourselves. James compared the word of God to a mirror (Jam. 1:22-25) that helps us to see ourselves as we really are. The scriptures can penetrate our hearts and reveal our innermost thoughts and attitudes (Heb. 4:12). By spending time each day in the word we can more easily remind ourselves of where we came from (Gen. 1:26,27), why we are here (Acts 17:27), and where we are going (2 Cor. 5:10).

A proper goal of daily Bible reading is to discover God's will. According to Paul, no one knows the mind of God except the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 2:11). But the Spirit did not keep all of that knowledge concealed. He revealed God's mind and will to "holy apostles and prophets" (Eph. 3:5), who in turn recorded those things for our good (1 Cor. 2:12,13). By spending time each day reading the scriptures we come to know that God's will includes: his desire for our salvation (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9); our sanctification and abstinence from sexual sin (1 Thess. 4:3); that we be grateful people (1 Thess. 5:18); and that we silence critics of Christianity by doing good deeds (1 Pet. 2:15).

A proper goal of daily Bible reading is to positively change our behavior. To know the will of God is important, but it is not where our goals should end. We should desire to know God's will in order to put it to practice. Jesus said, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (Jn. 13:17). "So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (James 4:17). "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Ps. 119:11). Paul prayed that the Christians in Colossae would "be filled with the knowledge of his will" (Col. 1:9), but this knowledge was to lead them "to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him" (Col. 1:10). May that ever be our prayer, too.

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 Tyrone Mynhier

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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Missions

For updates regarding the mission efforts supported by WOCC, please visit our church website, woodlandoaks.org, under Connect, click Ministries and Missions.

Contacts:

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday, January 14, 2023

9:00 AM Bible Class	392
10:15 AM Worship	575 @ WOCC
	289 Views online
6:00 PM Worship	255
Contribution	\$29,486.63

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

7:00 PM Bible Class	334
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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 September 30, 2023 are \$1,368,178, compared with a budgeted amount of \$1,241,508 produces a surplus of \$126,670.

Notes

Announcements

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

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

The **Men's Advance** will be this 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 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.

For those who signed up, the **Parenting Workshop** will be Sunday, January 28 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided. Please contact Janna Wilkerson with any questions.

The **Young Professionals Devo Dinner** has been rescheduled for Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Center. Please contact Andrew Isherwood or Karen Isherwood for details.

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.

Celebrate Recovery Men's and Women's Step Studies: If you're looking for a safe place to process hurts, habits, or hang-ups which are causing you pain and may be hindering your spiritual walk, we hope you'll join us on Wednesday evenings beginning February 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for one of our Step Study groups. Tom Kernan will lead the men's group and Lorie Addison the women's group as each works through 4 participant guides: answering questions and having discussion in a safe space where confidentiality is highly regarded. These will be mixed-issue groups and will address whatever issues the members bring to the table. The curriculum will provide direction and group members will provide support for each other, but the most important work will take place one-on-one, as God moves to bring wholeness and healing to the hearts of His children. Please contact Nathan Ingram, Tom Kernan, Lorie Addison, or Monica Clary regarding questions about the study and for meeting locations. You may also contact us via email and someone will get back with you at: celebraterecovery@woodlandoaks.org.

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.

Sympathy

Heartfelt condolences to Mary Kirkland at the unexpected loss of her grandfather, **Johnny Pistole**, Sunday, January 14 at the age of 92. Please keep Mary and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#).

Deepest sympathy to Judy Zoch at the loss of her brother-in-law, **Andy Valero** on January 10. The Funeral will be Monday, January 22 just west of Katy. Please keep Judy's sister, Virginia, and the family in your prayers. You can read the obituary and find more info [here](#).

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

Youth News

There will be a **Junior High Devo** TONIGHT immediately following the evening assembly in the Youth Center.

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.

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 next **Youth Girls Dinner Devo** will be Monday, February 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Montandon home. Please RSVP to Elise Fair or Emma Montandon.

Treehouse Kids

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 TODAY after Bible Class time to say your verse and earn a prize!

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 TODAY or January 28 for more information and to get started! For any questions: Please contact Janna Wilkerson, Judy Walker, Lindsey Thomas, or Lorie Addison.

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

3rd-6th Grade Boys will be leading worship assembly on the 5th Wednesday of this month, January 31. If your child will be participating, please let Kevin Wilkerson know which song or scripture that he will lead/read by Sunday, January 28.

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!



Prayers

- ✚ **Marty Miller**/admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and AFIB last week/no visitors at this time/please keep Marty and Debra in your prayers.
- ✚ **Don Southall** /please keep Don in your prayers as he deals with some health issues.
- ✚ **Laurie Mangham** /had hand surgery Thursday, January 18 in Bryan/please keep Laurie in your prayers.
- ✚ **Debi Hix**/surgery has been postponed to February 5/thank you for your continued prayers.
- ✚ **Rose Talbott**/mother of Steven Talbott/scheduled to have PET scan January 25.
- ✚ Please remember our members: **Dennis Daulton, Skip Foreman, Jeri French, Jettie Huff, Peggy Kirby, Eric Kirkland, Jeanette Malone, Laurie Riggs.**
- ✚ Please remember our friends & family: **Dean "Jr" Guyton, Glenn Talbott.**
- ✚ 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, Rose Talbott.**

This Week

Day	Time	Event
Today		Bible Buddy Adoption Fair
		THK Memory Verse Challenge Check In
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:15 a.m.	Worship
Monday	4:30 p.m.	Elder/Deacon Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
		Bible Bowl Practice
	6:15 p.m.	Bible Builders
	7:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Devo
Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Women
	5:00 p.m.	Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck
	6:00 p.m.	Pickleball—Beginners/Intermediate/Advanced
	6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Class
Wednesday	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
	7:00 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Basketball
	6:00 p.m.	Men's Advance
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Men's Advance

Upcoming Events

January 28	Bible Buddy Adoption Fair Sign Up Due for 2023 Bible Readers' Banquet Parent Workshop Youth Invasion
January 30 January 31	Young Professionals Devo Dinner 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 Congregational Meeting Combined Youth Devo
February 5 February 6 February 7	Youth Girls Dinner Devo—Montandon Home Men's Luncheon—Lupe Tortilla CR Step Study Class Begins
February 9-11 February 12 February 13	Youth Winter Retreat Senior Saints Game Night & Potluck 3rd—6th Grade Boys Devo & Dodgeball Youth Bible Study
February 17 February 23 February 23-25 February 24	Sweetheart Banquet THK Daddy Daughter Date Night Evangelism Conference—Preston CoC Youth SNL Devo

Thank You

Dear Woodland Oaks,
 Thank you so much for being such a great blessing to our Impact Families this Christmas. All of our families were so excited to receive gifts for their families. I love to see the great joy all of your heard work brings to our families. The moms get so excited when they see all of the beautiful wrapping and all the cool things their kids receive. Thank you for loving our families year after year. We greatly appreciate all the hard work that you guys do to make this happen.

With Love, Caroline & Lluvia

Expectant Families

Janna & Kevin Wilkerson
 Meredith & Bryce Caldwell

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