



# March Newsletter 2026

## MUSINGS OF OUR PASTOR: SMALL CHURCH BIG IMPACT

When you compare Woodlands Community Church to larger churches in the area, have you ever wondered how important WCC might be? There are so many more people ministered to at the larger churches, and they can offer so many more types of ministries. Maybe WCC is not very important.

I thought that might be true but then I remembered one size fits all clothing. How many times have you tried on something that says one size fits all only to discover that when they said that they did not mean you. Somehow you had the one body type this article of clothing could not fit.

The reality is that big is not always better for some people. Take for instance the woman in Mark 5 who had a bleeding issue in her life. She had to push through the crowd to get to Jesus and touch the hem of His garment so she could be healed. That worked for her, but not everybody is comfortable having to push through the crowd.

Then there is the story of the lost sheep in Luke 15. There were 99 sheep in the pen, but 1 was missing. How did they know one was missing. With 100 sheep, it is hard to know if one is really missing. Maybe they just miscounted. When the flock is smaller, it is so much easier to recognize quickly when one is missing. Besides, if 3 had gone missing, how would the shepherd have carried them back to the fold. He only has 2 shoulders to carry them on.

WCC is not a large church, but it is the perfect size church for some people. WCC has, is, and will continue to make an impact on people's lives. I know this because God showed me this through 3 shouting spells in 2 weeks. Let me share these with you briefly.

One was over painting the outside of the newer portion of our building. God directed that we do this not knowing where the money was coming from. However, 15 minutes after I signed the contract, the doorbell rang and there was a check delivered that covered the entire amount of the contract. It was given from the estate of Dick and Gayle James. This church had made an impact on them and their family, and so their family wanted to give back to the church in their memory. It was hard to stop shouting praise that day.

The next one was from a family I have never met, but this church made an impact on them many years ago. I was surprised to find that they had paid \$10,000 toward our World Evangelism Fund Allocation. Though they no longer attend this church, it had such an impact on their lives that they wanted to bless the church by contributing funds to help spread the Gospel around the world. Again, I could hardly stop shouting praises to God.

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The final one is from someone who recently began to attend WCC, but in that short span of time, God has truly been impacting their life. They found out we needed to plant some bushes to satisfy a requirement by The Woodlands Township. They thought their gift would be enough to buy the plants, and then we would plant them ourselves. But there turned out to be a problem with the estimate, and the bushes were a lot more expensive than we thought. However, God led us to a person who not only sold us the plants but planted them, all for the original amount donated. Isn't God so good?

I tell these stories to celebrate how God has provided, but also to celebrate the impact this church has had on the lives of people in the past and also is having in the present. It may be hard at times for a small church to survive in The Woodlands with all the regulations, but God has reminded me that it is worth it. The people we are ministering to need us. Besides, God has a way of supplying what is needed through His children. He has done it before; He will do it again.

We may be a small church, but with God on our side, we can make a big impact. Are you ready to see what God does next?

## ● WCC NEWS AND UPDATES

### ● NEWS ITEMS:

**Newly Elected Officers:** On Sunday, Feb. 22, we elected new leaders to serve from March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2027. The following were elected:

Church Board: **Bob Altic, Sidney Arel, Paul Cardona, Elise Eaton, Faith Edwards, Joe Ray, Ron White**

NDI (Nazarene Discipleship International) Chairman **Jean Altic**

NDI (Nazarene Discipleship International) Council

Elected Members: **Faith Edwards, Sherri Ray, Hector Vazquez**

**NYI (Nazarene Youth International) President Andrew Ray**

**NMI (Nazarene Missions International) President Lori White**

**NMI (Nazarene Missions International) Vice President Sherri Ray**

**Crisis Care Kits:** Our missions department is currently collecting Crisis Care Kits that will be taken to District Assembly on April 22. These kits are then stored at the Pasadena Church and used to hand out to those who are involved in natural tragedies such as: hurricanes, floods, fires, etc. There are very specific items to put in a bag and have been chosen due to the urgent hygiene needs of the people affected by these events. Please see Lori White for directions on how to fill a bag.

**Ladies' Bible Study:** Ladies' Bible Study titled "Anchored in Scripture" will continue for the first two Mondays of March at 7:00 PM and is led by Liz Hatfield. It is available via Zoom or in person at select locations. You may register with the QR Code or at [bit.ly/wrsignmeup](http://bit.ly/wrsignmeup).

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**Prayer Ministry:** Our prayer ministry under the leadership of Julie Hill is up and going. There are tables at each side of the front of the sanctuary where you can submit prayer requests before, during, or after the service, as well as the names of unsaved loved ones you would like the prayer team to pray for.

We now have a prayer team but would love to add more prayer warriors. If you are on this team, you will get more emails and texts than the rest of the church concerning prayer requests and praises. Please contact Julie Hill at [prayer@wccnaz.org](mailto:prayer@wccnaz.org) if you wish to be a part of the prayer team.

The prayer room is now open and available for use at any time. You are welcome to pray there before, during, or after church, and even during the week when the office is open. There will be prayer requests posted there for you to pray for and a box for you to add any prayer request that you may have.

**Wednesday Night Prayer Service:** There is prayer service every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome. This is a time to corporately give praises for the things God is doing and also to lift up our prayer requests. We especially want to lift up our not yet saved loved ones and the needs of our church family and how WCC can see those around us come to know Jesus. We end our prayer time each week with communion.

**Day of Fasting:** The first Wednesday of March is the 4<sup>th</sup> and this will be our day of prayer and fasting as a church. You are encouraged to fast from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. then join us for prayer at the church at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us for prayer even if you are not able to fast. Below are some things to pray for:

**Praises:**

- Bill Heckathorn's cataract surgery went well.
- We praise God for His provision of needed funds for painting the outside of our church and for the bushes we needed to plant.
- We praise God that we ended our church year with all obligations met and financially in the black.

**Individual Concerns:**

- A 14-year-old friend of the Pratt family committed suicide. Alan Pratt performed the funeral on Feb. 27.
- Melinda Fisher's son Mekhi has joined the Navy and has gone to training.
- Karen Coulter-Skillman will be having hip surgery on March 2.
- Keep Ana Mancillas and her family in prayer. Her son broke his collar bone, and her mother and father are dealing with some critical health issues.
- Cheri Webb will have hip surgery on March 23.
- Phyllis Magnusson is having some health issues.
- Bobbie Jean has asked us to continue to pray for her friend Laura.
- Pray for Don and Jeannette Kentch as they seek to sell their home and move to Corpus Christi.
- Janelle Herrera, Jean Altic's daughter, broke her wrist.
- Jean Altic is dealing with some health concerns.
- Sunday Ojajuni is in Nigeria.

### **Corporate Concerns:**

- Pray for the serious situations across our world including Venezuela, Iran, Nigeria, Cuba and The Ukraine.
- Pray for our Hispanic ministry under Hector and Lorena Vazquez.
- Pray for our church as we enter into a new year in March and seek God's guidance.
- Pray for our new church leaders as they begin to serve us in March.
- Pray for the selection of a new District Superintendent for the South Texas District.
- Pray that the new families that have visited in our services will choose to make Woodlands Community Church their church home.
- For the Holy Spirit to draw our unsaved family members to salvation, put people in their lives who will encourage them in faith, and guide us on how we might reach out to them.
- That the Holy Spirit will move in a powerful way in our services through worship and the Word.
- That God would place not yet saved people into our lives and that the Holy Spirit would give us the courage to speak and the right words to say.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men are invited to come out to the church for a Men's Bible study. In March, the Bible study will meet on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. We are studying the book of Romans, and all men are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please note that this month there is a Tuesday evening Bible study.

**Fellaship:** Men's Fellaship will meet on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM at the church. This is a great time to invite a guy friend to join you and meet the men of WCC and enjoy a great breakfast together and a short devotional. You are welcome to stay after for our spring cleaning.

**All Church Spring Cleaning:** Join us on March 7 for a special workday at the church. We plan to start spring cleaning at 9:30 AM and go till the cleaning is finished or we are. We plan to have lunch at 12:30 PM. There are lots of cleaning jobs to do and no one is too young or too old to help, so come out and enjoy working with your church family as we prepare our church for Holy Week.

**Mark Dubbeld Family in Concert:** We are pleased to welcome the Mark Dubbeld Family back in concert on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, during the morning worship service. There will be a love offering taken.

**Young Adult Lunch:** There will be a lunch right after the morning service on March 8 for all young adults (single, engaged, married with or without children) are welcome to stay. This is a great time to relax and spend time with old and new friends. Don't forget to invite a friend. Also, any that wants to stay after the meal to play board games are welcome to do so.

**Board Meeting:** Our church board will meet on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Please keep them in prayer as they discuss business matters pertaining to the church and ministry items to reach our community. This will be the first board meeting for this church statistical year. We are so thankful to those who are willing to give of their time this year to help lead our church.

**Family Game Night:** The Prime-Time group may host it, but game night is for the entire family. Some people like traditional games and some like more modern games. No matter what your preference of game style, someone will be willing to try it with you. Come out at 6:30 p.m. on March 12<sup>th</sup>, bring a snack to share, and join in the fun.

**Sewing/Craft Classes:** Our group of crafty ladies are making some changes in the new year. They will be meeting on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 1:00 PM. Their main focus will be on sewing; including giving sewing lessons for beginners and those that want to improve their current sewing skills. You may also bring a project of any type that you are currently working on. All are welcome to come and join in the fellowship. The dates for March are the 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>.

**NDI Council Meeting:** The newly elected council members and the appointed department leaders will meet after the morning worship service on 15. You will have lunch together and discuss plans for upcoming events. The NDI Chairman will be in contact with members prior to the meeting to plan lunch.

**Sacred Marriage Class:** Pastor Mark is making plans for a class for those married or planning to be married who are interested in seeing how God can lead them to have a marriage that will be the way He has designed it. The plan is to have the class for 6 sessions meeting roughly every other week on Sunday afternoon. The class will start on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. If you are interested in attending or would be willing to help with childcare, please let Pastor Mark know.

**Prime Time Luncheon:** If you are 55 or older or just like pizza, you are invited to gather with our Prime Time group at Incredible Pizza for lunch on March 17. The address is 230 S. Loop 336 W. Conroe, Texas. They will meet at 11:30 to beat the lunch crowd. Don't forget to wear your green.

**Young Adult Game Night:** All young adults are invited to Alan and Kathy Edward's home on the third Saturday of each month. You can expect a night of fun, food, and fellowship. In March, they will be meeting on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Please see Kathy or Alan for more details.

**Being Discipled By Jesus:** On March 26 at noon there is a webinar by The Discipleship Place called Being Discipled by Jesus. You can register for the webinar through this [link](#). If you sign up, you will be sent a recording of the webinar if you are unable to attend.

**Palm Sunday:** March 29 is Palm Sunday, the day we recognize Jesus as our King. This will be a great day of celebration with an Easter egg hunt for our kids following the service.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** There will be an Easter Egg Hunt right after the morning worship service on Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be open to all kids 0-12 years of age. This is a great time to invite family or friends who have children.

**Easter Egg Hunt Needs:** We are in need of candy to stuff plastic eggs. We currently have enough plastic eggs. Please bring your candy in by March 15<sup>th</sup> so the eggs can be

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stuffed and ready to hunt on March 29<sup>th</sup>. You may also just give a donation to help purchase candy or prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.

**Good Friday:** We are planning a traditional Tenebrae service on Good Friday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Let Pastor Mark know if you would like to be a reader for this service.

**Easter Sunday:** Join us on April 5 as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Because He rose from the dead, we too can be raised to new life in Him.

**Girls and Pearls Luncheon:** Ready. Set. Bloom! Tickets are now on sale for Girls in Pearls Luncheon. The tickets are \$30.00 and can be purchased by using the QR code or in the foyer after the morning worship service. The date for the lunch is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and it is open to all ladies. Our speaker this year will be Rachel Medlin.

**South Texas Teen Camp:** Teens from all over south Texas will gather at Camp Trinity Pines June 8-11, 2026, for an awesome four days of camp. Teen camp is open to all sixth through twelfth graders. Early bird registration is \$250.00.

**South Texas Kid's Camp:** On July 7<sup>th</sup>, kids from all over south Texas will head to Camp Trinity Pines for four days of fun and learning more about Jesus. Camp is for any child who has completed first grade through sixth grade. The dates for camp are July 7-10<sup>th</sup> and early bird registration cost is \$275.00 and due by June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Mortgage Fund:** In September we transitioned from the Future Fund to our Mortgage Fund. In February, \$1,355 was given toward our mortgage payment freeing up that same amount for ministry. You are invited to join us as we continue to faithfully seek God's guidance in our finances.

**Church App:** We have a church app. You may access this newsletter, our church bulletin, our calendar and much more through our church app. Click on this [link](#) to access it and then download it to your home screen based on your phone's setup procedure. If you need help, see Sidney Arel or Pastor Mark.

**Church Calendar:** You can add the churches google calendar to your own device with this [link](#). It is updated frequently with information on church events.

### ●UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 2: Ladies' Bible Study	March 8: Mark Dubbeld Family Concert
March 4: Prayer and Fasting	March 8: Young Adult Lunch
March 5: Men's Bible Study	March 9: Ladies' Bible Study
March 7: Fellowship	March 10: Board Meeting
March 7: All Church Spring Cleaning	March 11: Prayer Service
March 8: Daylight Savings	March 12: Game Night (by Prime Time)

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March 13: Sewing/Craft Classes  
March 15: NDI Council Meeting  
March 15: Sacred Marriage Class  
March 17: Prime Time Lunch  
March 17: Men's Bible Study  
March 18: Prayer Service  
March 21: Young Adult Game Night  
March 25: Prayer Service  
March 27: Sewing/Craft Classes

March 29: Palm Sunday  
March 29: Easter Egg Hunt  
March 29: Sacred Marriage Class  
April 3: Good Friday/ Tenebrae Service  
April 5: Easter Sunday  
April 22-24: District Assembly  
April 25: Girls in Pearls  
June 8-11: Teen Camp  
July 7-10: Kid's Camp

A calendar with updated event information can be found at [wccnaz.org](http://wccnaz.org) or on the church app.

## ● WCC FEBRUARY STATISTICS

### ● FINANCES:

**Fully Funded Budget March 2025 - Feb. 2026: \$271,550**

Needed Monthly: \$23,000

Income for February: \$17,589 (This figure includes general tithes and offerings only. It does not include Future Fund or items not budgeted like ticket sales.)

Income YTD: \$250,717

**Faith Promise Goal: \$22,000**

Faith Promise YTD: \$9,719

### **Mortgage Fund:**

Mortgage Fund Received in February: \$1,355

Mortgage Remaining: \$391,076

### ● FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE:

#### **Sunday School and Discipleship**

Sunday School: 39

Discipleship: 35

Total: 55 (Average Unique Participants Each Week)

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Participants:99 (Unique Participants in February)

**Worship**

WCC In-Person Worship:75

Estimate Worshippers Online:9

Total:84