

JANUARY 2026

LEAVING A LEGACY

Monthly newsletter of Woodlake Baptist Church

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED

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Pick up a copy of the newsletter

Attend church service regularly

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE FOR 2026

Psalm 4 will be our chapter for the New Year, with verse 3 as our focus: **"Know that the Lord has set apart the godly for Himself."**

As we approach the New Year, I want to invite you to join me in several worthy endeavors.

First, I am inviting all of my Sheep to read through the Bible with me over the next two years. Yes, it will take two years—and that is intentional. I want us not only to read God's Word, but to understand it in its proper context. This plan will require reading only two to three chapters per day.

Here's the twist: for each chapter, you will read one corresponding paragraph from Warren W. Wiersbe's *With the Word Handbook*, which helps explain what you have just read. This small but powerful book has the potential to change your life as you read alongside Scripture. The assignment is short, manageable, and doable for all of us. I will explain more from the pulpit, and I will provide the Bible reading plan. This journey will be fun, educational, and spiritually enriching as we grow together in the Word. So—are you in?

Second, I am asking you to study Psalm 4. This psalm will be my prayer for WBC throughout the coming year. As we prepare for future steps—such as building a gym and possibly a new sanctuary—we will need everyone contributing, on some level, to the building fund.

As you read Psalm 4, I hope you understand that our ultimate goal as WBC is not physical buildings, prestige, or leaving a legacy for ourselves. My primary focus is the spiritual growth and health of my Sheep.

As you study this psalm, here are some themes I will be praying over for all of us: answered prayer, healing, God's grace, heart reflection, faithfulness, holiness, sanctification, proper preparation for worship, trusting God, God's favor, witnessing, joy, peace, and safety.

Shep

JANUARY NEW TESTAMENT READING PLAN

Join us as we read through the New Testament! As a reminder, this plan includes reading two to three chapters a day, five days a week. The weekend can be used to catch up or do further study.

Week 1: January 1-4

Thursday - Matthew 1-2

Friday - Matthew 3-4

Week 2: January 5-11

Monday - Matthew 5-6

Tuesday - Matthew 7-8

Wednesday - Matthew 9-10

Thursday - Matthew 11-12

Friday - Matthew 13-14

Week 4: January 19-25

Monday - Matthew 25-26

Tuesday - Matthew 27-28

Wednesday - Mark 1-2

Thursday - Mark 3-4

Friday - Mark 5-6

Week 3: January 5-18

Monday - Matthew 15-16

Tuesday - Matthew 17-18

Wednesday - Matthew 19-20

Thursday - Matthew 21-22

Friday - Matthew 23-24

Week 5: January 26-February 1

Monday - Mark 7-8

Tuesday - Mark 9-10

Wednesday - Mark 11-12

Thursday - Mark 13-14

Friday - Mark 15-16

MINISTRY NEWS

STUDENT MINISTRY

Friday, January 16th -

Tuesday, January 19th

Strength to Stand Trip in
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Stay tuned for 2026 events.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Stay tuned for 2026 events.

LEGACY LEADERS

Thursday, January 29th

9:00 am

Breakfast at iHop in Loganville

SECURITY TEAM

Upcoming Meetings:

Saturday, January 10th

Saturday, February 14th

Meetings take place
at 10:00 am

SPECIAL EVENTS/ LEADERSHIP TEAMS

Monday, January 12th

at 6:30 pm

Meeting to plan 2026 events

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Saturday, January 10th

Pool Party at Oconee Aquatic
Center

Sunday, February 8th

Sunday Funday after Church

PRESCHOOL

Volunteers needed for some
Sunday and Wednesday night
services. See Amy McLarty
for more information.

5TH SATURDAY NIGHT SINGING

Saturday, January 31st

6:00 pm



Featuring:
Sunny South Quartet
The Hall Sisters