



# CAMPING WITH GOD

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## WOODDALE WEEK



**FIRST TIME AT WOODDALE?** Welcome to Wooddale Church! We are glad you are here. If this is your first visit, please be sure to fill out a Connection Card and take it to the *New Here? Stop Here* sign near the main entrances on both campuses as you leave the service. We have a gift to say thanks for being our guest today. We would love to meet you!

**ABOUT THE SERVICE.** The service will include the message *Building Your Campsite*. Each service will also include great music.

**WHERE CAN KIDS GO?** Children and youth are welcome at Wooddale. There are Sunday school classes, youth programs and children's programming on both campuses.

**WHERE CAN I CONNECT?** There are many ways to connect with others at Wooddale. Learn more at a *New Here? Stop Here* sign, on the Wooddale website or call 952.944.6300.

**NEED PRAYER?** Prayer volunteers are available to meet with you for prayer after the services on both campuses. At Eden Prairie, the Prayer Point is beneath the balcony stairs in the common area. At Edina, come to the front of the Worship Center after the service.

**FOLLOW THE INS AND OUTS OF WOODDALE CHURCH** on our blog at [wooddale.org/blog](http://wooddale.org/blog).

**PLEASE NOTE:** We send out periodic updates about Wooddale Church via email. If you do not have access to email, hard copies of these letters are available at the front desk.

WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS	
EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS	EDINA CAMPUS
Saturday 5:15 p.m. Contemporary	Sunday 10 a.m. Contemporary
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Traditional 9:45 & 11 a.m. Contemporary 6 p.m. The Gathering	

**FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON VISION '22**, visit our website – [wooddale.org/vision22](http://wooddale.org/vision22).

### THE GODLY LIFE

What does a godly life look like? We find a guide in 1 Timothy 3, where the Apostle Paul describes the qualities of an overseer or elder of the church. To be considered godly, one must be:

- above reproach
- faithful
- temperate
- self-controlled
- respectable
- hospitable
- able to teach
- not given to drunkenness
- not violent but gentle
- not quarrelsome
- not a lover of money



Rather than view this as a checklist for admission to the "godly life club," consider the importance of helping believers develop these traits. Supporting each believer in their desire to incorporate these characteristics into his or

her life is our responsibility. This is called discipleship and it is an important component in the life of a believer in Jesus Christ. It is also something that Wooddale Church sees as a priority.

Once you begin a relationship with Jesus Christ, you grow stronger in that relationship by learning more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. There are various ways to learn and grow – Bible studies and fellowship with other believers to name a couple. At Wooddale, there are also men and women who meet one-on-one with another Christ-follower to mentor him or her in their spiritual walk.

If you are a new follower of Jesus Christ, we encourage you to seek out opportunities to be discipled at Wooddale through LifeGroups or One-to-One Mentoring. You will find more information about each of these at [wooddale.org](http://wooddale.org).

### MEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDIES

The path to spiritual maturity includes participating in opportunities to grow in your faith. Wooddale's men's ministry theme is "Get in the Game," an encouragement for men to be proactive in connecting, learning and growing, serving, and engaging with others in outreach. This fall, men have several such opportunities in the form of men's Bible studies and life-changing topical studies.

The Saturday morning men's Bible study will focus this fall on the Gospel of Luke. Men will learn practical life lessons from the life and ministry of Jesus as recorded by Luke, a physician with a unique look at the Gospel through the eyes of a scientist/physician.

This study begins Saturday, September 19 at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast. The format for the study includes breaking into study groups at 8:30 a.m., followed by a concluding teaching "Wrap" presented by Adults Pastor Fred McCormick. The cost is \$20 per person for the fall to cover cost of breakfast and materials. Men of all ages/stages are welcome.

Two additional growth opportunities for men this fall are the Wednesday morning and evening programs called "Stepping-Up." Both programs focus on growing in relationship with God, learning to become godly leaders at home, work, community and church, growing as godly husbands and fathers and managing our God-given resources wisely.

The Wednesday morning Stepping-Up group meets from 6:30-7:45 a.m. in Room 274 and offers two options for study/discussion: 1). Bible study in "The Gospel of Luke," and 2). Topical study series called "Authentic Manhood" written by Robert Lewis.

The Wednesday evening Stepping-Up group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. in Room 274, concurrently with Children's and Student Ministries programs. This group will also use Robert Lewis's "Authentic Manhood" series encouraging spiritual growth.

Both the morning and evening Wednesday groups begin September 16. The fee for each Wednesday fall study group is \$15 for printed materials and coffee. Both studies will continue in the winter/spring with separate registration required.

Register for any of these studies through the Ticket Desk at [wooddale.org/ticket-desk](http://wooddale.org/ticket-desk). Get ready to dive in to God's Word this fall.

# Following God to Hong Kong

As I look back on my life, I can see how God has always been gently guiding me and preparing my heart for missions – and more specifically, children’s ministry. As a young teen, I remember volunteering with the Wooddale VBS as a kindergarten small group leader. I had a wonderful time with the sweet little five-year-olds and I was sad to see the week end.

Throughout my high school years, I was active in Wooddale’s Student Ministries and attended almost every event. In the summer after my junior year, I went on a mission trip to Guatemala. I was a part of the Children’s Ministry Team and loved working with the children there.

As I went on to college, I declared my major in Early Childhood Education. Between my sophomore and junior year, I went on a mission trip to Africa. I wanted to experience God at work in another cul-



ture that was completely new to me. We had an amazing experience and learned much. The following summer, my dad and I returned to

Ghana. This time I was on a mission to help start a children’s program by holding a teacher’s training class using curriculum I had developed. I continue to send lesson plans to them, which can be used by the teachers in the villages.

I have now graduated from college and will be starting my first teaching job abroad. I will be teaching kindergarten at the International Christian School of Hong Kong. I am excited to see how God will use me. God has an amazing plan for all of us if we are willing to listen to His still, small voice. God is looking for people who make themselves available to do His good, perfect, and pleasing will.

*Sarah Anderson*

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## MEN’S TAILGATE PARTY KICKS OFF FALL SEASON

The 2015 NFL season gets underway on Thursday, September 10 when the Pittsburgh Steelers play the 2015 World Champion New England Patriots. It will be a game you won’t want to miss!



Let’s say you wanted to see the game. Tickets at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts start at \$184. Then there is the cost of getting there. Why go to all that trouble when you can watch the game on a big screen right here at Wooddale with a great bunch of guys?

The Men’s Ministry theme for this year is “get in the game” and our first event of the fall will set the tone. Wooddale is hosting a Men’s Tailgate Party on the Eden Prairie campus on September 10. The grills will be ready for cooking at 6 p.m. and the game will start at 7:30.



As an added bonus, the Men’s Ministry Get in the Game Tailgate event is FREE. Men can bring their own meat and will be able to cook it on a variety of grills outside Door 2. The Men’s Ministry Team will provide the other fare that goes with football! The game will be live-streamed in the Great Room.

Bring a friend and some meat to grill to this free event. Enjoy a fun night of football with other men. Women have a lot of great events at Wooddale, but this one is just for men. Bring a friend and get in the game!

## GETTING MARRIED? CONGRATULATIONS!

You and the love of your life have a lot on your plates, what with planning a wedding and all that goes along with it. There is a lot that goes into having the wedding of the year. Have you thought about doing everything you can to make sure your marriage is a success?



As you anticipate marriage and all the aspects of planning a wedding, please know that our goal is to help you launch a successful life together. With that in mind, we offer premarital counseling and a premarital seminar. The next Premarital Seminar is Saturday, September 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

on the Eden Prairie campus.

This one-day seminar focuses on topics of interest to all couples, including a biblical perspective of marriage, communication, roles, conflict, finances and much more.

The cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. Register for the September 12 Premarital Seminar online at [wooddale.org/ticket-desk](http://wooddale.org/ticket-desk). Give your marriage a boost even before it starts!

## WOODDALE CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP TEAM AUDITIONS

Wooddale’s contemporary worship team is open for auditions. If you have a passion for worship and are a talented instrumentalist or vocalist we would love to connect with you. Please email Collin Stoddard our Worship Pastor at [collin.stoddard@wooddale.org](mailto:collin.stoddard@wooddale.org).

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## CLASSIFIEDS

All activities are on the Eden Prairie campus unless otherwise noted

### SEARCH HERE FOR OPPORTUNITIES AND IMPORTANT CHURCH NEWS

**Are you, or someone you know going to be hospitalized or have surgery?** If you, or they, would like a visit from a Pastoral Visitor, please contact Care Ministries at 952.944.6300 or [pastoral.care@wooddale.org](mailto:pastoral.care@wooddale.org).

**Coming soon – Celebrate Recovery**, a new Christ-centered 12-step program for anyone with hurts, habits or hang-ups. For more information contact [gary.clark@wooddale.org](mailto:gary.clark@wooddale.org).

**Join the Student Ministries Prayer Group** to pray for Wooddale students (5-12 grade) and the staff and volunteers who serve them. Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room (261). Contact Kathy at [kjwoodley4@gmail.com](mailto:kjwoodley4@gmail.com) for info.

**The Truth Project, an In-Depth Christian Worldview Experience** is a men's study meeting in Room 274 from 8 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Saturday of each month through August. No registration required. Come when you can.

**Pray for the vision, ministries, outreach, discipleship and leaders of Wooddale Church.** You are welcome to join the Vision '22 prayer group that meets the last Saturday of every month, 9-10 a.m. in the Prayer Room.

**For Men Only** is a group for men dealing with issues of purity, including impure thoughts, pornography or sexual behaviors. Meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. Contact Doug, 952.920.2789.

**The Wooddale Job Transition Support Group** provides instruction in job search strategies with prayer and support to people seeking employment. Mondays at 7:15 a.m. Enter through Door 1. Call 952.656.1075 for information or visit the website, [jobtransition.net](http://jobtransition.net).

**Uplifters** is for anyone dealing with a loss from a broken relationship due to separation, death, divorce or the ending of a relationship. Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 p.m. in Room 206. For information, call Joan at 612.866.8970.

**Edina Campus Prayer Team:** If you have a heart for prayer and would like to learn more about joining the Edina Campus Prayer Team, contact [edina@wooddale.org](mailto:edina@wooddale.org).

**Individualized Grief Care:** Anyone desiring a one-on-one visit following the death of a loved one may contact Rosemary Wollan at 952.656.1069.

**Wooddale's Justice Prayer Team** meets the second Sunday of every month at 11 a.m. in Room 276. Join us in praying for those involved in sex trafficking, slavery and poverty.

## SERVE OTHERS

### SEE A COMPLETE LISTING OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT [WWW.WOODDALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER](http://WWW.WOODDALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER)

**Wooddale is looking for a creative story telling artist** who is able to capture and illustrate sermons while they are being taught. Contact [crystal.alvarez@wooddale.org](mailto:crystal.alvarez@wooddale.org).

**Do you have experience/background in recovery ministry?** Put that experience to work in a Christ-centered 12-step ministry. Contact Pastor Gary Clark at [gary.clark@wooddale.org](mailto:gary.clark@wooddale.org).

**Exciting things are happening in The Woods!** W.O.W (Woods on Wednesday) is looking for volunteers to help with grades Pre-K through 4 during the school year. Contact Lori at [lori.johnson@wooddale.org](mailto:lori.johnson@wooddale.org) or 952.656.1074 for information and to get involved.

**Arrive Ministries** is looking for individuals and families to be new neighbors to arriving refugees from around the world. Commitment is 4-6 hours per month. Call 612.243.2946 for information.

**We are looking for Wooddalers who are committed to the mission and vision of Wooddale Church** and to be available to serve one Monday morning a month. If you are detail oriented and enjoy working on a team, contact Diane at [diane.ranney@wooddale.org](mailto:diane.ranney@wooddale.org) or 952.944.6300, ext. 225.

**Join the Wooddale Garden Club.** Help tend the church gardens. New and experienced gardeners are welcome. Contact René at 952.988.0860 or email [srlcr10860@msn.com](mailto:srlcr10860@msn.com) for information.

**Needed: friendly hosts at the Main Lodge Welcome Center on the lower level** to greet new families, help register and direct their children to the right area. Questions? Contact [justin.gaspar@wooddale.org](mailto:justin.gaspar@wooddale.org) or 952.656.1099.

**Be part of what God is doing in the lives of elementary children at Wooddale.** Serve as a small group leader, one-on-one helper to kids with extra needs, kiosk assistant or assist with media and tech. Contact [justin.gaspar@wooddale.org](mailto:justin.gaspar@wooddale.org) or 952.656.1099.

**Join us in the nursery!** The nursery team is fantastic and we invite you to be part of it. If interested, contact [shelley.gruling@wooddale.org](mailto:shelley.gruling@wooddale.org).

**Looking for a way to get connected at Wooddale? Be a Service Host (usher).** We have immediate opportunities at all service times. There are also Service Host leadership positions available. Contact Robin for more information: [robin.kragness@wooddale.org](mailto:robin.kragness@wooddale.org).

**Want to help give directions at Wooddale Church?** Join the Parking Lot team and give direction to vehicles coming and going. Call Steve 612.805.0762 for more info.

**Join the fun with preschool kids on Sunday mornings!** We have great opportunities to have fun with the kids while exploring and learning about Jesus together. If interested, contact Shelley at [shelley.gruling@wooddale.org](mailto:shelley.gruling@wooddale.org) or 952.656.1486.

## NEED DINNER?

Join us on Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting September 15 for Midweek Café, open 5:15-6:30 p.m. Offerings include specialty sandwiches, house-made soups, seasonal salads and freshly baked cakes and cookies. The Tuesday Night Café will feature a weekly \$5 entrée special; Wednesday Night Café options include a \$2 kids meal for kids 12 and under. For weekly menu postings, check the Wooddale website at [wooddale.org/cafe-menu](http://wooddale.org/cafe-menu).

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Full-Time**  
Film Producer  
Custodian

**Part-Time**  
Custodian (On-call)  
Academy Teacher, Assistant  
Teacher & Substitute Teacher  
IT Infrastructure Technician

For more information on these opportunities, go to the Wooddale website at [wooddale.org/jobs](http://wooddale.org/jobs).



The Bigger and Better event on July 29 was a smashing success. Senior high students spread out through the community in search of treasure. During the course of the evening, students were reminded of how much God values them.

# wooddale happenings



The July 25 service day at Lucy Craft Laney School in north Minneapolis gave young adults the opportunity to demonstrate the love of God through a variety of work projects designed to beautify the school and show the students that someone cares about them.



The Senior High Heat Retreat July 24-26 was filled with fun activities and opportunities to grow closer to God and one another.

3 WEEKS UNTIL THE BAPTISM PARTY!

Interested in being baptized? Contact pastoral.care@wooddale.org for more info and to sign up!

# BAPTISM PARTY!

AUG 29/30

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

## Wooddale Blood Drive

8:30 AM-12:30 PM

ON THE EDEN PRAIRIE CAMPUS

TO SIGN UP, CALL KATHY EMERSON @ 952.944.6300