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ARE YOU READY?

Therefore go and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit
Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

In the same way, I tell you, there
is rejoicing in the presence of the
angels of God over one sinner
who repents.
Luke 15:10 (NIV)

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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 *Jesus, The Best Friend You Will Ever Have!* and 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.

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.

WOODDALE WEBSITE REFRESHED

Our website is a great tool helping us honor God by making more disciples for Jesus Christ, helping us reach 700,000 people here, near and far, and communicating with the entire Wooddale family. It is time to update this tool to help us with our mission and to be built on supported technology. This new website provides a refreshed look, easier navigation, new features and new technology consistent with websites used today.



We are excited that online viewing is popular and we need updated website technology that supports this feature. We also know that first-time guests often go to our website to see what Wooddale Church is

all about and to watch sermons before they ever set foot on our campuses. Therefore, we want to be sure our website is up-to-date, reliable, easy to navigate, and has resources and information for both first-time guests and those of us who already call Wooddale our church family.

The updated website features information for first-time guests, live streaming, an archive of past sermons, ministry information, online giving, registering for events, managing your Fellowship One account and much more. It also includes new features such as an interactive calendar and a prayer wall (replaces “The Table”). In addition, the website has been created with multiple campuses in mind.

Whether you’re a guest or long-time member of Wooddale Church, the website was carefully updated just for you. There is so much more to explore and we encourage you to see it for yourself beginning in early September.

FALL PROGRAMMING BEGINS IN TWO WEEKS

It’s been a great summer at Wooddale, but now it’s time to turn the page. As we head into fall, a whole new chapter of ministry begins as fall programming gets underway. Here are some of the highlights:

September 13

- Children’s Ministry Move Up Sunday
- Big Groups
- Young Adult LifeGroup sign ups

September 15

- Women’s Bible studies
- Midweek Bible Study

September 16

- W.O.W. (both campuses)
- 5th & 6th Grade Recharge
- Junior High Reality Check
- Senior High Impact
- Men’s Stepping Up Bible Studies



September 19

- Saturday Men’s Bible Study

Participation in these programs is a great way to develop a sense of community and grow in your walk with Christ. Look up information on all fall programming in the Wooddale magazine, or online at wooddale.org, and get involved.

For God, Nothing Is Impossible – Especially in Russia!



“Everyone said this would not work. The time for public preaching of the Gospel in Russia is over. Even more absurd is the idea that an ‘American’ western band could do

It was likely that NLM would be shut down after the first concert and thrown out of the country.

Here’s what actually happened through NLM in Russia:

The Gospel was preached! People were asked if they wanted to know Jesus and hands went up everywhere! This was the case every place NLM played in Russia, even in Moscow. Thousands of people came to the shows and the response to the message of Jesus’ love was sometimes overwhelming. Hundreds of Russian Bible tracts were passed out.

The NLM team was told that this was probably the first time this kind of direct public proclamation of the Gospel happened in Russia since the 90s.

NLM’s last concert ended in the city where the tour started. More



than 2,000 people came and, during the preaching, many held up signs saying “Thank you.” Yes, nothing is impossible for God – especially in Russia!

this. We were the ‘enemy.’”

That’s the recent report from “No Longer Music” (NLM) Evangelistic Tours, which Wooddale supports through Global Partners Ben and Courtney Pierce. Three international NLM teams are performing this summer in festivals, cultural centers and city squares in 15 different countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Here’s what “they” (the naysayers) said about NLM going into Russia:

The band and its gear would never get through the border.

There was no need to organize something that would never work.

The band’s leader could not preach from the stage because it was illegal.

Disciple U Class Schedule – Fall 2015

The Sandwich Generation: Between the Adult Children & Aging Parents Slices

Instructor: Todd Mulliken

8:30 a.m. September 20 – October 11

Room 283

Many of us find ourselves “sandwiched” between caring for our adult children and our aging parents. One or both of these “slices” can sometimes feel like a full-time job in and of itself! Todd Mulliken, LPCC, will draw from his 30+ years in the mental health field to help us understand these situations and give practical tips to address each of the slices of the sandwich!

Fee: \$15

The Book of Acts

Instructor: Michael Wise

9:45 a.m. September 20 – December 15 (no Thanksgiving weekend)

Room 287

The experiences of the early church have great application to our lives today. For example, how do signs and wonders function today? What should Christian conversion look like? How should churches structure themselves? How should we reach out with the message of salvation? How do we properly deal with controversy and disagreement in the body of Christ? We’ll consider these and many other topics through a practically oriented study.

Fee: \$20 (fall only)

Jesus and the Secular World

Instructors: Aaron and Benjamin Pierce, Steiger International Ministries

11 a.m. September 27 – October 18

Room 283

We live in a culture dominated by secularism (death to religion) and relativism (death to truth). This class will give in-depth understanding of the secular mindset, inspire personal revival and equip you with practical next steps to relevantly engage the secular world with the powerful Gospel message.

Fee: No charge

Financial Peace University

Instructor: Andreas Scholz

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, September 15 – November 10

Room 274

Are you looking for a completely new way to manage the financial resources God has entrusted to you? Have you ever struggled with managing finances? Financial Peace University (FPU) is the class for you. There are video lectures from Dave Ramsey, the founder of FPU, and further teaching and discussion around a biblical approach to resource management. A notebook with valuable materials is included in the fee. It could be a life-changer!

Fee: \$97

Sign up for Disciple U classes through the Ticket Desk at wooddale.org/ticket-desk.

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CLASSIFIEDS

All activities are on the Eden Prairie campus unless otherwise noted

SEARCH HERE FOR OPPORTUNITIES
AND IMPORTANT CHURCH NEWS

WIDOWS, come for support and to study Miriam Neff's "From One Widow To Another." Cost \$15. Fridays 10-11:30 a.m. September 11-November 6. Register on-line or call Deloris Selland 952.898.3951.

DivorceCare is a great place to begin following a divorce or separation. It incorporates video, discussion and teaching and will meet every Thursday from September 10 – December 10 at 6 p.m. in Room 291.

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 pastoral.care@wooddale.org or 952.944.6300.

Coming soon – Celebrate Recovery, a new Christ-centered 12-step program for anyone with hurts, habits or hang-ups. For more information on this ministry contact 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 for info.

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.

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.

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.

SERVE OTHERS

SEE A COMPLETE LISTING OF VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT
WWW.WOODDALE.ORG/VOLUNTEER

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. Email Collin Stoddard our Worship Pastor at collin.stoddard@wooddale.org.

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.

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.

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 justin.gaspar@wooddale.org or 952.656.1085 for information and to get involved.

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 or 952.944.6300, ext. 225.

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 or 952.656.1099.

Be part of what God is doing in the lives of elementary children on Sundays 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 or 952.656.1099.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

wooddale happenings



The Formal Dinner Cruise on Lake Minnetonka on August 19 was a memorable event for incoming ninth grade students. It was a great way to mark the beginning of a significant year in their lives.



Wooddalers explored opportunities to serve during the Volunteer Fair on the Eden Prairie campus August 22 and 23.

VISION '22 UPDATE

Vision '22, seeks to impart the hope of the Gospel to 700,000 people here, near and far in the next seven years, and to provide a clear pathway toward spiritual maturity. Renovations to our Eden Prairie campus (Here) are signified as "Where Generations Gather: Faith-Family-Friends." Representatives of ministries to children and youth have provided the Ministry Project Team with experienced perspective on needs to attract and minister to youth and young families. Perspectives are being gathered on use and needs of common gathering space, including the Wooddale Café, by all generations.

Plan to attend one of the forums in the Chapel on the Eden Prairie campus on September 9 at 7 p.m. or on September 20 at 11 a.m. All are invited to join in prayer for God's direction for Vision '22, Here, Near and Far, on September 9 at 6 p.m. in Room 275. Schematic drawings of anticipated changes will be available for review prior to the forums.

Thank you for your prayers for the team and please consider participating as a prayer partner for Vision '22.

Visit the Vision '22 website for more information.

Pat Mazorol

Chair, Ministry Project Team

WOODDALE CHURCH

NEW EDINA SERVICE TIMES

9 & 10:30 AM

Starting September 13, 2015



W.O.W.

WOODS ON WEDNESDAYS

Starts on September 16
at both campuses
For Kids through 4th Grade

Register now at wooddale.org

MEN'S "GET IN THE GAME" TAILGATE PARTY

September 10, 6-11 p.m. | Free

Eden Prairie Campus