



WOODLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH CHURCH PROFILE

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OVERVIEW

Woodland Community Church was designed with the local community in mind. We are a Church, an Academy, and a Community Center. Below is an overview of our ministries.



WOODLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

- 2 Sunday Services
- 1,253 Average 2025 Sunday Attendance
- \$2.3 Average Budget 2021-2025
- 70 Baptisms in 2025
- 18 Church Staff Members
- 6 Buildings
- Over 110,000 sqft of Facilities
- 28.14 acres
- Debt Free

WOODLAND ACADEMY

Showing the love of God as we lead children to grow in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man.

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- Elementary
- Middle

Approximately 774 children attend the schools.



WOODLAND COMMUNITY ACADEMY

WOODLAND FINE ARTS

Providing high-quality instruction in a Christ-centered environment for artists of all ages.

- Arts Program
- Dance Program
- Music Program
- Theatre Program

Around 750 students participate each week.

Woodland Community Center includes a park, athletic center and a performing arts center that are open to the public.

- 3/4-mile fitness trail
- Beach Volleyball Court
- Soccer Field
- Basketball Gym
- Disc Golf Course
- Fitness Center
- 2 Playgrounds for children
- Picnic area
- Prayer Garden
- Performing Arts Center



WOODLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

CHURCH PROFILE



WHO WE ARE

We are a family of believers who love God and recognize that **Every Day Matters**, as every day is a great day to love God and to love people, and to demonstrate this in our lives daily. Our church is an **Every Day Matters Church** which means we are committed to every day of the week providing complete, meaningful Christ-centered experiences for our community.

As a Southern Baptist Church for 45 years, we have been faithfully serving the Lord through our various ministries; reaching the lost and discipling and equipping the body.

In the pages to follow, we want to share more and provide an in-depth look at who we are.

OUR HISTORY

Woodland Community Church began in 1980 when a small group of people shared a bold vision: to plant a relevant, people-focused church in East Manatee County. This was an area they believed would soon grow with homes and businesses. With support from the Manatee Southern Association and West Bradenton Baptist Church, 8.14 acres were purchased on State Road 70. The first service was held on October 2, 1983, and the church, originally called Woodland Baptist Mission, began to grow. They met in local homes and buildings.

In 1984, James Kelley became our first full-time pastor. By March 10, 1985, we held our first services in the original Worship Center on our current property. On March 13, 1988, we officially signed our church charter and became Woodland Baptist Church.

On November 17, 1991, Larry Wells became our second full-time pastor. In 1993, we completed a two-story Education Building and launched Woodland Early Childcare Center. That same year, we expanded our property by 20 acres, bringing the total to 28.14 acres.

In October 1996, Dr. Tim Passmore became our third pastor. Under his leadership, we moved into a 450-seat Worship Center in 1998 and soon became known as Woodland Community Church. Growth continued with the addition of the Recreation Outreach Center and Life Group classrooms in 2002. In 2006, we opened our current 1,270-seat Worship Center to welcome the many people God was drawing in.

As our community continues to grow, so does our mission—just as it began: every number has a face, every face has a heart, and every heart matters to God. That's why we're here, walking daily with the Lord, committed to the journey until the work is complete.

Every day matters



OUR CHURCH



OUR AFFILIATIONS:

Recognizing the benefits of cooperation with other churches in world missions, Woodland Community Church voluntarily affiliates with the Southern Baptist Convention in its national, state, and local expressions. Locally, we are affiliated with Manatee Southern Baptist Association, and our state affiliation is with Florida Baptist Convention, as a cooperative church. Before we changed our name to Woodland Community Church, we were known as Woodland Baptist Church.

MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE:

Total membership stands at 2,159, with average Sunday attendance for 2025 at 1,253 between the two Sunday morning worship services (online and in-person). Average attendance in 2024 was 1,416; 2023 was 1,375; 2022 was 1,176; and, in 2021, average attendance was 912. Since COVID, we have seen

a shift where 36% of our worship service attendance is obtained from our Sunday live-streamed service.

STAFF AND ORGANIZATION:

The church is led by a Lead Pastor, supported by 10 full-time and 8 part-time pastors and staff, the church committees, and the deacon body.

BUDGET AND FACILITIES:

The church's budget has been averaging \$2.3 million over the last 5 years with 2026's budget just slightly higher. The church is debt free and the budget reflects only the Church's operations and does not include the Woodland Academy's budgets.

Six buildings sit on our 28-acre campus. Five of the buildings are connected via enclosed connectors with the sixth being joined by a covered breezeway. The six buildings total just over 110,000 square feet. The grounds include two playgrounds, outdoor restrooms, sand volleyball court, soccer field, prayer garden, and walking trails.

MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS:

To reach the entire Woodland family, we provide many programs for all ages.

For the young kids, there is Woodland Kidz, specifically designed for newborns through 5th grade. They meet in their very own space called "The Treehouse".

There is a middle school student program that meets on Wednesdays, and a high school student program that meets on Sundays in the Student Lounge.

For young adults, which is high school graduates to 30 years of age, there are various Bible studies during the week.



For adults, there are currently 23 small groups available and Woodland Academy for Adults (WAFA), which is offered each semester.



Our mission's program is very active. Locally, we have partnered with six agencies to serve and care for our community. Each summer, we send a team, in partnership with Across Nations, to minister to the Navajo Nation. This year, our international mission program, involves sending teams to Costa Rica and Ghana.

ACADEMY MINISTRIES:

Our church offers several educational and developmental programs for children and youth that have a strong focus on integrating faith, growth, and education.



- Woodland Preschool Academy is a Christian-based preschool program for infants/toddlers up to age 5 (including pre-K/VPK options), offering half-day and full-day enrollments. Total enrollment for current school year is just over 250.
- Woodland Academy is a private Christian school, accredited by the Florida Association of Christian Schools, serving kindergarten through 8th grade, with enrollment around 520 students. Between both academies, over 105 staff serve, and the combined operating budget is over double the church's annual budget.
- Woodland Fine Arts Academy is a ministry that provides high-quality instruction in the arts (including art, dance, music, and theatre). Around 750 students are enrolled.



COMMUNITY CENTER MINISTRY:

To reach the community beyond the academy/preschool and worship services, we have built a program revolving around recreation and athletics by providing a 3/4 mile fitness trail, a beach volleyball court, a soccer field, a basketball gym, a disc golf course, a fitness center, 2 playgrounds for kids, a picnic area, and a prayer garden. The facilities are open to the community.