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Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.
AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
PM Worship Svc. 5:00 p.m.*
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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Some Quotes on Human Origins

“The probability of life arising by chance is the same probability as throwing a six on a dice five million consecutive times” (Sir Fred Hoyle, astronomer and mathematician).

“In kindergarten, we’re taught that a frog turning into a prince is a fairy tale. In college, we’re taught that a frog turning into a prince is science” (author unknown).

“And yet the fact remains that there exists to this day not a shred of bona fide scientific evidence in support of the thesis that macroevolutionary transformations have ever occurred” (Wolfgang Smith).

“In six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them” (Ex. 20:11).

“O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures” (Ps. 104:24).

“I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made! Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well” (Ps. 139:14).

See you Sunday, praising our Creator...

David

Thinking About God

David South

What is God like? Of course, a complete answer to such a question is not possible for us mere humans. God, by his very nature, is beyond our ability to comprehend or explain. Fortunately, God has revealed something about himself to us. We can know he exists and that he is eternally powerful just by contemplating the creation around us (Rom. 1:18-20). Even better is that God has chosen to tell us some things about himself. Through his revelation (the Bible), he has revealed to us various aspects of his nature. While we are incapable of fully grasping the extent of these marvelous attributes, we can understand them enough to be overwhelmed by God and to be drawn to imitate him. Consider just a few examples.

God is...

God is one (Dt. 6:4; Rom. 3:30)
God is jealous (Ex. 34:14; Dt. 6:15)
God is a consuming fire (Dt. 4:24; Heb. 12:29)
God is our refuge (Ps. 46:1)
God is holy (Ps. 99:9)
God is righteous (Dan. 9:14)
God is just (2 Chron. 12:6)
God is true (Jn. 3:33)
God is spirit (Jn. 4:24)
God is faithful (1 Cor. 1:9; 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:18)
God is light (1 Jn. 1:5)
God is a God of salvation (Ps. 68:20)
God is love (1 Jn. 4:8, 16)
God is gracious (2 Chron. 30:9)
God is merciful (2 Chron. 30:9; Dt. 4:31)

God is not...

God is not a man (Num. 23:19)
God is not a God of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33)
God is not ashamed to be called their God (Heb. 11:16)
God is not the God of the dead (Mt. 22:32)
God is not mocked (Gal. 6:7)
God is not unjust (Heb. 6:10)

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Jerry Mathis, Ray McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Ruth Sain

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, David Bartley, Lillie Baker, Laverne Baxter, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Jaime Butrymoicz (request prayers, sister of David South), Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Van & Dorothy Criswell, Corrine Crowell, Tom Davidson, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Rose Franklin, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Dr. Heather Blackburn Irizarry, Bill Joshlin, Molly Kelly, Larry King, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Barry Mitchell, Sharon Olsen, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South (prayers requested, father of David South), Eli Williams and William Wilson, brother of John Waddell

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TO SERVE FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mark Hillis
Opening Prayer	Ron Barker
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Ron & Betty Barker
Serve Communion: Mitch Bradshaw, David Close, Alton Criswell, Darrell Dacus, Chris Essary, Bob Karr, Lon Maynard, Viktor Tretiakov	
Pick Up Cards	Chase Dacus & Spencer Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Houston Dove
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

Sunday Evening Worship

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Mike Barrios
PM Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Jerry Thompson
PM Nursery	Regina Brittain

EXCELLENCE IS WITHIN REACH

A sign in a store window read: NO HELP WANTED. As two men passed by, one said to the other, "You should apply...you'd be great!" Some people are great at doing nothing. Jesus spoke of the frightening possibility of Christians who are useless to God in Matthew 5:13 when He said if the salt loses its flavor...It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trodden underfoot by men." On the other hand, He reveals the power of the potential of Christians who live excellent lives by saying, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." The works that gain the attention and respect of a world skeptical of God and Christians are described by Jesus as "good" works. The Greek word translated "good" in Matthew 5:16 is kalos. It does not refer so much to inherent quality of goodness as it does to attractiveness. The unique power of an excellent Christian life is that it can make God more attractive to sinners!

John w. Gardner said, "Whoever I am or whatever I am doing, some kind of excellence is within my reach." First Timothy 6:1 reminds us this is especially true for Christians. In that verse the apostle Paul gave this directive to first century Christians who were slaves, "Let as many bondservants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name of God and His doctrine may not be blasphemed." Paul is not celebrating or commending slavery, he is reminding Christians who were slaves that the way they performed their work as slaves could bring glory to God or could cause His name and His doctrine to be blasphemed! In Colossians 3:22-24 (another passage directed to Christian slaves) Paul says, "Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye service, as men pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ." Words from Martin Luther King, Jr., remind us excellence is within our reach, "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep the streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, "Here lived a great street sweeper who did His job well." Excellence in your service to God is well within reach. Are you giving God your very best?

Dan Gulley
Smithville Church of Christ



BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Bethany Wilson on Sunday, March 18th. If you would be willing to help with this shower, please call the church office at 755-7709. Bethany is registered at Target and online at Amazon.

CORRECTION

Please correct the phone numbers listed in last weeks HERALD for Larry and Renita Durham to 901-752-6616 and for Dorothy Vick to 213-507-9596.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello all! I hope you all had a blessed week. The youth group had a busy weekend. There are four youth group members who are going to be participating in the TORCH mission trip to Honduras this summer, and as I'm sure you are aware this last Sunday we prepared a meal as a fundraiser for that trip. All the teenagers who are coming on the trip were very active and helpful with this meal. In fact, some of the teens who are not coming pitched in and helped as well!

If that wasn't enough work on the weekend, we also hosted another area-wide youth devotional on Sunday night, for which another meal had to be prepared and a lot of other work as well. Once again, our youth were hard workers and good servants for this event. I am so thankful that are young people are so willing to give their time and energy in order to serve. In fact, our regular monthly service project is coming up this Saturday and I am sure that will have another great example of their willingness to serve.

As for the area-wide itself, we had a smaller turnout then last time, but that was to be expected. We didn't run out of food this time, of which I am very thankful! It was a blessing to worship with so many young people, and I hope they were challenged by my lesson, which asked them the question, "What are you doing for God?"

I'll close this bulletin with a shout-out to all the parents and volunteers who helped me with the area-wide. I couldn't have done it without you, and I am thankful. God bless you all this week!

Thoughts to Ponder...

We're too blessed to be depressed!

Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings.

*Religion is not cake for special occasions.
It is bread for daily use.*

*Life has many choices. Eternity has two.
What's yours?*

What part of "thou shalt not" don't you understand?

Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

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