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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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I thoroughly enjoyed the Freed-Hardeman University Annual Bible Lectureship. I have thought some about why I can feel so rejuvenated after such a lectureship. The spiritual focus for a week strengthens me. The visits with friends, some of whom I see rarely, encourage me. The significant time spent in Bible study edifies me. Some of the lessons reminded me of the truths I already know. Some of the lessons helped me to think about some Bible passages from slightly different angles and brought out further nuances of meaning. The schedule of the week does wear me out physically, but it fires me up spiritually.

I was able to spend a week in the midst of a large group of people who were all genuinely interested in serving our Lord. They were all interested in honing their skills and learning new tools for their service to God. We worshiped together, prayed together, studied together, encouraged each other, and even ate together. Working together with like-minded people strengthens Christian resolve.

See you Sunday, worshiping together...

David

When You Read

David South

Paul wrote, "...assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit (Eph. 3:2-5).

The word "mystery" is used here to refer to the gospel message. (See also Ephesians 6:19). It is called "mystery" in the sense that it once was hidden. It has now been revealed. That is Paul's point in this passage as well as in others (e.g., Rom. 16:25-26; Col. 1:25-26). Paul was able to know this mystery because it was made known to him by revelation (Eph. 3:3). He further asserted that it was revealed to the apostles and prophets by the Spirit (5). This agrees with what he wrote elsewhere about inspiration (1 Cor. 2:9-13; 2 Tim. 3:16). This message, which Paul wanted to make known to as many people as possible (Eph. 6:19), was God's word (Col. 1:25).

Not only did Paul preach that message, but he also wrote it (Eph. 3:3). God saw fit to put his truth into written form. When the New Testament speakers and writers quote the Old Testament, they often introduce it with the words "it is written" (e.g., Mt. 4:4; Jn. 6:45; Rom. 1:17). That appears to have been the standard way to introduce authoritative Scripture. The very word "Scripture" indicates that one is dealing with what has been put into "script." What is available in the Bible are the very words of God written by those who were guided by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:5; 2 Tim. 3:16; 1 Cor. 2:9-13).

Further, Paul has declared that when you read what he wrote, then you can understand what he knew about the mystery of Christ (Eph. 3:4). It would appear that he knew the very reason he wrote these things was so that people could read them and understand God's truth. He wrote so that you could read. He wrote so that you could understand. The truth is available. The truth is in print. One thing needed now is for us to READ it.

Later in the same epistle, Paul urged Christians to "look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is" (Eph. 5:15-17). Do you, indeed, understand what the will of the Lord is? Many times I have heard people justify one practice or another by simply saying, "I don't see anything wrong with it." Or, "I don't have a spiritual problem with it." If you do not know the Lord's will, how can you be sure your feelings about it are accurate? Wise walking is described by Paul as walking that is guided by the Lord's will – that is, the will which he knew by revelation from the Spirit; the will which he wrote down so that you could know it just as he knew it. *When you read.*

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

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

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, David Bartley, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Billy Brown, 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

In Assisted/Senior Living/Homebound:

Clemmie Allison is at 1730 Dorchester Dr, Southaven, MS 38671, Essie Brown at Germantown Plantation, 9293 Poplar Ave, Germantown, TN 38138, Dwain Coleman, 335 Fisherville Rd, Collierville, TN 38017, John & Jackie Greene, 308 Briarbrook Cv, Collierville 38017 new phone 854-2182, Jane Nolen #205 & Clara Shipman #160 at 7820 Walking-Horse Cr, Germantown, TN 38138, Ruth Sain is at 6539 Knight Arnold Rd, Room 103A, Memphis, TN 38115, phone 365-9095.

TO SERVE FEBRUARY 18, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Charles Mars
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	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Jacob Maynard
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

Sunday Afternoon Devo

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	James Wilson
PM Devo	David South
PM Closing Prayer	David Close
PM Nursery	Donna Mars

THIRD SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP TODAY

*following our morning
worship....*

**SPAGHETTI DINNER
PROVIDED AND SERVED BY
THE TORCH MISSION
ATTENDEES FOR 2018**



*Your donations to offset their
expenses would be most
appreciated!*

**Devo following meal then
5 pm service canceled today!**

DEATHS

We extend our deepest sympathy to Sharon and Nathan Pomerenk in the recent death of her father, **James Cooper**. Arrangements were not complete at the time of this writing.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Clarence Dailey, 95**, who passed away last Sunday. Funeral services were held in Nashville where he resided. Clarence served as pulpit minister for the Union Avenue Church for 24 years.

FAMILY EVENT SCHEDULED



Saturday, March 31, Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic at 12:00. More details later.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to four new members at Woodland Hills. **Dorothy Vick** and her daughter and son-in-law **Larry & Renita Durham**. They live at 10189 Eveninghill Drive, Cordova, TN 38016, phone 752-6616. They have been attending services for quite some time now and we are pleased that they have decided to place membership. Also, **Mary Pierce**, mother of Pat Thomas, 6434 Anglia Valley, Arlington, TN 38002, has indicated her desire to place membership. We have known Mrs. Mary through the years as she has visited and worshiped with us many times as well. We are delighted to have you work and worship with us here at Woodland Hills.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! After a rather uneventful week, I found myself thinking about a number of things, but this morning I have been thinking about singing. I have always loved singing, but I don't think that's too surprising a thing to say. Not because anyone who knows me knows I sing WAY too much, but because I think nearly every single person alive loves singing. We may not all like the idea of busting out a solo, but almost everyone that I know loves to sing in certain circumstances. Maybe it's along to the radio in their car, or singing under their breath while they do work, or when they are alone in their house, but we all love it. It doesn't matter how good or bad we are at it, when we sing; we feel.

That's why I think it is so wonderful that God has made singing a part of our worship. The act of singing affects our hearts. We are told in Ephesians that we should sing and make melody from our hearts to the Lord. He doesn't care what our singing sounds like, he cares about our hearts. That makes every single one of our voices equal before the Lord. That should humble the confident singer, and embolden the timid. God designed singing so we could honor him, connect with him, teach ourselves and others. And then he made it something we all can do, and made all of our voices equally important. I am thankful that God gave us a such a wonderful, unifying gift. Let's remember to praise the Lord with our voices this week!

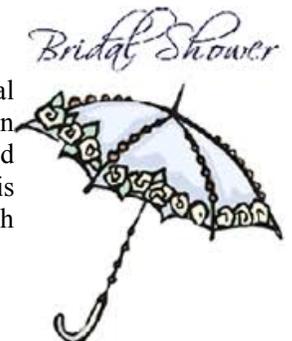
LADIES DAY INVITATION

The Great Oaks Church of Christ invites all ladies to their Ladies Day on March 3rd from 9 – 12 noon. The topic will be "Living Upright In An Upside Down World." Speakers are Karen and Sharen Cypress. Please RSVP no later than February 28th and bring a friend.

Great Oaks is located at 3355 Brunswick Road, Memphis, TN 38133. To RSVP: phone 901-372-4449 or email: office@greatoaks.org. Registration begins at 8:45 and breakfast at 9:00.

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



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