



# Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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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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## Prayer with Open Heart

I ran across an interesting quote attributed to Mahatma Gandhi. Certainly I do not agree with everything Gandhi said about prayer, but I thought this statement deserving of our consideration. He wrote, "But prayer is no mere exercise of words.... It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart" (*Prayer*, by M. K. Gandhi, page 7, website: [www.mkgandhi.org/ebks/prayer.pdf](http://www.mkgandhi.org/ebks/prayer.pdf)).

I am reminded of the promise in Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." Prayer is the time for us to bare our hearts before God. Genuineness, truly opening ourselves to God, is crucial. Our praying helps build our connection with God. This can only happen if our hearts are really in it. Even if you have no words to utter, bow yourself in prayer to God. Open up your heart, he will know what is in it even when you cannot find any words – maybe especially when you cannot find any words.

*See you Sunday, open to God... David*

## **Annual Freed-Hardeman University Bible Lectureship**

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Freed-Hardeman University Bible Lectureship is scheduled for February 4-8. The theme for the lectureship this year is “Entrusted with the Faith: Multigenerational Mission in Timothy and Titus.”

This is the description of the lectureship found on the Freed-Hardeman University website:

While every generation struggles with their own context and circumstances, some things never change (cf. Heb. 13:8). In recent years generational debates and division have become more evident and sometimes have unfortunately divided God’s people. This year’s lectureship program was planned with the text of 1-2 Timothy and Titus and the reality of the multigenerational church in mind. It is our prayer that the lectureship will always seek to focus on the text of Scripture in a way that challenges attendees to consider how we can better serve the Lord, encourage one another, and reach the world. God’s message through Paul to Timothy and Titus must not be forgotten. ([www.fhu.edu/lectureship](http://www.fhu.edu/lectureship))

If you are unable to attend the lectureship, you could still watch certain lectures online. If you go to the website ([www.fhu.edu/lectureship](http://www.fhu.edu/lectureship)) you will see a menu item on the right side of the page labeled “Watch Online.” If you click on that menu item, you will be taken to the page that will guide you to watching the lectures online. You will be required to register for the lectureship in order to watch any of the lectures online. There is no cost involved. Only certain lectures will be available to stream online.

Also, the lectureship schedule is available to view online. The lecture title, name and picture of lecturer, a brief biographical sketch of the lecturer, and a brief summary of the lecture are available. Again, if you go to the website ([www.fhu.edu/lectureship](http://www.fhu.edu/lectureship)) you will see a menu item on the right labeled “Schedule.” If you click on that menu item, you will be taken to the full lectureship schedule.

There are other options and resources connected to the lectureship that are available on that main lectureship web page. The menu is on the right side of the page. If you cannot attend the lectures, perhaps you can benefit from some of the material that is available to you through the internet.

Before you listen to any lectures, please take the time to read through 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. They are relatively short documents. If you read 250 words per minute, you can read all three documents in about twenty minutes. With or without the lectureship, you will benefit from spending twenty minutes that way.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

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

### Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, David Bartley, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan (now in Texas at a specialty treatment center), Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Van & Dorothy Criswell, Corrine Crowell, Tom Davidson, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Richard Franke, 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, 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 4, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mike Barrios
Opening Prayer	Matt Mitchell
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	Owen Miller & Eli Robison
AM Closing Prayer	Ryan Miller
Nursery	Renee Brittain

### Sunday Evening Worship

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Ron Hinton
PM Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Larry Knox
PM Nursery	Carol Spellings



## 2018 TORCH MISSION TRIP

June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Summer 2018 Torch Mission trip to Honduras. Please begin to think and pray about attending! Please see Matt Mitchell for answers to your questions.

Keep this effort in your prayers.

## THANK YOU

Words cannot begin to express our gratitude for all your calls, cards, visits, love and support during this illness and period of recovery. The surgery in Cleveland, Ohio was a very rare and serious surgery. We are so grateful that the surgery was a success but the healing and recovery is very slow. It has already been nearly two months and another couple of months to go. There has been a lot of pain both before and after. My diet is restricted and physical activity is limited to lying on back and side. Please continue to pray for Bill and myself as we strive towards the goal of healing and being pain free. Bill & Sharon Estes

## BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Bethany Wilson on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help, please call the church office.



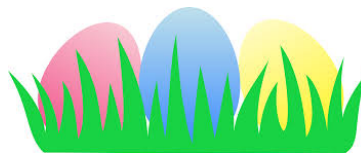
## FAMILY EVENTS SCHEDULED (All Ages)

**Saturday, February 10** – IMAX Pink Palace Family Movie outing (\$5.00 per person) Meet at Woodland Hills at 12:45 to ride bus or meet us at IMAX at 1:30. Movie: **Wild Africa 3D**. Please sign up on



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sheet in foyer!



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

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! I hope this week has been full of blessings for you. Last Sunday night the Youth group was blessed to go to an area wide devotional hosted by the Missouri Street Church of Christ in West Memphis, AR. The night itself was a lot of fun, but we were especially blessed to have an amazing pair of guest speakers.

The guest speakers names were H .K. Derryberry and Jim Bradford. H .K. is a young man who has very severe physical struggles. He was born premature after his mother was in a car crash that took her life. He was born blind, with Cerebral Palsy, and was left by his father with his grandmother, who had to raise him alone. When he was 9 years old, H. K. met Jim Bradford, a Christian man close to retirement. Jim was struck by H. K.'s positive attitude and they became close friends. Jim and H. K. are still best friends now, 19 years later, and they tell H. K.'s amazing story. H. K has had every disadvantage in life, but has still succeeded in graduating high school, gone skiing, horseback riding, and so many more amazing things. It has been discovered that H. K. has near perfect autobiographical memory, and Vanderbilt is hoping that continuing to study with H. K. may lead to breakthroughs with memory loss patients. H. K. was a happy and hilarious young man, and his main message was one of being positive and making the best with what the Lord has given you, something he has done to the fullest.

It was a truly wonderful and encouraging presentation. I want to leave you with H. K.'s motto, "the only disability any of us have in life is a negative attitude". God bless!



The 2018 Torch Mission attendees from Woodland Hills are preparing a Spaghetti Dinner for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Luncheon in February. The dinner is free but we ask that you donate whatever you can to help defray the costs of these individuals who are planning to go. Right now, we have 12 of our Woodland Hills members planning to make this mission trip.

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