



# Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## Good Form

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Dennis Sangster

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Matt Mitchell

### Youth Minister

Thomas Williams

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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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After correcting some behaviors that were causing the Corinthian worship assembly to be chaotic, Paul ordered that “all things should be done decently and in order” (1 Cor. 14:40). The orderly part is easy enough to understand in this context. Paul instructed that the prophets should speak only one at a time, and that they should give other prophets a chance to speak (29-32). The acts of worship should follow an orderly arrangement. After all, “God is not a God of confusion but of peace” (33).

The word translated “decently” is a compound of the words “good” and “form.” All things in worship should be done with “good form,” i.e., with decorum and dignity. While culture is something that changes through time, we currently live in a culture where dignity is demonstrated by such elements as one’s dress, one’s posture, one’s demeanor, and one’s focus. Sloppiness in dress or behavior diminishes the decency/decorum/dignity. While avoiding an approach that is so rigid that worship is stifled, worshipers ought to pursue quiet, focused reflection on their activities. Unnecessary noisiness, shuffling about, and distracted behavior interferes with the decency of worship. Order and decorum in the assembly can help to edify the Christians (26) and to convict the visitors (23-25).

*See you Sunday, in “good form”...                   David*

## **The Church and Me**

David South

The statistics seem to indicate that Americans are less interested in church than they used to be. Part of this is based on the measurement of attendance at church assemblies. Even those who are active members sometimes drop off slightly in their attendance. It seems to be fairly common for those who used to attend four Sundays out of the month now attend only three. Those who used to attend twice a month now attend only once. That slight shift is hard to notice. But, the overall effect is that church participation feels and looks like it is shrinking. Is it the case that even active members of the church are losing the sense of the importance of the church? Perhaps it is time for Christians to reexamine the nature of the church and their part in it.

The church is referred to as the body of Christ, with Christ as the head over it (Eph. 1:22-23). Paul used the human body with its different parts to illustrate the nature of the church (Rom. 12:4-5). He wrote, “We, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another” (5). He used the same image in 1 Corinthians 12 to teach those early Christians about the proper attitude toward their miraculous gifts – and their responsibility to the church as a whole. “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (12). He went on in the rest of the chapter to point out that the human body has different parts with different functions, and all of them are necessary to the proper working of the human body. The church is the same. Each member (Christian) provides something that the whole body needs. Each member has a responsibility to the body.

Christians are urged to “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Th. 5:11). Also, Christians are called to serve one another through love (Gal. 5:13; Jn. 13:1-15). Moreover, Christians are prompted to restore those who err (Gal. 6:1). This charge follows: “Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2). Part of the worship of Christians is described as “teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Col. 3:16). Further, Christians are challenged to “consider how to stir up one another to love and good words, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Heb. 10:24-25).

Christians are reminded numerous times in 1 John of the importance of loving each other (e.g., 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11, 12). This is not surprising, since Jesus loved the church so much that he was willing to give himself up for it (Eph. 5:25). Followers of Jesus will love the church and give their best efforts to seek its welfare. This includes seeing the importance of the church and participating wholeheartedly in its activities.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

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## MAY 27, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Matt Mitchell
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	David and Dee Close
Serve Communion:	Charlie Bryson, David Close,
Chris Essary, Bill Estes, Ron Hinton, Riley Hubbert,	
Jacob Maynard, Bill Seward	
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Tom Adams
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

## 5 PM WORSHIP

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Mitch Bradshaw
Devo/Holy Spirit Study	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Keith Williams
PM Nursery	Regina Brittain

## SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY TODAY, MAY 27th!



Our annual Senior Recognition ceremony will be held after services on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 11:15 am. We have four graduates we are honoring this year. Kiersten Stokes, Anya Baker, Matthew Robison and Noah Robison.

Please be planning to attend this event and have your graduation cards ready!

## MOVING VAN

Janice Shirley has recently moved and we want you to make corrections in your directory. Her new address is: 2795 Kirby Whiten Parkway, Apt. #304, Bartlett, TN 38134, phone 901-288-2804.



We are having some delicious meals and great fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Please sign the back of your attendance card and let us know how many in your family will be attending. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 and it is truly a bargain!

Our regular dinner menu as well as a salad bar is being offered. Choose either the meal or salad bar or add additional money for both!

***VBS will be here soon!***  
***June 10 – 13***  
***Workday – June 2***

*This week, try to send a card to one of our shut-ins, sick, or someone celebrating an anniversary or birthday.*

## **SHIRTS FOR SALE!**

T-shirts of all sizes and colors and messages are on tables near the rear entrance of the foyer. These are miscellaneous t-shirts left over from events and are sized from 2T to 4X. Feel free to take as many as you would like whether to wear, give away or just use as cleaning cloths. We ask that you donate whatever you feel is appropriate and put the cash/check in the box at the display. 100% of the proceeds will go toward the 2018 Honduras trip fund. Thank you.



## **YOUTH CORNER**

**Thomas Williams**

Hello everybody! Hope you are doing well. Have you ever had one of those weeks where it feels like things just won't slow down? I'm sure you have. Our culture tends to promote busyness as a virtue. With summer upon us, as well as some major happenings outside of work, I've had one of those weeks where there's always something to do. And it feels like there's always something slipping through the cracks! I'll admit, when times get like this I find myself starting to be filled with worry. Worry that I'll mess things up, that plans will fall through, etc.

So for my sake, and hopefully yours, I want to remind us about Jesus' words on worry. In Matthew 6, Jesus offers some instruction on what to do when we find ourselves worrying. Granted, the worry that Jesus was speaking to in this particular front was over life essentials and not organization, but I believe his advice still applies: "...seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."

God lets us know what we should be concerned about. When life gets crazy, let's not get distracted by all the busyness. Instead let's confidently focus on what is truly important: His kingdom and his righteousness. Have a great week!

### ***Thoughts To Ponder***

"Your strength is seen in what you stand for; your weakness in what you fall for."

"To realize the worth of the anchor we need to feel the storm."

"We are on the wrong track when we think of friendship as something to get instead of something to give."

"Tragedy is combining high mentality with low morality." Dr. Bob Jones Sr.

***Happy Memorial Day Weekend!***

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