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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 claim that churches are irrelevant. They are right about some churches. On the other hand, who decides what “relevant” is? Some dismiss church because church does not do what they think churches ought to do. Some dismiss church because church calls upon them to stop doing the things that they like doing. Maybe church condemns some beliefs or practices that they like. Before you decide that church is irrelevant, you need to sort out what church is really all about. Is church relevant to your life? Is this church relevant to your life? Do you see the importance of salvation from sin? Do you see the importance of a life regulated by Jesus? Do you see the importance of worshipping the Almighty? Do you see the joy of walking with Jesus?

Should the focus be on what suits self? Any kind of a selfish motive can interrupt proper worship and service to God. That seems to be what was in the way at Corinth (1 Cor. 12). It is not about self. It is about God and it is about the welfare of the body.

See you Sunday, loving the church...

David

For Righteousness' Sake

David South

Jesus pronounced blessing on those who suffer for his sake: “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Mt. 5:10-12). Suffering for the cause of Christ is not a pleasant matter. But, it does come with significant reward. It is important, however, to understand properly exactly what this means.

Being persecuted for your faith is not the same thing as being persecuted while you have faith. Peter warned Christians not to suffer because they did wrong, but if they suffered for serving Christ, then there was cause for rejoicing (1 Pet. 4:12-16). In the sermon on the mount quoted above, Jesus is not referring to any and all suffering. People suffer for a variety of reasons. This passage is not about sickness or natural calamity. This passage is about those who suffer because they are pursuing righteousness. Let me be clear: Jesus does care about all the suffering you endure (1 Pet. 5:7). My point is that this beatitude is not about all suffering. It is about those who are made to suffer precisely because they are following Jesus.

Some are merely reaping what they have sown rather than suffering for the cause of Christ. You cannot misbehave and claim that your suffering has come about because you were serving Jesus. Misbehavior does not only include works of the flesh like drunkenness and immorality; it also includes doing religious things improperly or for wrong reasons (cf. Mt. 7:21-23). Just because you call Jesus’ name over something does not mean it is his. You can *call* yourself a Christian, but that by itself does not make you one. You can *say* you are doing what is righteous, but that by itself does not make what you are doing righteous (cf. 1 Jn. 2:3-6).

To suffer because you preach the truth in a hateful spirit does not mean you are suffering for the sake of righteousness. You are suffering because you are mean-spirited.

To misdefine righteousness and suffer for pursuing it is not to suffer for righteousness’ sake. It was just after this that Jesus urged people to exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. If not, they would not enter the kingdom (5:20). Later in this same sermon, Jesus said explicitly that there would be many in the day of judgment who would claim to have been very active religiously in Jesus’ name, but he would not recognize them (7:21-23).

Let us pursue a life of righteousness – righteousness as it is defined and explained by our Lord in his Scriptures. It may very well be that others will condemn you or mock you or hate you or ridicule you or try to hurt you for this choice. Be comforted, because Jesus said there would be great reward for those who are willing to suffer for him.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Bill Lewelling, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Clara Shipman, Ina Story, Pat Thomas and James Wilson

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Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, LaVerne Baxter (recent surgery), Sue Bowen, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Van & Dorothy Criswell, Corrine Crowell, Brittney Daily, Tom Davidson, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Rose Franklin, Roy Ghormley, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Dr. Heather Blackburn Irizarry, Bill Joshlin, Molly Kelly, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Judy Long, Carol Lynn, Haley McCommon, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Sharon Olsen, Arthur Lee Poor, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Amanda Spears, Anita Thomsen, Connie Waddell, Ron Waddell and William Wilson

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September 23, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mike Barrios
Opening Prayer	Jim Hubbert
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Lon & Tiffany Maynard
Serving Communion:	Mitch Bradshaw, Alton Criswell, Bill Estes, Ron Hinton, Tony Robinson, Viktor Tretiakov, Thomas Williams, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Jerry Brown
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

5 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson
Devo/Holy Spirit Class	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Thomas Williams
PM Nursery	Regina Brittain

Pew Packers Tonight at 5:00 PM

IS YOUR INFO CORRECT?

Pictures have been taken or are scheduled to be taken and we are on the last leg of our directory process. We want our new directory to be as perfect as possible and we need YOUR HELP! Please let the church office know if you have any change of address, phone number, cell phone number, email address. Have we omitted your birthday or anniversary in the past? Maybe we don't have the correct information. Please, please, please help us with any changes. You may call the church office at 755-7709 or email changes to info@woodlandhillchurch.com. Thank you.

**Please sign the
back of your
attendance
card the
number in
your family
that will be attending the meal.**



BRANSON TOUR

A tour is being planned by Bill Greene to Branson, MO, November 12-16th. If you have any interest in making this trip, please call Bill Greene at 496-9965 for further details. A brochure is on the bulletin board near the fellowship hall.



More info later on plans for this year's Trunk - R- Treat fun activities.

FLU SHOT

It's that time of year again when we all need to get our flu shots. On Sunday, October 21st, we will have **free flu shots** available after our 3rd Sunday meal.

THANK YOU NOTES

My son and I are so grateful for what you all have done. Words can't explain how grateful and thankful we are.

Bettie Parham and Antione Parham

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you. Your prayers, kind words of encouragement, calls and cards all meant so much to me during my recent surgery and recuperation. Words seem so inadequate to express my feelings but I am so blessed to be a part of our wonderful family at Woodland Hills.

Mary Rigney

YOUTH CORNER

Hello once more! This last week in the youth group we had a Friday night movie night! It was a great time, which also ended up having a message that I wasn't planning.

You see, I had picked out the first movie of the night (The Emperor's New Groove), but I brought a whole bunch of choices for the second. But, instead of picking from the ones I brought, the group decided to watch a completely different movie: "Peter Rabbit." And it just so happened that the two movies carried a very similar message. They tell the story of an extremely self-obsessed, prideful main character, who through a new experience has to learn the importance of putting others needs ahead of your own. They both are stories of the importance of humility. A lesson that is very applicable to the Christian!

My request for prayer this week is one of humility. That the youth group, and the whole Church, might truly live out Paul's instruction in Roman's 12: "For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned." Thank you and God bless!



TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Morning Bible class is off to a great start. We would love to have you with us each Tuesday morning at 10:00. We are continuing our study of the survey of the Old Testament. David South is leading the class.

WEDNESDAY FALL SERIES

Our Wednesday night fall series, "Apologetics For Life," with guest speaker, Ralph Gilmore continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Bro. Gilmore will be here this week, September 26th, on the topic of "The Inspiration of the Bible." The weeks that Bro. Gilmore is not able to be with us, we will continue our study of Paul's missionary trips with David South. Ralph is from the Henderson area where he is serving as Professor of Bible and of Philosophy at Freed-Hardeman University. Come have a wonderful meal with us at 6:00 and stay for the great lessons. You won't want to miss a single lesson!

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