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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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Events Past and Future

Many thanks to all who made Friends and Family Day such a good day. We had the highest attendance of the year both in Bible class and in the worship assembly. We had a very good crowd stay for the lunch to follow. Of course, we had some old friends to visit for the day. It was good to see them. We also had first-time visitors. We hope we can encourage them to come back. Thanks to all of you who invited people to come with you. Even if you (like me) had none of your invitees to show up, keep inviting people. Don't go so far as to annoy people, but go far enough that you can make sure your friends and family know that you care about them and want them in church with you.

We also had a good group (about thirteen) go together to sing to shut-ins following the afternoon devotional. This was encouraging and uplifting. Thanks to Thomas for arranging this activity.

Sunday night, April 29th, Ricky Gootam will make a presentation about his work in India.

Due to the timing of this event, we will move singing night to April 22nd.

See you Sunday, ready to serve... David

Don't Get Caught by a Catchy Phrase

David South

Well-turned phrases can grab attention and motivate people. Further, they are usually quite memorable. The result is that they keep on influencing people. That can be a good thing if the message of that catchy slogan is true. Remember a few:

The early bird gets the worm.
Haste makes waste.
Good to the last drop
Where there's a will, there's a way.
You've made your bed, now lie in it.
Honesty is the best policy.

A good friend of mine says his favorite is “Never judge a man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins.” He then explains, “After all, that way you are a mile away from him, and you have his moccasins.” Of course, this is not the point of that particular slogan. And, that is precisely the problem with slogans – they can be reinterpreted. Catchy sayings can be powerful motivators. They can be convincing tools in skillful hands. The power, however, may only be in the “catchiness” of the saying. No matter how catchy, if it is human in origin the message may not be true. The intent here is merely to urge you to be careful which slogans you allow to shape your convictions – and to be careful how others might skillfully reinterpret your favorite slogans.

One slogan that caught on and fueled the beliefs of many churchgoers is this one: “Attend the church of your choice.” After all, what could be better than urging people to go to church? Further, the implicit tolerance of the saying felt good to many people. The truth of the matter is that the more people go to church, the more likely it is that they will follow a higher moral standard. In one sense that would make life better for all who are around them. I must, however, mitigate that statement a bit, given the direction some American churches have chosen. They still teach some right behaviors, but they also are teaching as acceptable some ungodly behaviors. Even that, though, is not the point one must consider. Before accepting the slogan, one must think about whether it is in keeping with biblical principles. Is it acceptable to God for one to pick any church to attend? In God's eyes, are all churches really the same? According to the messages of Jesus to the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2-3), all churches are not necessarily acceptable to him. He gave serious threats to some of those churches if they did not repent. Also, Paul warned about some who would seek teachers who would satisfy their own urges – and the result would be that they would stray from the truth (2 Tim. 4:1-4). Unfortunately, not all churches will teach you the truth. Not all churches will help you be faithful to Jesus.

Let us make sure that our faith and practice are based solidly upon God's revealed truth rather than on catchy sayings.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Sue Adams, Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Jerry Mathis, Kay Michael, Mary Ann Morrison, Gary Rigney, Osby Riley, Ruth Sain, Jada South

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Phil Adams, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Jaime Butrymoicz, 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, Judy Long, Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Barry Mitchell, Sharon Olsen, Arthur Lee Poor, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Anita Thomsen, Ron Waddell, 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, Mary Ann Morrison, 10083 Cross Valley Drive, Cordova 38018, 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.

APRIL 22, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Jim Hubbert
Opening Prayer	Mike Barrios
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Wilbur & Kathy Betty
Serve Communion:	Tom Adams, Dane Dacus, Houston Dove, Knox Greer, Mark Hillis, Robert Jones, Garrett Pilgrim, Thomas Williams
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Bob Karr
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

Sunday 5 PM Devo/Singing Service

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Larry Knox
Devo	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Charles Mars
PM Nursery	Regina Brittain

BRIDAL SHOWER PLANNED THIS SUNDAY



A bridal shower is planned for **Jessica Smith**, the bride-elect of **Jonathan Pilgrim**, on April 22nd here at the building between the hours of 2 – 4. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and on Amazon. Everyone is invited to their wedding, May 11th at 7:00 pm in Gatlinburg, TN. The invitation and RSVP info posted on the bulletin board near entrance to the fellowship hall.

SINGING THIS SUNDAY EVENING

Our 5th Sunday Singing was previously scheduled to be next week, the fifth Sunday of April, however, we are having a guest speaker, Ricky Gootam from India to speak to us that evening. Therefore, we are going to have a night of singing tonight in lieu of our study of the Holy Spirit. We will resume our Holy Spirit study in May. Come ready to give us your favorite hymn numbers and enjoy an evening of praises to our Lord.

FAMILY RETREAT

We have scheduled a date for our yearly Family Retreat. This year the dates are July 20 – 22 and we will be traveling to the Great Smokey Mountains. If you would like more details including cost of trip, please see Matt Mitchell. More information will be printed as details are available.



We are having some delicious meals and great fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. If you have not yet taken advantage of this special time together, why not give it a try. I think you will enjoy. 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!

NEED VOLUNTEERS

We are needing male volunteers to lead the church in a devotional on Wednesday nights. You speak 3-5 minutes on the Biblical message of your choice before we break for classes. We also need a couple to prepare the communion trays before services each Sunday in November. This process generally takes 20-30 minutes. If you are interested in either, see Mark Mitchell.

THANK YOU

Thanks to each of you for your part in making our Friends and Family Day such a great day. We had a lot of friends, family, visitors and a great meal together and two wonderful periods of worship, devotional and singing praises to our Lord.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everybody! I hope that you all had a wonderful week. To tell you the truth there's really not much to report on this week. I wish I could tell you about the service project we had planned for Saturday, but it unfortunately got rained out. In fact, this last week had a couple of things not going according to plan. But sometimes, the things that God works out are better than what we had planned anyway!

For example, this past Sunday we had a group of volunteers who were planning on visiting a number of our home-bound members to sing for them. When the day came, for a number of reasons that I won't go into, we ended up just visiting one man, Mr. Dwain Coleman. I'll admit to being a little disappointed, at first, that we wouldn't get to see as many as planned. However, this made us able to stay for a much longer time than originally thought, a time full of singing and fellowship. Reflecting on it now, I'm glad we got quality time in, as opposed to stopping by for 10-15 minutes, before then hitting the road again.

While a very different circumstance, I am reminded of Joseph. The plans Joseph had for himself turned out to be quite different than what God had planned for him. But, by maintaining a heart for God (even when in prison!) he was led to where he needed to be for the greatest good to be done.

I encourage us all to be like Joseph. No matter how much our lives don't turn out like we plan, let's continue to humbly obey God. We may find that where God has taken us serves a higher purpose than we ever would have guessed for ourselves. God be with you all!

THANK YOU

What a wonderful family here at Woodland Hills. Thank you for all your cards, calls, inquiries and concern for Gary and I. Your love and concern keeps us uplifted and facing each new day with courage. We love you. Gary and Mary Rigney

FREE AWARENESS TRAINING

Active shooter events can happen without warning and evolve quickly. However, you can train to survive. Having a heightened awareness and a plan can greatly increase your chances of walking away from this crime. A 90 minute lecture presentation that teaches citizens how to quickly and safely react by activating the "Run, Hide, Fight" defense response when seconds count. A public Active Shooter Awareness Training will be held on Saturday, April 28, at 9:30 am and again at 1:30 PM at 1075 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38104. To register visit www.staysafeshelby.us or call 901-222-6706.