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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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What do you know about John the immerser? Mark began his gospel account by introducing John as the one who would prepare the way of the Lord. He did that by “baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (1:4). Mark also related that John wore camel’s hair and a leather belt, and that he ate locusts and wild honey (1:6). That is, John did not dress like “normal” people, and he did not eat like “normal” people. Yet, people flocked to him to hear his message and to be immersed by him (1:5).

People overlooked his eccentricities because they needed – wanted – the message he was proclaiming. John was preaching a message that demanded repentance and offered forgiveness. He pointed forward to the one who would come after him (Jesus). People were very interested in genuine religion. They wanted more than their current religion seemed to offer - it felt forced and fake.

People still want the same thing. Let us do our best to point them to Jesus. Jesus demands repentance and offers forgiveness. Jesus offers real, genuine religion.

See you soon, being real...

David

It Takes Two Hands

David South

Joe, who worked in the construction field, explained it this way: “When Joe is on the ground, he has two hands for the boss. When Joe gets more than six feet off the ground, he has one hand for the boss and one hand for Joe. When Joe gets more than ten feet off the ground, he has two hands for Joe!”

A tour guide described it this way: “In an experiment, several monkeys were given some marbles. Then, they were put in the water to swim back across to the island which served as their home. They could not swim with the marbles in their hands, but they refused to drop the marbles. They would rather drown than let go of the marbles.”

Wilson Rawls, in his book *Where the Red Fern Grows*, illustrated it this way: When the lead character of the story needed a raccoon hide with which to train his new hunting dogs, he used an old-fashioned trap. He drove several spikes at an angle into a log around a small hole. He then put something shiny in the hole. When a raccoon saw the shiny object, he reached in with his paw to grab it. When his paw closed into a fist around the object, he could not pull it out past the spikes. All he had to do to get free was to let go of the shiny object, but he would not let go.

Most importantly, Jesus put it this way: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Mt. 6:24). Also, Jesus set the perfect example when he said, “For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me” (Jn. 6:38).

We need two hands for the Master – all the time! We cannot have one or two hands “for Joe”; they must both be for God. We must be willing to let go of this world’s trinkets in order to “swim” to the island of eternity. We must be willing to let go of this world’s shiny objects in order to escape Satan’s traps. We cannot try to hold on to God with one hand and worldliness with the other. We must reach up to God with both hands – that is to say, we must offer God our all.

Jesus taught: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Mt. 10:37-38). “Then Jesus told his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?’” (Mt. 16:24-26).

“This world is not my home, I’m just a passing through.”

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Kathy Hillis, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison, and Pat Thomas

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January 13, 2019

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Larry Knox
Opening Prayer	Keith Loveless
Scripture Reading	Kenny Cox
Sermon	Matt Mitchell
Communion Preparation:	Donna Mars, Renee & Regina Brittain
Serving Communion:	David Close, Ed Dacus, Bob Karr, Lon Maynard, Luke Miller, Ryan Miller, Ken Robison, Viktor Tretiakov
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Ron Barker
Nursery	Kathy Bryson & Brenda Renner

PM Worship

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Pat Patchell
Sermon	Thomas Williams
Closing Prayer	Ron Hinton
Nursery	Carol Spellings



SOUTH IN SOUTH KOREA

David South is in Seoul, South Korea to teach in a lectureship there. He left on January 4th and is scheduled to return on January 19th. We request your prayers for him as he speaks at this lectureship and for his safety while there and in travel. This is the third year he has spoken at this lectureship and is loved so much that he was invited back this year.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Congratulations to Samantha Seward and Ben Kurtz as they were married December 29th at a private ceremony. A bridal shower has been planned in their honor on January 13th, here at the Woodland Hills building from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Target. If you would like to help with this shower, please see Jackie Wilson.



Our Wednesday Night Dinners are back!

Please sign the back of your attendance card the individuals who will be attending this week!



NEXT SUNDAY!

Next Sunday is our regular 3rd Sunday Luncheon and we ask that you bring your favorite soup or chili, desserts and all the “fixins” and plan to stay for a meal together!

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello to you all and a happy new year! I hope the last few weeks have been a great blessing. The Christmas break is always an interesting time for the youth group. With no school, everyone’s schedules may feel a little empty, and yet there are parties to throw, families to visit (or to house!), lock-ins to attend, and so on. In other words, plenty enough stuff to keep everyone busy and tired the whole time!

The biggest event over the break was mentioned above: the lock-in. If you didn’t know, there is nothing that teenagers look forward to more than a lock-in. The opportunity to stay up all night playing games with your friends while making a whole bunch of noise? It’s the dream! This year, our lock-in served as both our Christmas and New Year celebration. It was a great night! We had over 20 teens attending, including visitors, and we all had a whole lot of fun! Special thanks to some of our returning College students for all the help supervising and cleaning.

And with that, it’s a new year! I’m so excited for the ways the Lord will use us and grow us within this next year. Please keep the youth group in your prayers throughout the next year. Thank you, and God Bless you all!

Thoughts To Ponder

“Sometimes in the winds of change we find our true direction.”

‘Enthusiasm holds on to our dreams, persistence makes the most of them.’

“Don’t let what you can’t do interfere with what you can do.”

“It is important that we forgive ourselves for making mistakes. We need to learn from our errors and move on.”

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CRIB SHOWER

There will soon be a crib placed in the foyer for Jonathan and Lesley Hillis Morrow. They are expecting a baby boy in February.