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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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Our Vacation Bible School this year will focus on four of Jesus' parables.

Sunday – The Lost Sheep (Mt. 18:12-14)

Monday – The Good Samaritan (Lk. 10:25-37)

Tuesday – The Wise and Foolish Builders (Mt. 7:24-27)

Wednesday – The Unforgiving Servant (Mt. 18:21-35)

The memory verse is Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

The theme for VBS this year is “Bible Goes West.” One significant change will be the complete overhaul of the marketplace. We have for several years thoroughly enjoyed the middle eastern marketplace. The design and interest of that station was remarkable. I cannot wait to see the old American western town edition of that station in our VBS. With our visionary and talented VBS designers, I am sure it will be just as remarkable.

Also, please remember that we will have a class for the adults each night which will investigate the same four parables.

See you Sunday, ready to study...

David

The Incarnation Revisited

David South

“Incarnation” is an interesting English word, which was developed out of Latin. The “carn” part of the word comes from the Latin word for “flesh.” Thus, when we speak of the “incarnation” of Jesus, we are referring to the event of Jesus being put “in flesh.” In the Bible, Jesus is presented as both the Son of God and the Son of Man. These terms indicate that he is both divine and human. This aspect of the nature of Jesus is enthralling, while at the same time quite difficult to comprehend.

Since he is divine, he existed prior to coming to the earth in fleshly form. He appears in the Old Testament in various settings. It is Jesus who appeared to Isaiah in the vision wherein Isaiah was called to do the work of a prophet (Is. 6:1-5; Jn. 12:37-41). He created all things that were created (Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:15-16; Gen. 1-2). The book of Hebrews quotes from the Psalms to make the point that the Son is God, and he is thus higher than the angels (Heb. 1:7-8; Ps. 104:4; 45:6-7). He is God, but he was made a little lower than the angels for a while when he became a human (Heb. 2:9).

Not only does the Bible present Jesus as divine, but it also presents him as fully human. He took on flesh and blood, and he really died (Heb. 2:14-15). He was tempted in all points like we are (Heb. 4:15). In order for him to accomplish for us what God intended, it was necessary for him to become like us in all things (Heb. 2:17-18). He got hungry (Mt. 4:2), thirsty (Jn. 19:28), tired (Jn. 4:6), etc. He came from a woman (Gal. 4:4). John insisted that he was an eyewitness to Jesus’ flesh (1 Jn. 1:1).

Please note that Jesus’ coming in the flesh was about more than providing salvation. Salvation, of course, was the main purpose and central element in the coming of Jesus (cf. Lk. 19:10). But, there is even more that he accomplished for us by coming in the flesh. He was able to show us how humans ought to live. He has not only told us how to live, he left heaven and came to earth as a human in order to show us how to live. Much of what can be listed about Jesus from the biblical account – his attitudes, his treatment of people, his emotions, etc. – are human as well as divine characteristics. So, he shows us what human life ought to look like. Remember that he made humans in his own image (Gen. 1:26-27). Also remember that we are to learn to live “godly” lives (Tit. 2:11-12).

Personally, I do better if I am shown as well as told what to do. God becoming flesh is a deep, complex topic. One beautiful aspect of it is the example he gave us. The more one contemplates what God has done in order to provide all that we need, the more he or she is overwhelmed with love and devotion for him.

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

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MAY 6, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mike Barrios
Opening Prayer	Steve Grantham
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	Hampton & Hayes Cox
AM Closing Prayer	Lon Maynard
Nursery	Renee Brittain

Sunday 5 PM Service

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Thomas Williams
Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	David Close
PM Nursery	Carol Spellings



BABY SHOWER

There will be a Baby Shower for Chelsea and Houston Dove this afternoon from 2 – 4 pm here at the building. They are registered at Target and Amazon.

REVERENCING GOD DURING WORSHIP

By: Roger Johnson

A few weeks ago I preached a sermon on the subject of reverence. There were several things shared in the sermon that were very plain spoken, but the lesson was well received. I trust it was helpful to everyone in being more considerate and respectful to God and our fellow worshipers. As a reminder, I wanted to share some of the thoughts expressed in that sermon.

1. Proper behavior is important to setting the right atmosphere for reverent worship. Talking, whispering, passing notes, chewing and popping gum, etc. is disrespectful of God and others who are trying to worship.
2. Attention needs to be given to the care of children during the worship hour. Children are going to be children and sometimes they may misbehave. Everyone understands that, but they can be trained to recognize the solemnity of the occasion and conduct themselves accordingly. Depending on the age of the child, parents can train them by holding them in your lap, or sitting them next to you, or in the pew in front of you.
4. It is distracting to be constantly walking up and down the aisle to use the rest room facilities. As much as possible use them between Bible class and worship.
5. Don't interrupt a worshiper during the time when the invitation is being extended or while the invitation song is being sung. Gathering clothing and other personal items, or talking to an individual during this time can be disruptive of their private thoughts regarding their need to respond to the invitation. Always remember that we assemble to worship God.

THANK YOU

Have you noticed the beautiful ferns located outside before entering our building? Thank you to John and Nancy Waddell for your generosity in providing those for us to enjoy. John is also the one who instigated the Wednesday Night dinners we enjoy so much and Nancy is working our Bible Correspondence courses for those who have indicated they would like to take the courses. Thanks Waddells!

Jessica Smith



Jonathan Pilgrim

**Request The Honor Of
your Presence
Friday, The Eleventh of May
Two Thousand and Eighteen**

at Seven O'clock in the Evening

Almost Heaven Sky Venue
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

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Near Entrance to Fellowship Hall.*

VBS will be here soon!
June 10 - 13

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello again! I hope life is going well for you all. This last Sunday, the youth group and the TNT class were able to meet together for a class/discussion on thankfulness. Specifically, we discussed what was needed to develop the type of thankfulness that Paul calls us to at the end of 1 Thessalonians: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thess 5:16-18). While there was a lot of discussion in class, there is one idea I want to share with you all this week: the importance of humility.

I believe that if there is one thing that would make it nearly impossible to be truly thankful, it would be pride, or self-centeredness. If all you think about is yourself, about how great you are, than thankfulness has no place in your psyche. When your life is going great- you think you deserve it. And when it is going poorly- all you can think about is how unfair it is.

If that's the case, then the opposite is true as well. If we develop humility, than thankfulness will flow from us, no matter the circumstance. If we are truly humble, then we recognize how much God is to thank for our success. Even when life may be going poorly, humility let's us look beyond our present circumstances, and thank God for all the amazing gifts he gives us everyday.

Of course, we know his greatest gift to us is His Son. It is easy to be humble, and in turn thankful, when we spend time reflecting on Him and his Sacrifice for us. Let's remember to thank Him this week for all he has done for us!



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 menu this week will be pork chops over rice with gravy, broccoli and macaroni and cheese, bread and dessert. We now have a salad bar as well. Choose either the meal or salad bar or add additional money for both!

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