



# Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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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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## Made in China?!

I once went with friends into a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle dealership somewhere in Virginia. One of the workers in the store (who appeared to be a manager or the owner) was very loudly running down those who bought foreign-made motorcycles instead of those made in America. He extolled the virtues of buying American-made merchandise. One thought that crossed my mind was to wonder what kinds of automobiles were driven to work that day by those who were workers in that dealership. I wondered if they all drove American-made autos. (There were Toyotas and Hondas in the parking lot – whether driven by workers or shoppers I could not tell). Then, as I perused some of the merchandise in the store (while one of my friends was having his motorcycle repaired), I noticed that some of the clothing bore this tag: **Made in China.** All the loud ranting meant even less to me at that point.

**Do your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers SEE your devotion to Jesus? Let us live in such a way that our invitations to others are not dismissed as meaningless rants.**

*See you Sunday, in sincerity...       David*

## Friends and Family Day

David South

We have planned to have our annual “Friends and Family Day” next Sunday, April 15. Instead of tax day, it will be friend day! Here are some things that you can do to prepare for this day.

Keep on inviting people to come. Of course, it is appropriate to invite your friends, co-workers, neighbors, and family to church every week. This special day gives you a good extra occasion to invite them.

Pray for this day. Ask God’s blessings on our worship assembly. Ask God to open doors so that we may reach out to those who visit our assembly. Remember to thank God for his grace and for allowing us to be his people. Thank God for giving us opportunities to serve. Ask God for wisdom in making connections with those who visit our assemblies.

Be alert to those who are visitors. Talk to them. Welcome them. Make room for them. Try to remember to park farther away from the front door to allow visitors the closer parking spaces. Try to remember to sit in the inner part of the pew to allow the outside edges for visitors. Try to remember to sit closer to the front, to allow the pews toward the back of the chapel to be available for those who may come in a little late. Be willing to give up “your” parking spot or “your” pew spot. (*Exception: Some of our members need to park close to the front and need to sit on an outside end of a pew or a pew in the back of the chapel. This reminder is not for you. Please park and sit where it is most convenient for you*). Also notice if visitors sit close to you. Take a moment to talk to them and try to make them feel welcome. (It is commonly reported that church visitors appreciate a welcome from those sitting in the pews with them even more than a welcome from an official door greeter).

Help visitors find their way. Just because we know where the front door is does not mean that a first time visitor will spot it. Make sure visitors know where to go for class or the worship assembly. Help them find the way to the meal after the worship is over. Go through the line with them and sit with them during the meal.

If people you have invited come to our Friends and Family Day, be sure you follow up with them. If they do not fill out an attendance card, others in the church will not know how to contact them for any follow up efforts. Thank them for coming. Ask them what they thought about the assembly. Ask them to come back next week.

Some of these suggestions merely require that you behave as you normally do. I appreciate that many of you are open and friendly toward any visitors that we have. Some of these suggestions may require that you change your normal routine for a Sunday morning. Some of these suggestions may call on you to step a little outside your comfort zone. Some of these suggestions may demand that you give intentional thought to do what needs to be done. Good things will not happen unless we train ourselves to do them. I am excited about this special day, and I look forward to our work together.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

Sue Adams, Clemmie Allison, Don Bennett, 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, David Bartley, 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, 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, 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 8, 2018**

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Larry Knox
Opening Prayer	Kenny Cox
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	Hampton & Hayes Cox
AM Closing Prayer	Pat Patchell
Nursery	Kathy Bryson & Brenda Renner

### **Sunday Evening Worship**

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Keith Williams
Devo and Study on the Holy Spirit	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Garrett Pilgrim
PM Nursery	Kathy Hillis

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY COMING SOON!

April 15<sup>th</sup> will be our next Friends and Family Day. Begin inviting your friends and family now to join us in worship on that day! We will have a meal following our morning worship that will be prepared by our Wednesday night cooks. The menu will be: Chicken and Dressing, Turnip Greens, Sweet Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese and Strawberry Shortcake. Our guests will eat free.



## Fellowship Meal

### **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.



### **WEDNESDAY DINNERS**

We are having some wonderful 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!

***“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose.”***

**Romans 8:28**

## BRIDAL SHOWER PLANNED



A bridal shower is planned for **Jessica Smith**, the bride-elect of **Jonathan Pilgrim**, on April 22<sup>nd</sup> here at the building between the hours of 2 – 4. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and on Amazon.

If you would like to help with this shower, please call the church office.

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello once again! I hope you all are doing wonderfully. This past week, I had the opportunity to visit my Alma Mater, Harding University, and bring some of the Youth group along. It was just a day trip, so it all flew by rather quickly. But, as I reflected on the weekend, there was a theme that seem to rise up from all the hectic happenings: the importance of quality time in relationships.

Through this trip I got the opportunity to spend a significant portion of time together with a couple of our teens. On the drive, we talked together, shared jokes, and listened to each others favorite music. This quality time brought us closer together, and strengthened our relationships with one another. I can think of little else more effective in deepening relationships than quality time, and I am grateful for road trips that facilitate it!

This relationship growth was juxtaposed with the discovery that some of my relationships had actually regressed due to time apart. I saw many former classmates and teachers with which our interactions were more awkward and less familiar than they had previously been. Even with some of my best friends, I would be foolish to say that time away from each other didn't cause us to drift apart, even slightly.

This truth of quality time challenged me to question the time I spend with the Lord. Sometimes we find ourselves forcing a quick 10-20 minutes of prayer and Bible reading before bed, and then we wonder why we don't feel very close to God! Let's make sure we are spending time with the Father, for it really does affect our relationship with Him. If you're not sure where to fit quality time in, try turning your drive times into prayer times. Those car trips add up! God be with you this week (and you with Him).

## ACTIVE SHOOTER AWARENESS TRAINING: FREE!

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.

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