



# 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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*Wishing You a Happy  
Holiday Season  
and a  
Wonderful New Year!*



## Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

David South

The end of the year often turns peoples thoughts to exercise. After all, there are Thanksgiving feasts and Christmas feasts – and then New Year’s resolutions. I know exercise is important, so I am always exercising. I run my mouth. I jump to conclusions. I bend the rules. I throw a fit. (When I am a bit tired, I only pitch a fit). I stretch the truth. I push my luck. I jump the gun. I throw caution to the wind. I sling mud. I throw good money after bad. I sometimes run a fever. I used to run a comb through my hair. On rare occasions I toss my cookies. With all that exercise, it is no wonder I am tired all the time.

Run, jump, bend, stretch, push, throw, pitch, sling, toss. All these are good exercise words. Of course, the way they are used above is not at all about exercise. Believe it or not, there is a lesson in all this. Just because a person uses all the right words does not mean that he or she is using them properly. Sometimes it is fun (or even funny) to purposefully misuse words. Sometimes, though, it is hurtful and damaging to misuse words. Jeremiah’s attempts to draw God’s people back to him were thwarted by other prophets who claimed the people were okay. God said,

The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the prophets who prophesy in my name although I did not send them, and who say, ‘Sword and famine shall not come upon this land’: By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. (Jer. 14:14-15).

Just because a prophet claimed the name of the Lord did not mean the Lord had sent them. Even so today, just because the teacher *claims* the message comes from the Bible does not mean it comes from the Bible. Just because a person *claims* fellowship with God does not mean he actually has it (1 Jn. 1:6-7). Just because it is *called* grace does not make it grace (Jude 4). Just because it is *called* freedom does not make it freedom (Gal. 5:13:2 Pet. 2:19). Just because it is *called* worship...*called* devotion...*called* spirituality...*called* church...*called* – well, you get the point.

One more exercise point – a serious one this time: are you walking with God? One is reminded of Enoch, who “walked with God” so faithfully that God took him into heaven (Gen. 5:24). One is also reminded of Noah who walked with God in a time when people were so wicked that God decided to destroy them (Gen. 6:9). One is also reminded of the challenges scattered throughout the letter to the Ephesians to walk like God instructed (2:10; 4:1, 17; 5:2, 8, 15). What I mean is this: are you *really* walking with him – not just claiming to walk with him?

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### **Our Woodland Hills Members:**

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison, Osby Riley, Annette Sangster, Ina Storey and Pat Thomas

**Our Friends/Relatives:** Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, David Bartley, LaVerne Baxter, Carla Bray, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Corrine Crowell, Brittney Dailey, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, 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, Billy Joe & Brenda Powers, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Bill Simmons, Charles South, Amanda Spears, Connie Waddell, Ron Waddell 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 Carriage Court of Memphis, 1645 W. Massey Road, Apt. #314, Memphis, TN 38120, phone 365-9095.

## December 23, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mike Barrios
Opening Prayer	Kenny Cox
Scripture Reading	Jerry Thompson
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Donna Mars, Renee & Regina Brittain
Serving Communion:	Tom Adams, Charlie Bryson, Matthew Close, Alton Criswell, Knox Greer, Riley Hubbert, Matt Mitchell, Garrett Pilgrim
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Dan Amar
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

### ***PM Worship***

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Charlie Bryson
Sermon	David South
Closing Prayer	Larry Knox
Nursery	Regina Brittain

## THE HERALD

Each year we have three weeks that we do not publish a HERALD. The week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's there will not be a HERALD published, so when you do not receive a bulletin in the mail, you will know the reason. This week's HERALD will be the last one published until the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019. This HERALD will be mailed on



## SOUTH KOREA BOUND

David South will again be going to Seoul, South Korea to teach in a lectureship there. He will be leaving on January 4<sup>th</sup> and returning on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We request your prayers for him as he prepares for this lectureship and for his safety in travel. This is the third year he has spoken at this lectureship and is loved so much he is invited back again and again.

Because he will be away during this time and upon return will be speaking at the Freed Hardeman Lectures, the Tuesday Bible Class will not meet again until February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

Congratulations to Samantha Seward and Ben Kurtz as they will marry December 29<sup>th</sup> at a private ceremony. A bridal shower has been planned in their honor on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 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.





Wednesday Night  
Dinner

We **WILL NOT** have a Wednesday Night meal the week of Christmas or New Years! We look forward to a new year of Wednesday Night Dinners and hope that you will join us each Wednesday at 6:00 for that meal!

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello again! Well, it is the season of Christmas parties! While the Youth Group's official party has yet to come, we had the opportunity this last week to join the twenties and thirties at theirs. It was a wonderful time, with lots of fellowship, sugar, and competition to go around!

I know we are all looking forward to a time quickly approaching where we get to spend time with our families for the Holidays. But what a blessing it is to spend time in fellowship with our Church family, not just during the holidays, but every first day of the week!

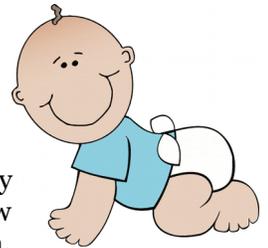
As this is the last youth corner of the year, I just want to close out by thanking you all so much for your support. I am often encouraged by many of you when you tell me how you appreciate these little articles. Thank you for a great year, see you in January!



***Happy  
Holidays  
From the  
Staff,  
Elders &  
Deacons***

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Tony and Katie Robinson who have a new son, **Isaiah Pierce Robinson**, born December 11<sup>th</sup>. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 21" in length. Proud relatives include: Grandmother Pat Thomas, Great Grandmother – Mary Pierce, Aunt and Uncle – Ryan and Kim Miller and cousins – Luke, Savannah, and Owen!



## CRIB SHOWER

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

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