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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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Only One Way

It seems to be growing more popular in our culture to demand that all religions are equally valid and real. To claim that there is only one way is often presented as the worst evil imaginable. As it often works with worldly philosophies, this mindset is even infecting Christians. Let us be reminded what the Bible says about this.

If there really is more than one way to heaven, then why did Jesus have to take on flesh and die on the cross to bear all sin? What a horrible thing to suffer – especially if it really was not necessary. But, the Bible indicates that it WAS necessary. Read Hebrews 2:14-18. Jesus HAD to become human in order to make propitiation for the sins of people (17). Read also Acts 17:2-3. It was NECESSARY for Jesus to suffer. Here's the point: if other ways can just as easily save people, then why was it necessary for Jesus to suffer?

Also, think about 1 Timothy 2:5-6. There is one God and one mediator between God and people – Jesus. Do you see that? According to the Bible, there is only one God. According to the Bible, Jesus is the ONLY mediator between God and people. So, yes, Jesus is the only one way to salvation (Jn. 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Jn. 5:12).

See you Sunday, following Jesus... David

Is the Bible Reliable?

David South

Two (of several) items that must be included when one is considering the reliability of the Bible are inspiration and canonization.

Inspiration means that the text was authored by God. God chose to use humans in providing his will. Those humans were “carried along” by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). The Holy Spirit provided the very words used by the inspired people (1 Cor. 2:9-13). The documents written by inspired people were completely accurate as the work of God. The result, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, is “what I am writing to you is the Lord’s command” (1 Cor. 14:37). Step aside from this point just for a moment. We are not here concerned with proof for the existence of God. I am convinced that there is overwhelming proof for the existence of God. The point here is that since God *does* exist, we would expect him to communicate with his creation. He has done exactly that. What could be more reliable for human thought, action, and feeling than communication from the Almighty? My point is this: the Bible is reliable *precisely* because it comes from God.

The documents that were written were then collected and highly esteemed for their authority as God’s will. The term used in modern times to refer to the authoritative collection is “canon.” So, the term used to refer to its development is “canonization.” Just how exactly did our Bibles come to include these exact books? Some have tried to argue that the Catholic Church gave us the Bible. That is not true. Others have argued that there was some kind of council along the way that decided what books should be included in the canon. That is not true. There always have been discussions about the canon. Still today there are people who disagree over what should be included. The failure of people to recognize the standard does not change the standard. Here is the key: people who first received the inspired documents received them for what they were (1 Th. 2:13). They had seen with their own eyes the power of the Holy Spirit in the people who wrote the documents (cf. Heb. 2:3-4). Peter referred to Paul’s writings as “Scripture” (2 Pet. 3:15-16). Paul referred to his own writing as the Lord’s command (1 Cor. 14:37). Consider the reaction of the people when Moses read what he had written up to that point (Ex. 24:7). Consider Josiah’s response when the book of the Law was found in the temple during its clean up (2 Kgs. 22:11-13), or the response when Ezra read from the Law (Neh. 8:1-6). There are numerous references in the Old Testament to the authoritative nature of earlier documents (e.g., Jer. 26:18; Dan. 9:2). Throughout the New Testament, the Old Testament is presented as having been provided by the Holy Spirit (e.g., 2 Pet. 1:21). Documents were not determined to be canonical because they were collected; they were collected because they were already noted as canonical. That is to say, that people recognized the authoritative nature of divine documents as soon as they received them. We have in our Bibles the books that God intended to be in there.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Bill Lewelling, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Mary Rigney, Clara Shipman, Pat Thomas (Meth G – Hip Surgery), James Wilson

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, LaVerne Baxter, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Van & Dorothy Criswell, Corrine Crowell, Brittney Daily, Tom Davidson, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Rose Franklin, 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, Arthur Lee Poor, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Amanda Spears, Anita Thomsen, Connie Waddell, Ron Waddell, and William Wilson

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September 2, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Matt Mitchell
Opening Prayer	Jacob Maynard
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Lon & Tiffany Maynard
Pick Up Cards	Eli Robinson & Owen Miller
AM Closing Prayer	Ron Barker
Nursery	Renee Brittain

5 PM SERVICE

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Matt Mitchell
Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Keith Williams
PM Nursery	Carol Spellings

Pew Packers Tonight at 5:00 PM

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY !

We need **“YOU”**

to sign up for your photo!

Sign up now...Appointment sheets in lobby or on-line!

September 6 – 7 from 2:00 – 8:30 PM
September 18 – 20 from 2:00 – 8:30 PM

(If these dates are impossible for you, please call the church office and we will see what we can work out.)

We want every member to be a part of this directory, so please make your plans. Each family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10. No purchase is necessary and every family photographed will receive a free directory. If you do wish to purchase photos, we will have coupons available at photo session for 20% off your purchase.

(We would like for all College Students and above to have individual pictures made. If you would like to join in family photo as well, that would be fine.)

You can also sign up on-line at:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydr116.cm/>



WEDNESDAY FALL SERIES

Our Wednesday night fall series with guest speaker, Ralph Gilmore, with the series, “Apologetics For Life.” This weeks topic is “The Existence of God.” Ralph is from the Henderson area where he is serving as Professor of Bible and of Philosophy at Freed-Hardeman University. Come have a wonderful meal with us at 6:00 and stay for the great lesson. You won’t want to miss a single lesson!

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Osby Riley and family in the recent death of his sister. Margaret Riley passed away on August 20th in Dyersburg, TN.

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Morning Bible class will resume this Tuesday morning, September 4th at 10:00. The study will be a continuation of the survey of the Old Testament and will begin with 1 Chronicles. David South will be leading the class in this study.

**Please sign the
back of your
attendance
card the
number in
your family
that will be attending the meal.**



YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello all! I hope you are all having a wonderful week! Once again, I thought I would give you an update about the classes we are having down in the YAC. On Wednesday nights we have been studying the parables.

I think the parables offer a wonderful wealth of material to focus and teach teenagers, because I believe they bridge the gap between accessibility and difficulty. You see, finding a balance between these two things can be a hard thing when you are working with teenagers. They are not children anymore, so we cannot just keep offering spiritual milk. We need to challenge them to grow with the depth of Biblical truth and instruction. At the same time, reading through a Bible commentary may offer depth, but it would also probably end with everyone being asleep, and that doesn't help much either!

Parables are accessible. They are stories. Stories are naturally interesting to us, and they are a form that young people are used to processing. But parables are not just accessible, they are deeply challenging. They can sometimes be difficult to understand, yes, but they are almost always difficult to live out. Jesus used the parables to make sure people were listening, but also to demand a change in behavior or in thinking. Like the Good Samaritan! It's easy to understand the lesson, but how hard is it to let that lesson truly change the way we treat our neighbor.

I look forward to all the ways Jesus' stories will challenge us through our study. If you are looking for an accessible but difficult lesson, I would encourage you to read some yourself! Thank you and God bless!

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