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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.)

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There is significant blessing in encouraging words. “Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad” (Pr. 12:25). You probably already know that. You have likely felt that heavy heart and benefited from someone’s kind words. “Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body” (Pr. 16:24). You have perhaps had opportunity to taste such gracious words.

Unfortunately, we live in an era where hateful, spiteful, hurtful words seem as common as the air we breathe. We Christians have opportunity to supply a breath of fresh air into that mix of ugliness. Let us always look for ways to offer those good, gracious words to others.

It is important, of course, for those words to be genuine. False flattery is not sweet nor healing. “A lying tongue hates its victims, and a flattering mouth works ruin (Pr. 26:28). “These are grumblers, malcontents, following their own sinful desires; they are loud-mouthed boasters, showing favoritism to gain advantage” (Jd. 16).

Some have a special knack for encouraging people (like Barnabas). All of us, however, can learn to express genuine words of kindness.

See you Sunday, genuinely gracious...

David

What You Can Do for Your Country

David South

Americans live with a political system that allows the general populace to have a voice. People can vote to express their wishes for the direction of the country. This, of course, takes a little effort on their part. They must register to vote, and they must take the time to think about their vote, and they must make time available to go to the voting stations on voting days. Further, Americans have a political system that allows them to express their views without fear of reprisal from the government. Some people, of course, are more heavily involved in politics than others. But all can have a say, even if they are not “heavily” involved. I urge you to include your say by taking advantage of the right to vote. You can have an impact on the direction of the country.

There is something else, however, that you can do for your country. I would suggest it is even bigger than your right to vote. Notice the charge given by the apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:1-4: “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

That something that you can do for your country is to pray for her. Pray for those in leadership positions. Note that this does not require that those in the leadership positions AGREE with you in order for you to pray for them. The civil leaders when Paul wrote these words did not agree with Christian principles. It is also interesting that in this passage Paul did not instruct us to pray for their health or long life. He instructed us to pray that their decisions and rules are such that we are able to continue to serve God in peace and that we are able to live our lives in Christian dignity. This kind of praying is good. This kind of praying is pleasing to God.

I noticed at least two other items in this admonition. First, Paul has included something about the Christian lifestyle. He used the words peaceful, quiet, godly, and dignified. Let us pursue this kind of living. Our praying for our civil leaders is explicitly connected to pursuing Christian living. Second, this urge to pray for civil leaders is connected to evangelism. In a civil setting that includes peace and freedom to serve God, there is an open door for evangelism. God wants all people to be saved and to learn the truth.

So, let us regularly pray for our civil leaders. In effect, we are praying for the right to continue to live a Christian lifestyle and for the right to continue to evangelize. This also behooves us to live that Christian lifestyle and to evangelize. These are the best things that you can do for your country.

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

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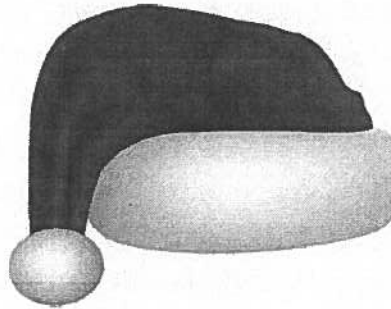
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Opening Prayer	Jim Brown
Scripture Reading	Lon Maynard
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Donna Mars, Renee & Regina Brittain
Serving Communion:	Tom Adams, Charlie Bryson, Matthew Close, Alston Criswell, Knox Greer, Riley Hubbert, Matt Mitchell, Garrett Pilgrim
Pick Up Cards	Eli Robinson & Owen Miller
AM Closing Prayer	Jim Hubbert
Nursery	Renee Brittain

PM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson
Sermon	David South
Closing Prayer	Matt Mitchell
Nursery	Carol Spellings

BAPTISM

We are rejoicing with **Luke Miller** as he put on Christ in baptism this past Sunday afternoon. Thomas Williams was privileged to baptize him here at our building. Luke is the son of Ryan and Kim Miller and grandson of Pat Thomas and great grandson of Mary Pierce, also the nephew of Katie and Tony Robinson as well as brother of Savannah and Owen. Luke lives at 6434 Anglia Valley Drive, Arlington, TN 38002.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

This time of year special events take place that we look forward to but we need to mark them on our calendar so that we can plan our time to avoid conflicts and time crunches. This year the Closes are again hosting a luncheon for all single ladies of the congregation in their home on Sunday, December 9th, following our morning worship service. Please bring a dish and a \$1 wrapped gift for exchange. Please RSVP to Sharon for food and seating arrangements..

On December 16th, the congregation is invited to their home for a period of fellowship and singing. This event will start at 6:30 and please bring finger foods.

SECRET SANTA

It's that time of year again! Our Secret Santa service project, benefiting AGAPE, will be this Sunday, December 2nd, immediately after our AM Services. After purchasing gifts, we will return to Woodland Hills to wrap and label our gifts. Each year AGAPE puts together wish lists for needy children in the area and allows them to be "adopted." There is absolutely no cost for the event and all ages are encouraged to attend! We will be taking donations of labels, bows and cash to help offset the costs (We currently have enough boxes and wrapping paper from last year). See Matt Mitchell for info and sign up on the sheet in the lobby!



**Wednesday Dinners
have resumed!**

**Sign the back of your attendance
card the number if your family
attending. Thank you!**

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! I just hope you had a great Thanksgiving week! God has given us so much to be thankful for. I thought I would use this space to tell you of just a few of His great blessings.

First of all, I am thankful for this congregation. I have been a part of Woodland Hills for almost two years, and you all have been a huge blessing. Your support, patience, and desire for me to succeed has been apparent and appreciated. Thank you!

On a personal note, I am thankful for time with family. About two weeks ago, Bethany and I were blessed to visit my grandparents in North Carolina and it was a truly wonderful time. One of the biggest blessings of the holidays is the chance to spend time with family.

Finally, we join the angels in rejoicing that we have a new brother in Christ. Last Sunday, Luke Miller made the decision to die to himself through baptism. There is no greater thing to be thankful for than for another lost sheep to be found!

I hope you all had wonderful times of thanksgiving, and I pray that this next year will be full of many more great blessings. Thank you and God bless!



CRIB SHOWER in FOYER

A crib is in the foyer for Tony and Katie Robinson as they are expecting their third little boy mid December. Since they already have two other boys, they don't need clothes, toys, etc. Their need is for diapers, wipes or gift cards.

Thoughts to Ponder

“Feelings come and feelings go and feelings are deceiving. My trust is in the Word of God, none else is worth believing.”

Martin Luther

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