



# Woodland Hills

The Woodland Hills HERALD (806-000) is published weekly (except Christmas/Thanksgiving/New Year's weeks) by the Woodland Hills Church of Christ, 10011 Woodland Hills Drive, Cordova, TN 38018-6649. Second class postage paid at Cordova, TN. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to Woodland Hills Church of Christ, 10011 Woodland Hills Drive, Cordova, TN 38018-6649.

# HERALD

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Volume 63, Number 2

## Christian Balm

### Minister

David South

### Minister of Songs & Praise

Dennis Sangster

### Family Minister

Matt Mitchell

### Youth Minister

Thomas Williams

### Missions

Malawi – Preacher Training  
Baxter Institute, Honduras  
Fleming Tarpidu Institute, India

### Benevolence

AGAPE  
Children's Homes:  
Pine Vale  
Sunnybrook  
Hope Works

### E-MAIL/WEB PAGE

info@woodlandhillschurch.com  
www.woodlandhillschurch.com

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

### Phones:

901-755-7709 (office)  
901-755-7214 (fax)

**Kindness is part of the Christian character and lifestyle. It is one aspect of the real nature of love (1 Cor. 13:4). It is part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). It is part of the new life that is put on by the Christian (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12).**

**Connected to that is also the Christian trait of gentleness. It is also part of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:23). It is the demeanor with which we confront sin (Gal. 6:1). It is one aspect of the lifestyle that is in keeping with the gospel (Eph. 4:2). It is one attribute of heavenly wisdom (Jas. 3:17).**

**We live in a world where many people are in such a hurry that they seem to have forgotten how to be kind or gentle to others. We live in a world where many people are simmering with anger and frustration just below the surface – ready to explode at the slightest provocation.**

**We live in a world that desperately needs the influence of Christians. Christian kindness and gentleness are such sweet salves on a world torn with hostility and friction.**

**So, go ahead and be your Christian self. Don't simmer. Don't explode. Smile. Greet others warmly. Offer a helping hand.**

***See you Sunday, kind and gentle... David***

## Chain Letters

David South

Occasionally, people find in their mail a copy of a “chain letter.” Perhaps these days a “chain e-mail” is more in style. A chain letter, or e-mail, promises good luck if the recipient follows the instructions contained therein. For example, it might require that the person send out twenty copies within ninety-six hours. If the person fails to follow through, he or she will be cursed with bad luck. Usually several examples are given in the letter or e-mail to try to persuade (coerce) the recipient into compliance. What would YOU do if you received such a piece of correspondence? Do you know what the Bible says about such things? Yes, the Bible does give some instruction about things like chain letters, even though that exact term is not used.

In Deuteronomy 18:9-12, God warned Israel that when they received their promised land they were not to take up certain practices of the inhabitants of that land. These practices included divination, fortune telling, reading omens, sorcery, charming, consulting with mediums, wizardry, and necromancy. These conventions are described as detestable to God. It was because the people of those nations were pursuing such things that God was driving them out of the land. God expected his people to trust him instead of these impotent means of understanding and manipulating life. These terms are closely related and overlap some in meaning. (One must beware of the influence of the Harry Potter popularity on words like witchcraft and wizardry. The fun, make-believe world of Hogwarts can be enjoyed, as long as one does not allow that to cause a misreading of the biblical injunctions against witchcraft. The biblical words do not refer to the same thing as that make-believe world). The words “sorcery,” “charming,” and “wizardry” found in the passage above refer to various means used by people to try to manipulate their world into their favor. This is the same as the “sorcery” (“witchcraft:” in the KJV) listed in the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:20. (Note that the practice of the works of the flesh listed here is sufficient to keep the practitioner out of heaven [v. 21]). According to *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, “sorcery” involves “...appeals to occult powers, with the provision of various charms, amulets, etc., professedly designed to keep the applicant or patient from the attention and power of demons, but actually to impress the applicant with the mysterious resources and powers of the sorcerer.” The chain letter or e-mail would classify as a “charm.” Through the proper use of this “charm,” the user is supposedly protected from bad luck and guaranteed to receive something good.

To put any faith in such things is detestable to God and will keep one out of heaven. Do not be deceived into trusting witchcraft. Rather, be all the more determined to trust God. In short, deposit the chain letter or e-mail in the trash.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Kathy Hillis, Rebecca Karr, Bill Lewelling (lung cancer), Charles Mars, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison, and Pat Thomas

### Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Rachel 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, David Dudek, Roy Ghormley, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Chris Houston (Friend of Ken Robison), 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, Cindy Soenkson (daughter of Bill Lewelling – cancer), 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.

## January 20, 2019

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Jim Hubbert
Opening Prayer	Dick Holt
Scripture Reading	Ron Hinton
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Robert & Pat King
Serving Communion:	David Close, Ed Dacus, Bob Karr, Lon Maynard, Luke Miller, Ryan Miller, Ken Robison, Viktor Tretiakov
Pick Up Cards	Spencer Dacus and Chase Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Jacob Maynard
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

### **Afternoon Worship**

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Mark Hillis
Sermon	David South
Closing Prayer	Mark Mitchell
Nursery	Donna Mars

## THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday, January 20th, is our regular 3rd Sunday Luncheon and we ask that you bring your favorite soup or chili, desserts and all the trimmings and plan to stay for a meal together!



## SOUTH TO RETURN HOME



Brother South is due to return home on Saturday evening, January 19<sup>th</sup> and plans to speak here on Sunday morning. Please continue to remember him in prayer as he travels back to the states that he may have safety in travel. Welcome Home!

## SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Dorothy Vick and Larry & Renita Durham in the loss of their brother/uncle, **William Mitchell**. His funeral service was held in Moscow last Saturday.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to Marty McClendon as her 24 year old great nephew, **D'Andre Holmes**, of Jackson, TN was shot and killed January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## TEENS TO GULF SHORES

Several of our teens left with Thomas Williams, Matt and Addie Mitchell for the annual trek to Gulf Shores. Please keep them in your prayers for safety while away and for the learning experiences while there!





**Please sign the back of your attendance card the individuals who will be attending this week!**

## **YOUTH CORNER**

Thomas Williams

Hello again! I hope you are all doing wonderfully. The Youth group is gearing up for the big GULF Youth Rally this weekend. I'm excited to tell you all about it next week. With such a big event on the horizon it has been a little bit of a slower week. So today, I just wanted to give a short reflection on something that has been on my mind for the past few weeks: Hospitality

This last week, Bethany and I had the opportunity to have some people over to our house for a meal. It was nothing fancy, but it was a wonderful opportunity for fellowship. It made me think about the early church and how they typically met in people's homes to fellowship and worship. I think there is some truly special that happens when we get the opportunity to fellowship together in each others homes. As Christians, we know that (like everything here on Earth), our houses and our dinner tables are not our own, but are gifts from God to use for his purposes.

We know that one day we will all share together a home and a dinner table with our Lord, once Christ comes to take us to the rooms he has prepared for us. What a blessing it is to experience a glimpse of that reality today, when we share our homes and tables with one another. I pray that you get to experience fellowship with one another this week! God be with you all!

## **CRIB SHOWER**

There is a crib in the foyer for Jonathan and Lesley Hillis Morrow. They are expecting a baby boy in February. She hasn't registered at any particular store but the following are items that she could use: Blankets, burp cloths, towels, washcloths, and clothes 0-3 and 3-6 months. She stated that he was measuring big so shouldn't be in the newborn size very long.



***I Pod, I Pad?  
Try I Pray...  
God is listening!***

Second Class Postage Paid  
at Memphis, TN 38018