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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.)

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We Americans live with a political system that lets the general populace have a voice. Citizens are allowed to vote to express their wishes for the direction of the country. People are allowed to express their views without fear of reprisal from the government. Some are more heavily involved in politics than others, but all can have a voice. I want to urge each one to take advantage of this opportunity.

There is something else you can do for our country as well. "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" (1 Tim. 2:1-4).

Pray for our country. Pray for those who are in leadership positions. 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. Pray that the freedom to preach and obey the truth continues so that souls can be saved. Notice that this is a good thing and it is pleasing in the sight of God.

See you Sunday, praying for our country...

David

Hungry for God's Word

David South

Jesus had been in the wilderness for forty days with nothing to eat. Of course, he was quite hungry. That's when the devil turned up to tempt him. The devil knows when you are weakest, and that is when he will attack. We can learn something very helpful about how to repel the devil's attacks by considering Jesus' response to him. When he was tempted by the devil to turn the stones into bread, he responded by quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4). Consider closely a few of the words in that sentence.

Note the word "word." Words are powerful. People are moved by words. People are convinced by words. People are built up or torn down by words (cf. Prov. 12:25; 15:1; 25:11). Words convey sentiments that either help or hinder, heal or hurt.

Note that this "word" is further identified as that which "comes from the mouth of God." While all words are powerful to some extent, no words are more powerful than those that come from God. That is because there is no power greater than God. God's word is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12). Faith comes by hearing God's word (Rom. 10:17). The gospel is God's power to save all who believe (Rom. 1:16). God brought us forth as his children "by the word of truth" (Jas. 1:18). When others quit following Jesus, Peter recognized that Jesus was the one who had the "words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68). Jesus taught that those who continue in his word are true disciples, know the truth, and are set free (Jn. 8:31-32).

Note the word "every." We live on "every word" that proceeds from God's mouth. Remember that "all Scripture" is given by inspiration and is profitable for spiritual knowledge and living (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Jesus once urged the disciples to teach the nations to observe "all things" he had commanded (Mt. 28:20). Paul told the Ephesian elders that he had taught them "anything that was profitable" and "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:20-27). One wise man of old declared that "every word of God" has been proven true, and we must not add anything to it (Prov. 30:5-6). Moses (Dt. 4:2; 12:32) and John (Rev. 22:18-19) warned God's people not to add to or diminish from God's words. People live by every word that God gives. It is not less than every word. It is not more than every word. That is, it is the totality of God's message that brings us life. It is by God's words (not man's) that one develops faith, is saved, is begotten, has eternal life, becomes a true disciples of Jesus, knows the truth, is set free, is equipped for good works, and knows all Jesus' commands.

And that is why you and I spend time reading the Bible and meditating on its precepts. I hope you are always hungry for God's word.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Don Bennett, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Gary Rigney, Ruth Sain, Jada South

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, David Bartley, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Jaime Butrymoicz (request prayers, sister of David South), 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 (daughter of Sadie Holliday), Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Barry Mitchell, Sharon Olsen, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Eli Williams and William Wilson

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TO SERVE MARCH 11, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Larry Knox
Opening Prayer	Charles Mars
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Dennis & Annette Sangster
Serve Communion:	Dan Amar, Ed Dacus, Jim Hubbert, Ryan Hubbert, Tony Robinson, John Waddell, Keith Williams, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Hampton Cox & Hayes Cox
AM Closing Prayer	Charlie Bryson
Nursery	Kathy Bryson & Brenda Renner

Sunday Evening Devo/Class

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	John Waddell
Devo/Holy Spirit Study	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Keith Williams
PM Nursery	Kathy Hillis



BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a "Come and Go" Bridal Shower for *Bethany Wilson* on March 18th here at the building from 2 - 4. She is registered at Target and online at Amazon. Jackie is compiling a recipe book for Bethany from her friends here at Woodland Hills. Please give Jackie a copy of your favorite recipe asap. Thank you.



COMING SOON....



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic will soon be here! Saturday, March 31, at 12:00. More details later.

BRIDAL SHOWER PLANNED



We are planning a bridal shower for Jessica Smith, the bride-elect of Jonathan Pilgrim, on April 22nd here at the building. If you would like to help with this shower, please call the church office.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone, I hope that this has been a wonderful week for you! This week I wanted to take the time to brag on some of the recent accomplishments of our youth group members

First, we cover academics. Noah Robison is the salutatorian for his graduating class this year. We all know that this is an achievement that doesn't happen without making sacrifices and putting in a lot of hard work. Congrats Noah!

Next, music. A couple weeks ago, Issac Amar made the All-West middle school Blue band. Anyone who plays an instrument knows that this is an honor that would never be achieved without devoting a lot of time and energy to practice. I mean, I know that, and I don't even play an instrument! Congrats Isaac!

And finally, athletics. Matthew Close has been made a member of the Memphis Nighthawks boys soccer team. This is a high school team, but Matthew has made the team even though he is still in Middle school. Congrats Matthew!

Now, I don't actually hear about everything that is going on in these teens lives. If I did, I'm sure I would have a congratulations for every single one of them! We really do have a great group of teenagers. Be sure to let them know you're proud of them!



2018 TORCH MISSION TRIP

June 28th – July 8th are the dates for the Summer 2018 Torch Mission trip to Honduras. Please pray for the 13 individuals from Woodland Hills who have committed to make the trip this summer.

VBS 2018

Vacation Bible School seems a long way off, but it is just around the corner. Start making your plans to attend and bring lots of folks with you this year! Our dates for VBS this year are June 10-13 and workday is June 2nd. We can always use lots of help, so please see Matt Mitchell, Renee Barrios or Sharon Close to secure your special spot. A new theme is planned for this year's VBS and it will be great!

**NEXT SUNDAY IS 3rd SUNDAY
FELLOWSHIP DAY**

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