



## Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## A Costly Choice

### 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

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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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After the Israelites had taken basic control of the promised land and before the tribes each went to its own territory to begin life there, Joshua had something to say to them. This is recorded in Joshua 24. He rehearsed all that God had done for them (1-13). Then he challenged them to choose on that day whom they would serve, whether the true God who had given them the land or the false gods served by others (14-15). They, of course, answered that they would serve the one true God (16-18). Then Joshua said the unthinkable – he told them that they could not (19). Isn't that an odd thing to do? He charged them to choose. They made the right choice. He then told them they could not do it. His point was to emphasize that choosing to serve God is not a light thing to do. It is a choice that must be carefully considered. God will not tolerate those who vacillate (19-20). The people, though, insisted that they would serve God (21). That's really the point. Do you want to serve God so intently that no one could possibly talk you out of it? Is your mind so set on following God that you will genuinely give yourself over to him without reservation? It is an all-or-nothing choice. It is a life-time choice. It is an eternal choice.

*See you Sunday, choosing wisely... David*

## **Stereotyping**

Cecil May, Jr.

“Stereotyping” is also called “prejudice” and “discrimination.” KJV translates it “respect of persons.” ESV says “showing partiality.” Every translation calls it “sin.” (James 2:9).

It is a universal malady. Sunnis and Shiite Muslims do it to each other. Some whites are racists and bigoted; so some blacks assume every white is a racist. Some blacks rob, steal and murder; so some whites think every black is a potential mugger.

Samuel, sent to anoint the next king of Israel, was immediately attracted to Jesse’s tall, strapping, oldest son, Eliab. But God told Samuel, “The Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). Stereotyping is seeing as man sees, judging by externals. God does not do that, neither should we, not by race or national origin (Acts 10:34), economic circumstances as indicated by attire (James 2:1-4, 9), or by social or business status (Ephesians 6:9). To judge character by such externals is to judge hastily, harshly and incorrectly.

Such prejudice leads to beatings, rape and murder of innocent people. A member of some group mistreats a member of another group. So members of the other group find one of them to mistreat similarly or worse. It is a way of thinking, a sin, which has led to many of the world’s worst atrocities.

Some people who would never resort to violence still stereotype. When they do, they inflict spiritual damage on themselves. When Peter withdrew from eating with Gentile Christians in Antioch because some prejudiced Jews objected, Paul “opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned.” The conduct of Peter and of those who discriminated with him “was not in step with the truth of the gospel” (Galatians 2:11-14).

None of today’s divisions—black/white, Hispanic/black, millionaires/welfare recipients, even Democrat/Republican—are any more acrimonious than the Jew/Gentile divide in New Testament times. Paul declared, “In Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26-28). In place of the bitter hatred and acrimony between Jew and Greek, Christ made peace. He did not just remove the animosity between the two groups, he made them one group, reconciling both into one body through the cross (Ephesians 2:13-19).

Today’s society still deals with discrimination between black and white. Both blacks and whites, in accord with human nature, feel a greater affinity toward those of their own kind than toward others. Christians, however, should no longer operate by human nature. We are “partakers of the divine nature” (2 Peter 1:4). As children of the same Father, we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Our brotherhood as Christians transcends the superficial brotherhood of race. Our brotherhood of the redeemed is more significant than race or any other outward characteristic.

We should remember that when deciding with whom to sit or when prioritizing relationships.

[Copied from *Preacher Talk*, Spring 2018]

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Larry Knox, Bill Lewelling, Jerry Mathis, Kay Michael, Mary Ann Morrison

### Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz (bro-in-law of Brenda Renner, cancer), 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, Regina Loring, 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, Eli Williams 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 6539 Knight Arnold Rd, Room 103A, Memphis, TN 38115, phone 365-9095.

**July 8, 2018**

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mark Hillis
Opening Prayer	Keith Loveless
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Bill & Robi Seward
Pick Up Cards	Hampton & Hays Cox
AM Closing Prayer	Jacob Maynard
Nursery	Renee Brittain

### **Evening Worship**

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Charles Mars
Devotional/Holy Spirit Study	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Charlie Bryson
PM Nursery	Kathy Hillis

***NEXT WEEK IS 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY!***  
**Meal followed by Devo..No 5 pm svc.**

# Welcome Home

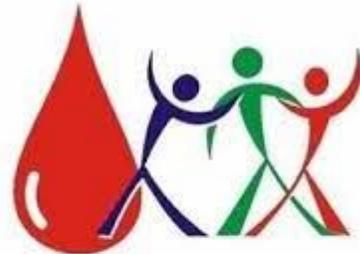
We are so delighted to have our members back safely home from the Summer Honduras Mission Trip. Arriving at the Memphis airport around midnight last night, were 13 pretty tired individuals. We will anxiously await the report of their work. Again, Welcome Home!



**Thanks  
to Our  
Volunteers!**

## **VOLUNTEERS AT WHITEVILLE**

Several of our member drove to Whiteville on June 25<sup>th</sup> to attend the Certification Training at the Whiteville Corrections Center. We commend them for volunteering of their time and unselfish service. Three of our men have indicated their desire to be certified: Mark Hillis, Perry Coleman and Stanley Adams. Those who are regular in this service are: Ron Hinton, Pat Patchell, Jerry Thompson, Dennis Sangster, Bill Srygley, and John Waddell. Thank you gentlemen for your time, talents and desire to do this good work.



**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE LIFE**

The Bloodmobile will be here at the building on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to sign the appointment sheet in the foyer. You may see Mark Mitchell for any further details.

## AREA-WIDE EVENTS:

Getwell Summer Series – Wednesday evenings June 20 – August 8

Boulevard C of C – July 14 - “*Blue Lights On The Boulevard 2*” 10:00 – 1:00 - A community discussion with the police department.

Boulevard C of C – Youth/Young Adult Gospel Mtg. July 15 - 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm. - “*Millennials Matter To The Master, But Does The Master Matter To You?*”

Arlington C of C – Vacation Bible School “*Paul’s Missionary Journeys*” - July 21<sup>st</sup> 9 am – 1:00 pm

Olliver Creek C of C Ladies Day – July 21 at 9:45 registration and beginning at 10:00. “*Flawless*” Guest Speaker: Vermetria Earle.

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! I hope you are doing well. I’ll be honest, I actually wrote this article last week, before we left to Honduras. I would love to tell you all about the trip, but I don’t know how it turns out yet! Instead, I thought I would just give you a quick update on a new Sunday night class we are starting.

We have Sunday night classes every other week, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month. We have been doing a topical class called “School Struggles,” where we talked about the Biblical responses to a number of issues that arise from going to school. Things like academic integrity, bullying, peer pressure, etc.

Moving forward, I wanted to start a class that will help our youth achieve something that is one of the most important disciplines a Christian can learn: Listening. I know that when I was a teenager, I would often struggle to pay attention to the sermons. I knew I was supposed to, but I would find myself getting distracted. My parents would hold me accountable by asking me questions about the sermon and my thoughts on what was taught. I can’t say how much learning to really listen has helped with my faith.

And so, our future Sunday night classes will have activities, questions, and discussion, all drawn from the last two weeks sermons. I really hope that this is a blessing for our young people. As always, I would appreciate your prayers over our classes. Thank you and God Bless!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Meal Catered by  
Our Own Wednesday Cooks!**  
*Chicken and Dressing  
Green Beans and Sweet Potatoes  
White Cake w/Chocolate Icing  
for Dessert \$7.00 ea.*

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



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