



# Woodland Hills

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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.)

\*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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## Learning from the Leper

The lesson we typically draw from the one leper is that he was thankful whereas the other nine were not (Lk. 17:11-19). And that is a proper lesson to learn from this incident. As it turns out, though, there are other lessons we can learn from that leper as well.

**Determination – He did not follow the crowd. (In this case, the “crowd” would be the other nine lepers). He chose to do right even when others did not.**

**Promptness – At the point when he realized his blessing, he immediately turned back to express his thanks and to offer praise to God.**

**Intensity – He praised God with a loud voice and fell at Jesus’ feet. Awe toward God and gratitude for his gifts are enough to build high intensity in those who recognize them.**

**Humility – He fell at Jesus’ feet. He demonstrated submission and honor to Jesus.**

*See you Sunday, more than thankful...*

*David*

## Marriage

David South

I have attended weddings. I have performed weddings. I have paid for weddings. I have even been in a wedding. Weddings range from the simple to the exorbitantly complex. Usually there is significant planning that goes into a wedding. *It has been said that if people would spend as much time preparing for the marriage as they do preparing for the wedding, more marriages would be permanent.* Certainly a lot of time, energy, and effort are spent on wedding preparation. The wedding can be a beautiful, exciting, memorable celebration of the new family being established. But such a thing takes significant planning.

You also know that much time, energy, and effort ought to be spent preparing for the marriage as well. It is clear that God wants people to give the right amount of attention to marriage. After all, he is the one who designed and created marriage (Gen. 2:18-25). He said it was not good for the man to be alone. After he created woman and brought her to the man, he pronounced everything “very good.” Also, he is the one who gave the instructions for the right ways for husbands and wives to treat each other. He instructed wives to submit to their husbands and husbands to love, nourish, and cherish their wives (Eph. 5:22-33). He also gave instructions for the romantic aspect of marriage (Song of Solomon; 1 Cor. 7:1-7). One aspect of 1 Corinthians 7 is that God expects husbands and wives to help each other spiritually, too. Further, he is the one who gave the instructions concerning the permanent nature of marriage (Mt. 19:3-6). God intended marriage to be a lifetime commitment. That does not happen by accident. It requires adequate preparation. To that end, I always encourage engaged couples to seek substantive premarital counseling. Such counseling can be helpful, but it is only one aspect of the needed preparation for marriage. A consideration of the Bible teachings on the subject are essential.

Not only do permanent marriages require preparation, they also require considerable maintenance. Just as good, happy, joyful marriages do not *happen* by accident, neither do they *continue* by accident. How much time, energy, and effort do you expend to keep your marriage in good shape? Do you ever *think* about the welfare of your marriage? Do you occasionally read Genesis 2, the Song of Solomon, Matthew 19, 1 Corinthians 7, and Ephesians 5? Do you ever spend time considering how you can apply the instructions found in such passages? Do you ever pray to God asking for the wisdom to do the right things to strengthen your marriage?

What great blessings our God has given to us: he gave us marriage AND the instructions that will enable us to have good marriages.

## 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

**Our Friends/Relatives:** Jim 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, 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, Billy Joe & Brenda Powers, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Bill Simmons, 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.

## December 16, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Thomas Williams
Opening Prayer	David Close
Scripture Reading	Charles Mars
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Donna Mars, Renee & Regina Brittain
Serving Communion:	Tom Adams, Charlie Bryson, Matthew Close, Alton Criswell, Knox Greer, Riley Hubbert, Matt Mitchell, Garrett Pilgrim
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	James Wilson
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

### ***AFTERNOON DEVOTIONAL***

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

## SYMPATHY



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Larry and Renita Durham in the loss of Larry's brother, Leavel Durham. The Durhams' address is 10189 Eveninghill Drive, Cordova, TN 38016-0334.

## SPECIAL TREAT TONIGHT!

This evening the Closes are again inviting the entire congregation to their home for a period of fellowship and singing. This event will start at 6:30 and please bring finger foods. Their address is: 9794 Windward Slope Cove, Lakeland, TN.



## 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.



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

## THANK YOU

Thanks so much for all the prayers and kindnesses during our time of sorrow. It was deeply appreciated.

Love, Larry and Renita Durham

## LUNCHEON TODAY!



Following our morning worship hour. Leonard's Barbecue will be catering our meal and it is only \$7.00 each. The meal will include: All the barbecue you can eat, slaw, baked beans, spaghetti, rolls or buns, drinks and assorted pies. If you have not bought tickets, see Larry Knox.

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello to you all! This week, I thought I would talk to you all about just one of the fun and challenging aspects that comes from working in youth ministry! Here it is!: You have a class roster that never stops changing. Every year, we lose some teens, and we gain some. This is a truly great blessing, but any and all change will effect a classroom dynamic. This is not bad in any way, just wonderfully different!

For example, last fall we lost three seniors and gained two 7<sup>th</sup> graders, so the change was a more subtle one. This fall we lost four seniors and gained six 7<sup>th</sup> graders, so its been quite a dynamic shift! It's been such a blessing to have these young, excited people as members of our group, and I can't wait to watch them grow, especially in their faith.

One of the biggest blessings the church provides is one of unity with diversity. There are young people and old people, Americans and Ukranians, rich and poor. But we are all united together as one body, under our head, Jesus Christ. We know our differences, but when submitted to the service of the Lord, is one of our greatest strengths! What a blessing to be an unique part of His body. Thank you all, and have a blessed week!

## BRIDAL SHOWER

*Congratulations to Samantha Seward and Ben Kurtz as they will marry December 29<sup>th</sup> at a private ceremony. A bridal shower has been planned in their honor on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, here at the Woodland Hills building from 3:00 – 4:30 pm. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond and Target.*



### **Thoughts to Ponder**

*“God doesn’t want shares of your life. He wants controlling interest.”*

*Martin Luther*

*“And His name shall be called Wonderful.”*

*Isaiah 9:6*

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