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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 sves.)

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

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Love the Children

**Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in his sight.
Jesus loves the little children of the
world.**

“Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’ And he laid his hands on them and went away” (Mt. 19:13-15).

Yes, indeed, Jesus loves children. Jesus wants children to be brought to him. Jesus wants parents to train their children to know him and his will (Eph. 6:1-4; Prov. 22:6). Church Bible classes provide one tool parents can use in their effort to train their children.

Many thanks to all of you who love children enough to work in our Bible class program at Woodland Hills.

See you Sunday, training the children...

David

Some Thoughts about Ezekiel

David South

Ezekiel was probably born about the year 622 BC, at the height of Josiah's reforms in Judah (cf. 2 Kgs. 22-23; 2 Chr. 34-35). He was born into a priestly family, and so he would have grown up in and around the temple in Jerusalem. (Perhaps this connects to the emphasis on the temple in the visions in the closing chapters of the book). He would have witnessed the defeat of the Israelites at the hands of the Babylonians, and he would have seen the first wave of captives taken about the year 606 BC. He would probably have been in his mid-teens at the time. He himself was taken with the second wave of captives about the year 597 BC – probably in his mid-twenties. There was then at least a third wave of captives taken to Babylon about the year 586 BC, when the city of Jerusalem was destroyed. Ezekiel would have probably been in his mid-thirties.

God called Ezekiel to be a prophet about the year 593 BC., when Ezekiel was thirty years old. (The beginning of the book of Ezekiel refers to the thirtieth year (1:1). This most likely refers to the thirtieth year of his life. He went on to connect it to the fifth year of the exile of King Jehoiachin (1:2), so it cannot refer to the thirtieth year of captivity). His prophetic work was done completely in Babylon, while he and the others were in exile there. Ezekiel probably did not live to see the end of the captivity. If he did, he would have been approaching ninety years of age.

The prophetic oracles recorded in the book of Ezekiel are written largely in apocalyptic style. This partly means that the visions given to him were highly symbolic. (Parts of Daniel, Zechariah, and Revelation are also written in this same apocalyptic style). The difficulty, and danger, of this style of revelation is that the symbols are not easy to decipher – and so they can be interpreted in wild, imaginative ways. One must look for any clues that explain the images, and one must never interpret the symbols in any way that would contradict other, plain passages of Scripture.

Ezekiel is referred to as the watchman (e.g., 3:16-21). The watchman imagery is interesting because it illustrates the work of anyone who would proclaim God's message. The watchman's job is to make sure he sounds the warning. It is not his job to ensure that people heed the warning. If he fails to sound the warning, and people die, then the watchman is at fault. If he sounds the warning, and people die because they refuse to listen, the watchman is not at fault. If he sounds the warning, and people listen, then the people are safe and the watchman is guilt free (cf. 1 Tim. 4:16). It was Ezekiel's job to proclaim God's message. All is better if the people listen, but he must do his job whether they listen or not.

His chief work seemed to be to convince the people that a quick restoration to the land of Judah would not happen. They needed to deal with their faith in the midst of their captivity. He did, however, predict some elements of their restoration.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Osby Riley, Annette Sangster, Ina Storey and Pat Thomas

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Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Matt Mitchell
Opening Prayer	Bill Estes
Scripture Reading	Mike Barrios
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Tom & Joy Adams
Serving Communion:	Dan Amar, Ron Barker, Dane Dacus, Chris Essary, Jim Hubbert, Ryan Hubbert, Jacob Maynard, Bill Seward
Pick Up Cards	Spencer Dacus & Chase Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Mark Hillis
Nursery	Lisa and Erin Greer

PM WORSHIP

Opening Prayer	Mark Mitchell
Devotional	David South
Closing Prayer	Dick Holt
Nursery	Donna Mars

SECRET SANTA

It's that time of year again! Our Secret Santa service projecting, benefiting AGAPE, will be Sunday, December 2nd immediately after our AM Services. 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!



MID-WEEK CHANGE

This week our mid-week service will be moved to Tuesday evening as many are going to be on the road going to be with family. There will not be any children's classes this week as well. Matt Mitchell will lead our thoughts in a devotional and we will have songs and prayers. in the chapel beginning at 7:00 pm.



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.

HERALD SCHEDULE

There will not be a mailed HERALD the week of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years. We will have our usual handouts available at the building as you arrive.



As a quick reminder:
Nov 18th following
our morning
worship!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
FROM THE ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF



THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for the prayers,
thoughts, hugs and help. The cards have been a
great comfort. Debbie & Jason Knight

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! I hope you had a great week, I know that we have! I told you last week that we would be attending a weekend retreat with Oliver Creek Church of Christ youth group, and that's just what we did. This last weekend was spent at Crowley's Ridge youth camp for a time of rest, recreation, and spiritual instruction (sorry to break the alliteration). There are a number of reasons why this weekend was so fantastic, but I thought I would share just a couple with you.

First of all, our youth were given the blessing of not just knowing that there are other young Christians out there, but actually getting to *know* those Christians. Some unfamiliar faces in the family of Christ now have actual names and personalities. I saw many in the separate groups become friends, and exchange contact information so that they could keep in touch. Now they can encourage and build each other up moving forward. We all live in the same city, after all!

And second, it was such a blessing for our youth to experience another leader's teaching. Luke Guard (the youth minister at Oliver Creek) and I have very different teaching styles. I think it was great for our kids to be able to hear Luke's lessons and it is a huge blessing and challenge for me, to branch out of the pattern I often fall into.

I thank you all for your prayers for our travels. Except for some scraped knees, we all returned free from harm, and I know your prayers helped us on our way. Have a blessed week!

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 Close's are again hosting a widows's luncheon in their home on Sunday, December 9th following our morning worship service. 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.

Thoughts to Ponder

***"When life is not a bed of roses,
remember who wore the thorns."***

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