



## Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## Ruing our Misdeeds

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Matt Mitchell

### Youth Minister

Thomas Williams

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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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Have you ever done anything and then wished you had not done it? If you have ever done anything that interfered with your relationship with God, I hope you wished you had not done it. Peter experienced this (Mk. 14:66-72). Paul did, too (1 Tim. 1:12-16). That sadness you feel over letting God down is actually a good thing. It is not pleasant to feel that hurt, but the right kind of hurt can lead to true healing. Paul was happy that the Corinthians repented over the things they had done wrong. He had some mixed feelings over his first letter. He did not like the idea of making them sad, but he was overjoyed that they had sorrowed properly – and repented of their wrongs (2 Cor. 7:7-11). And that is the point, after all. The right kind of sorrow over letting God down will lead us to repentance. Remember that forgiveness from God only comes with our repentance (Lk. 13:3; Acts 17:30).

That leads me to my next question: if you have done something and then wished you had not done it, what changes did you make? If you do not change anything, you will likely do that same misdeed again. Those who feel bad because they sometimes tell a lie will continue to tell a lie even though they feel bad – unless they take steps to avoid lying. Those who feel bad because they never invite anyone to church will continue in that failure – unless they take steps to correct it. You get the point.

*See you Sunday, truly penitent...*

*David*

## Having Significant Religious Discussions

David South

Why should one care what other people believe and teach about religion? One is moved by passages such as Romans 16:17-18:

I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

The bottom line is about the salvation of souls. The truth saves souls. When that truth is corrupted, souls are not saved. One cannot be in fellowship and partnership with those who are teaching a corrupted message (cf. 2 Jn. 10-11) – partly because that corrupted message does not save. Consider, for example, these passages: 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 2 Timothy 3:1-9; and Titus 1:10-11.

Because the stakes are so high, it is imperative that people be able to have open discussion with each other about religion. It appears to be quite difficult for us humans to have open, honest discussion about religion and politics – perhaps because we are so emotionally involved in both fields. When someone disagrees with us we tend to take it personally and get hurt. We lash out or hit back. Then, a huge argument erupts, benefitting no one.

Can we manage to discuss our differences honestly and with integrity? I can try to convince you and you can try to convince me. We can discuss why we see that Bible passage differently. Maybe you are right and I need to shift my thinking. Maybe I am right and you need to shift your thinking. Maybe we are both wrong and we need a third participant. Eternal truth is too important to let good discussion degrade into a fight. Can we disagree without being disagreeable? Is it possible for me to allow you the freedom to hold on to your opinion, while at the same time believing it to be a wrong opinion? If I care enough about you, I will try to persuade you otherwise. (In this regard note Paul's statement in 2 Corinthians 5:11 – “knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others”). But, in the end, I will accept that you can choose your own opinion. That does not mean that I accept it to be a right opinion.

Do not allow what others say about you to cause you to compromise doctrinal purity or your confidence in it. One tactic sometimes used is to try to pin a negative label on one's opponent – even if that label is undeserved. The opponents of Jesus accused him of being insane (Mk. 3:21; Jn. 10:20) or of being possessed by demons (Mk. 3:30; Jn. 10:20). Instead of answering his teachings, they tried to turn people against him with such unfair labels. Do not use such a tactic against others. Stick to an honest evaluation of the evidence and arguments. Do not allow others to use this tactic on you. Try to keep the discussion on the issue at hand and an honest look at Scriptures.

An honest investigation of God's truth will benefit those who pursue it.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Nat & Linette Baker (have been sick with the flu), Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Kathy Hillis, Rebecca Karr, Bill Lewelling, Charles Mars, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison

### 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, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Sharon Olsen, Billy Joe & Brenda Powers, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Bill Simmons, Cindy Soenkson, Charles South, Larry Wilkinson, 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 27, 2019

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Song Leader             | Kenny Cox  |
| Welcome & Announcements | Mark Hillis  |
| Opening Prayer          | Jim Hubbard  |
| Scripture Reading       | John Waddell   |
| Sermon                  | David South  |
| Communion Preparation:  | Ron & Betty Barker   |
| Serving Communion:      | Darrell Dacus, Chris Essary,<br>Bill Estes, Robert Jones, Bill Seward, John Waddell,<br>Keith Williams, James Wilson |
| Pick Up Cards           | Hampton & Hays Cox   |
| AM Closing Prayer       | Charlie Bryson   |
| Nursery                 | Renee Brittain   |

### 5 PM Worship

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Song Leader        | Kenny Cox       |
| Opening Prayer     | David Close     |
| South Korea Report | David South     |
| Closing Prayer     | Matt Mitchell   |
| Nursery            | Carol Spellings |

## RESPONSE

On Sunday evening, Daya Cox came forward confessing that she had sinned and asking for forgiveness. We love and appreciate you Daya. May the Lord be with you and give you strength as you live each day for Him.

## FAMILY EVENT CALENDAR

Feb 15 Parents Night out hosted by WHYG 4:30-8:00  
Feb 21 – Singing at Tretiakov’s 6:00 pm Bring finger foods

April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic 11:00 am

June 1 – VBS Workday

June 9 – 12 – VBS – Theme “Noah”

July 12-14 Family Retreat – The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY

\*If you are interest in hosting a singing night at your house, please see Matt Mitchell.

\* Softball: If anyone would like to play Men’s church league softball, please Matt Mitchell. Games are on Thursday evening from April to July in Germantown.

*Be still  
and know  
that I am  
God*  
-PSALM 46:10

## AREA-WIDE WORSHIP

The next area-wide worship service has been scheduled for 5:00 pm, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Germantown Church of Christ. The theme this year will be “Our Journey of Faith.” More information at a later date.



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

## **YOUTH CORNER**

**By: Thomas Williams**

Hello everybody! It's so great to be writing all of you again. I apologize for not writing you last week, but there was a lot to catch up on after getting home from our trip to the GULF youth rally in Orange Beach. It was really an awesome trip, and I want to share with you some of the highlights!

Firstly, and most importantly, the lessons we were presented were really wonderful. After the classes, I had teens coming up to me, excitedly telling me what was talked about and how it motivated them. I had deep spiritual conversations with a young man, that I hadn't broken through to before. I know there was one keynote lesson in particular that I have not stopped thinking about since I heard it. This was truly a spiritually beneficial weekend.

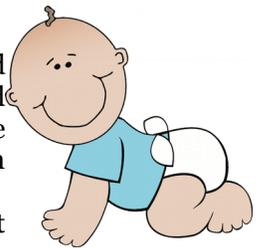
We also had a bunch of fun. From playing football in the ocean, to mini-golfing in the rain, there was fun to be had all weekend. One of our teens even got called on stage during the Saturday night entertainment. Look for pictures from the weekend up on the youth bulletin board this week!

It truly was a blessing to be able to grow closer together as a group, and as a family of God. But we're very glad to be back in Memphis with our family here! God bless you all this week.

## **CRIB SHOWER**

A crib has been placed 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.



## **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

The WHYG is hosting a parents night out on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 8 pm. Check with Thomas for further information.

## **SINGING**

Viktor and Lynn Tretiakov are hosting a night of singing on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm, at their home, 60 Countrywood Lane, Oakland. Please bring finger foods. If you love to sing, plan on this wonderful evening of song, fellowship and good treats. Phone 901-509-1094.

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