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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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Perhaps you have heard of those who claim to have a mind like a steel trap. Unfortunately, when it comes to religion, some of those steel-trap minds are rusted shut. On the other hand, some people are so open-minded when it comes to religion that their brains fall out. Eyes, ears, mind, and heart work best when they work like a good parachute: they are open when they need to be and they stay shut when they need to be.

Our minds need to be open to God's word. Those in Thessalonica became believers because they accepted the divine message for what it really was (1 Th. 2:13). We must never have our minds so made up (steel-trap shut) that we fail to receive what the Bible says.

At the same time, our minds ought to be closed to wrong ideas. Paul urged the Thessalonian Christians to "test everything; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil" (1 Th. 5:21-22).

Let us not be so open-minded that we accept beliefs or practices that are outside the boundaries set by God. Let us not be so closed-minded that we draw boundaries where God does not.

See you Sunday, open to God... David

Respect Without Veneration

David South

We among churches of Christ have typically avoided using such labels as “reverend,” “cardinal,” “father,” etc. to refer to those who lead us in the church. One reason we have followed this course of action is because the use of such labels seems to make an improper distinction between “clergy” and “laity.” This distinction is not biblical under the new covenant. Rather than a separate clergy and laity, every Christian is a priest with the responsibility to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God (1 Pet. 2:5, 9; Rev. 1:5-6).

Titles that lift people up to a wrong spiritual status are to be avoided. Jesus confronted the scribes and Pharisees for their hypocrisy (Mt. 23). Part of that rebuke involved their desire to be held in high honor among the people (5-7). Among other things, they wanted to be called “rabbi” (“my teacher”). In that setting, Jesus said, “But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you shall be your servant” (8-11).

The apostle Paul chastised the Corinthian Christians because they were dividing over which teacher to follow. He wrote, “What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth” (1 Cor. 3:5-7). (Note the connection between the teachings of Paul and Jesus that true leaders are really servants). He went on to write, “I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another” (4:6).

All that being said, one must note Paul’s instruction in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13: “We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.” It is appropriate to “respect” and “esteem very highly” our leaders. Notice that this is “because of their work.” They are not highly esteemed or respected because they are somehow of higher spiritual status than everyone else. It is right to honor those who work to keep us faithful to the Lord.

Let us avoid either of two extremes. One extreme is to view religious leaders as closer to God, with special status as religious giants. Some, it would seem, like having a status that makes them above being questioned or doubted. This is contrary to the teachings of Jesus. The other extreme is to go so far as to think too lowly of religious leaders. At this extreme, those who give their lives to the service of the Lord and his church are belittled and despised. The truth is between those two extremes. Let us show proper honor to those who lead, but let us never lift them higher than God intended.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Bill Lewelling, Jerry Mathis, Kay Michael, Mary Ann Morrison, Marti Patchell, James Wilson

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

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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.

July 15, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Matt Mitchell
Opening Prayer	Dick Holt
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Bill & Robi Seward
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Mitch Bradshaw
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

Devo Following Meal

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

THIS WEEK IS 3rd SUNDAY!
Meal followed by Devo -No 5 pm service!



**GIVE BLOOD
 SAVE LIFE**

The Bloodmobile will be here at the building on Sunday, July 29th from 8:00 – 10:30.. 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 – Youth/Young Adult Gospel Mtg.
 July 15 - 18th 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 21st 9 am – 1:00 pm

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



**3rd 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.*
Visitors Are Our Welcomed Guests!

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



YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! It's great to be back home! If you don't remember, recently 13 members of Woodland Hills spent 10 days in Honduras as a part of Torch Missions. It was a wonderful trip! Here's just a quick rundown of some of the things that we were able to accomplish: We built 14 houses, over 600 people were served by our medical clinic, distributed 250 food packages to families in need, multiple hospital visits, and we were able to help a local congregation with remodeling and outreach. That's not even mentioning all the people we got to meet, and all the children we were able to play with!

And while I'm proud of all of us, I'm especially proud of our 4 youth group members who came along (Isaac Amar, Matthew Close, Noah and Matthew Robison). I saw all of them work extremely hard, step outside of their comfort zones, and be great servants of the Lord. I believe it was a time of growth for all of them, and I can't wait to see how they apply the lessons learned in Honduras to their lives here in the States.

This week, I want to ask you to pray for our brothers and sisters in Honduras. They are working so hard to grow the Church, and to help the poor. Thank you and God Bless!

NEW ADDRESS

Ruth Sain has moved. Her new address is Carriage Court of Memphis, 1645 W Massey Road, Apt. #314, Memphis, TN 38120. Her phone remained the same, 901-365-9095.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Ushers will eat latecomers

Women's Luncheon: Each member bring a sandwich. Polly Phillips will give the medication.

The audience is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

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