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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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One cannot be saved without the love, grace, mercy, and kindness of God (Jn. 3:16; Eph. 2:1-10; Tit. 3:4-7). Those divine, sublime traits were demonstrated in the giving of Jesus as the propitiation for our sins (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:6-11; 1 Jn. 4:9-10). BTW - “propitiation” in these contexts means something like “the means by which our sins are forgiven.”

We also must remember, however, that God expects a certain response from people. That response includes:

**Faith (Heb. 11:6; Jn. 3:16; 8:24)
Confession of faith (Rom. 10:9-10)
Repentance (Acts 2:38; 17:30)
Immersion (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4)
Faithful living (1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10)**

Of course, there are many other verses that go along with these few. There is considerable discussion that can be connected with these briefly listed items. The purpose here is simply to remind you of the truth which you already know – lest you ever forget.

See you Sunday, thankful to God...

David

Christianity in Early Historical Records

David South

Enemies of Christianity sometimes complain that Jesus and the church do not show up in early historical documents. Somehow this lack of presence in early historical records is interpreted as evidence against the validity of Christ and Christianity.

This approach, of course, does not take into account the early historical records that are a part of the Bible. It seems a vicious circle of reasoning that would refuse to consider the very documents that mention Jesus and the church, while claiming that historical documents from ancient times do not mention them. There is adequate evidence to prove the ancient origin of the biblical record. Even if one chooses to reject the faith required in those documents, the historical value of them must not be discounted. The Bible is a set of faith documents, but it is also a set of historical documents.

Also, one must remember that Jesus did his work almost entirely within the confines of the borders of Israel. An itinerant preacher in such a small place would not likely garner much attention from historians in major metropolitan areas. Why would historians have heard about Jesus during his lifetime? Why would they have thought him important enough to mention in their historical records?

The fact is, though, that Jesus and his followers ARE mentioned in the ancient historical records. Tacitus, the Roman historian who was NOT favorable toward Christians, mentioned them when writing about the great fire of Rome.

But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor, and the propitiations of the gods, did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was the result of an order. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome, where all things hideous and shameful from every part of the world find their center and become popular. (Annals of Tacitus, Book 15, section 44)

Tacitus wrote this about the year 115. He shows knowledge of Christ and Christianity. He is able to note accurately the timing of Jesus' execution. He is also able to explain that Christians take their name from Christ. Thus, in about 85 years, Christianity had grown and spread enough that the Roman historian would know these details about it. But, what he wrote is more interesting than just that bit of information. He noted that by the time of Nero Christianity had grown and spread as far as Rome. In fact, he indicates that there were enough Christians in Rome that Nero could blame them for the fire. Nero ruled from 54-68, and the fire which he blamed on the Christians happened in the year 64. Thus, based on the writings of Tacitus, we learn that Christianity had grown and spread out from Israel enough *in less than 40 years* that there was a noticeable Christian community in Rome.

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 (lung cancer), Charles Mars, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison, and Pat Thomas

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	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Thomas Williams
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson
Scripture Reading	Matt Mitchell
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Robert & Pat King
Serving Communion:	David Close, Ed Dacus, Bob Karr, Lon Maynard, Luke Miller, Ryan Miller, Ken Robison, Viktor Tretiakov
Pick Up Cards	Elliott Norwood & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Garrett Pilgrim
Nursery	Kerry Mitchell

5 PM Worship

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Thomas Williams
Devo/Holy Spirit Study	David South
Closing Prayer	Keith Williams
Nursery	Regina Brittain

THANK YOU

Thanks so much for your love and concern for me and my family while we grieve because of the loss of our brother, **William Mitchell**. It was definitely appreciated.

Ms Dorothy Mitchell-Vick

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. She stated that he was measuring big so shouldn't be in the newborn size very long.



YOUR CROSS

*Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
There will always be sunshine after the rain.
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall,
But God's always ready to answer your call.
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
A word from His lips can calm every fear.
Your sorrows may linger throughout the night,
But suddenly vanish at dawns early light.
The Savior is waiting somewhere above,
To give you His grace and send you His love.
Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
God always sends rainbows after the rain.*

Andrew Chase

**“Now is the time to
invest in eternity”**



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

YOUTH CORNER

Our youth along with Thomas Williams, Matt and Addie Mitchell, have just returned from Gulf Shores where they attended the Gulf Youth Rally. Thank you for your prayers for their safety. We are anxiously awaiting Thomas's report on that trip. This week we are inserting a filler until Thomas is able to write his usual blurb in the HERALD. We hope you enjoy the following:

A FIERY SERMON

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The minister found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The minister made himself at home, but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the minister took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one long ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The minister glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek; "Thank you so much for your visit, and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

Unknown

AREA-WIDE

The next area-wide worship service has been scheduled for March 3rd at the Germantown Church of Christ. The theme this year will be "Our Journey of Faith." More information at a later date.