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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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We live in a service oriented society. That means we often evaluate businesses on how well they serve us. Think about how we talk to others about restaurants. We often rank them based upon the quality of the food and the service. How often have you heard (or said), “The food was pretty good, but the service was so bad, I will never go back”? Think about that. We do not have to hunt or gather that food. We do not have to clean it or cook it. We do not have to clean up the mess afterward. And still we find reasons to complain about it. So, are we that spoiled?

Here’s the real danger. We can bring that “spoiled” mentality to church with us. We can become disillusioned or frustrated because we feel like the church is not serving us as well as it ought. Wait! We ARE the church. The church is not some entity separate from us that is supposed to serve us. Further, Jesus taught that being the church is about being servants to others rather than being served by others (Mt. 20:20-28; Jn. 13:1-16).

I need to rise up over a spoiled mentality and look for ways to serve.

See you Sunday, serving... David

Theology Born from Evangelism

David South

An interesting thing occurred to me as I contemplated the great commission (Mt. 28:18-20), and the first efforts to obey it (Acts). Jesus told the apostles to make disciples of all nations. While it took additional revelation from God (Acts 10) before they fully grasped that aspect of the commission, the disciples did eventually go to “all nations” to make disciples. Paul urged people to turn away from all the gods they were serving and serve the one true, living God (Acts 14:13-18). When Paul was in Athens, where people served a variety of gods, he urged them to repent and serve the God of heaven (Acts 17:30-31). The very nature of the commission given by Jesus and the obedience to it by the first Christians proclaims an important truth about Christianity.

We live in a culture that calls upon everyone to accept as true and right what others believe. That is, the call to coexist is more than a political call. It is a spiritual call as well. It is one thing to accept a person’s right to believe whatever he or she chooses to believe. It is another thing entirely to accept that choice as true and right. The right to choose whatever one wants includes the right to be completely wrong. The demand of some in our current culture is to accept each choice as equally right and true. The commission of Jesus rejects this philosophy.

Now, please understand, there is far more in the New Testament than just evangelism that denies the current American religious pluralism. But, the great commission, by itself, is sufficient to deny the truth of pluralism.

Why would Jesus order his followers to convert all nations if their current religions were okay? Why would Paul urge others to turn away from their current faith if they could be saved by it?

The truth of the matter is that all religions are not the same. It is not just about people choosing the religion that soothes them and satisfies them in some way. It is about the one true God, who made the heavens and the earth and everything in them. There is a God who is real, and there is only one. There are many things that people call gods, but there is only one real, true God (1 Cor. 8:4-6). To accept any other idea is to deny that one true God. This is why Jesus gave the great commission – he died so that people could be saved. All people need to hear that message; otherwise they are lost – no matter what else they believe. It is not about the political right people have to believe whatever they want. It is not about Christians thinking they are better or above everyone else. It is about the one real, true, loving God who wants “all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). ALL people need to come to the knowledge of THE truth. ALL people need to be saved – and the only way to be saved is through Jesus (1 Tim. 2:5-6; Acts 4:12; Jn. 14:6).

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Mike Kilmer, John Knight, Jerry Mathis, Ray McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Martha Riley, Ruth Sain

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TO SERVE FEBRUARY 11, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Matt Mitchell
Opening Prayer	Bill Estes
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Ron & Betty Barker
Serve Communion: Mitch Bradshaw, David Close, Alton Criswell, Darrell Dacus, Chris Essary, Bob Karr, Lon Maynard, Viktor Tretiakov	
Pick Up Cards	Hampton Cox & Kaleb Amar
AM Closing Prayer	Garrett Pilgrim
Nursery	Kathy Bryson & Brenda Renner

Sunday Evening Worship

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Mitch Bradshaw
PM Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Pat Patchell
PM Nursery	Kathy Hillis

UNFOLDING THE ROSE

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day. Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was asking the older preacher for some advice.

The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals. The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the will of God for his life and ministry. But because of his great respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact. It wasn't long before he realized how impossible this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud without tearing it, the older preacher began to recite the following poem:

*It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design,
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.*

*The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
God opens this flower so sweetly,
Then, in my hands, they die.*

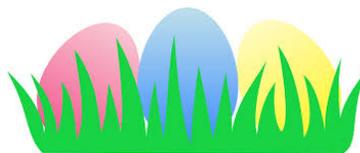
*If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?*

*So I'll trust in Him for leading,
Each moment of my day,
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.*

*The pathway that lies before me,
Only my Heavenly Father knows.
Ill trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.*

Unknown

FAMILY EVENT SCHEDULED



Saturday, March 31, Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic at 12:00. More details later.



BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a bridal shower for Bethany Wilson on Sunday, March 18th. If you would be willing to help with this shower, please call the church office at 755-7709

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! After a rather uneventful week, I found myself thinking about a number of things, but this morning I have been thinking about singing. I have always loved singing, but I don't think that's too surprising a thing to say. Not because anyone who knows me knows I sing WAY too much, but because I think nearly every single person alive loves singing. We may not all like the idea of busting out a solo, but almost everyone that I know loves to sing in certain circumstances. Maybe it's along to the radio in their car, or singing under their breath while they do work, or when they are alone in their house, but we all love it. It doesn't matter how good or bad we are at it, when we sing; we feel.

That's why I think it is so wonderful that God has made singing a part of our worship. The act of singing affects our hearts. We are told in Ephesians that we should sing and make melody from our hearts to the Lord. He doesn't care what our singing sounds like, he cares about our hearts. That makes every single one of our voices equal before the Lord. That should humble the confident singer, and embolden the timid. God designed singing so we could honor him, connect with him, teach ourselves and others. And then he made it something we all can do, and made all of our voices equally important. I am thankful that God gave us a such a wonderful, unifying gift. Let's remember to praise the Lord with our voices this week!

FEBRUARY 18th



The 2018 Torch Mission attendees from Woodland Hills are preparing a Spaghetti Dinner for our 3rd Sunday Luncheon, February 18th. The dinner is free but we ask that you donate whatever you can to help defray the costs of these individuals who are planning to go. Right now, we have 12 of our Woodland Hills members planning to make this mission trip.

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