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AM Worship Svc. 10:00 a.m.
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*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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Promises, Promises, Promises

Just think about some of the promises we have. We have the promise of eternal life (Mk. 10:28-30; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:8). We have the promise of a heavenly body that surpasses this earthly body (2 Cor. 5:1-9). This hope keeps us focused on serving God. We have the promise of going home to heaven (1 Pet. 1:3-4; Heb. 10:34-36). This hope keeps us steady in the face of opposition. We have the promise of being together in heaven (1 Th. 4:13-18). Further, we have the promise of being where Christ is (Jn. 14:1-3; 1 Th. 3:13-18). We will always be with the Lord. How much more glorious could the promise be? We are given a brief glimpse into that glorious place. Anytime I think of these Bible passages, I am struck by the feeling that it just is not possible to put into human words the glory of heaven! Read Rev. 21:1-4; 22:1-5.

It is true – this world is NOT our home; here we are but straying pilgrims. Peter recognized that Jesus has the words of eternal life (Jn. 6:68). The apostles would not leave Jesus even when others did. They wanted those words. Let us redouble our intent to hear, accept, and obey the words of our Lord so we can walk with him here and live with him hereafter.

See you Sunday, believing the promises...

David

Some End Time Thoughts

David South

People have different ideas about what will happen at the end of time. The study as a whole is sometimes referred to by the term “eschatology.” Within the study of eschatology, one way of categorizing beliefs hinges on the way the 1,000 years of Revelation 20 are interpreted. Some believe that Jesus will return before the 1,000 years (typically called premillennialism). Others believe he will return after the 1,000 years (typically called postmillennialism). Still others believe that the 1,000 years are to be interpreted symbolically rather than literally (sometimes called amillennialism). There are, of course, variations within each of these large categories. How the 1,000 years are viewed is not the only difference, however. Belief about the nature of God’s kingdom and how kingdom prophecies should be interpreted also distinguish these approaches.

Some see physical, political Israel as central to what will happen. That is, they think that Israel will be set up as a kingdom again, with power over the whole earth, and with Jesus as the king in Jerusalem. Some read passages such as Hebrews 8:8-12 (which is a quote of Jeremiah 31:31-34) and think that something will yet be done with the nation of Israel. That misunderstands the symbolic use of Old Testament terminology. The church is spiritual Israel (note Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 6:16; 1 Cor. 10:18; Gal. 4:25-26). So, the Bible student must learn how to distinguish references to literal Israel and references to spiritual Israel (the church).

This last point is connected to the importance of understanding the kingdom. Some interpret kingdom prophecies as pointing to the kingdom of Israel. Others who would not necessarily connect them to Israel are still looking for an earthly, political kind of kingdom. They think that the kingdom prophecies have not yet been fulfilled. They fail to accept that the church is the fulfillment of these prophecies.

Some views of the end look to some great cosmic battle that is yet to take place between Christ and his forces and Satan and his forces. Some believe that this great battle will mark the final end of the work of evil. Part of the difficulty with this approach is that the battle between good and evil has already been fought. Jesus has already won that battle. There does not need to be some great future battle, because the battle between good and evil was won when Jesus went to the cross (consider Heb. 2:14-15). This fulfills the promise that was made to Adam and Eve – that her seed would deliver a blow to the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). Jesus conquered sin and its penalty on the cross (Rom. 6). To look still for some battle where Jesus would defeat the enemy devalues the work he has already done, and devalues the whole gospel message. Does God offer us eternal salvation through the blood of Jesus or not? You and I still struggle with temptations to sin, but in Christ we are victorious; he has already defeated Satan.

Our salvation does NOT yet hinge on some future battle!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Clara Shipman, Ina Story, Pat Thomas and James Wilson

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, LaVerne Baxter (recent surgery), Sue Bowen, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz, 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, 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 and William Wilson

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September 30, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	David Close
Opening Prayer	Steve Grantham
Sermon	Matthew Mitchell
Communion Preparation:	Lon & Tiffany Maynard
Serving Communion:	Mitch Bradshaw, Alton Criswell, Bill Estes, Ron Hinton, Tony Robinson, Viktor Tretiakov, Thomas Williams, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Chase Dacus & Spencer Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Charlie Bryson
Nursery	Nedra Robinson

5 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	John Waddell
Singing Night/Devo	Thomas Williams
PM Closing Prayer	Charles Mars
PM Nursery	Mary Rigney

Pew Packers Tonight at 5:00 PM

LIVE-STREAMING SERMONS

Woodland Hills will begin to record and publish our Sunday sermons as well as Dr. Gilmore's lectures through Facebook. These videos will be available to watch live but will also be saved and accessible anytime on our web site. In order to access the videos, log in to your Facebook account and then head to the "Woodland Hills Church of Christ" Facebook group and click on the "videos" tab. The live-streams will appear here as well. Please be aware that these live-stream videos and recordings will only be limited to sermons and/or teaching opportunities. The camera will never be turned on during private or personal times (announcements, those accepting the invitation, etc.).

DEACONS MEETING

A Deacons meeting was scheduled for Sunday, October 28th at 4:00 pm, but will be rescheduled for another date due to our Trick R Trunk.

WEDNESDAY FALL SERIES

Our Wednesday night fall series, "Apologetics For Life," with guest speaker, Ralph Gilmore will resume his study on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm, October 17th and 24th on the topic of "The Deity of Christ." Bro. South will continue our study of Paul's missionary trips the Wednesday evenings that Bro. Gilmore cannot be here. Ralph is from the Henderson area where he is serving as Professor of Bible and of Philosophy at Freed-Hardeman University. Come have a wonderful meal with us at 6:00 and stay for the great lessons. You won't want to miss a single one!"

FLU SHOTS

It's that time of year again when we all need to get our flu shots. On Sunday, October 21st, we will have **free flu shots** available after our 3rd Sunday meal.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP

October 14th an area-wide worship service will be held at the Germantown Church, 8723 Poplar Pike at 5:00 pm. This year's theme will be "Our Journey of Faith." This year's speakers will be Jim Howard, minister at the Forrest City Church of Christ, and Jason Manning, minister at the Raleigh Springs Church of Christ. Nursery will be provided for infants and toddlers

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



Tonight is our 5th Sunday Singing Night!

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello once again! This article, I simply want to share with you a couple of activities that took place throughout the last few weeks. They might not be that connected, but I believe they were both blessings, and I hope they continue to be.

First, Bethany and I were blessed to host a singing night at our house a couple weeks ago. It was such a blessing to get to spend time in fellowship with one another, and in worship to our God. I hope that we get to have another singing night soon, and I hope you will be able to come!

Second, a weekly get-together has been established with the home-schooled members of our youth group. We have only met once so far, but I am hopeful that this can be a great opportunity for growth. Sometimes a study/fellowship time with a smaller group, can lead to discussion and growth that is harder to establish in larger settings.

Youth ministry, ministry in general, is a rather fluid undertaking. Things come and go, plans change and adapt as people do. I hope and pray that these two activities become more regular. I would like to ask for your prayers, that no matter how things may change, that God's work will be done here at Woodland Hills consistently and unceasingly. Thank you and God Bless!

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Morning Bible class will not meet this Tuesday morning, October 2, as Bro. South is out of town, but will resume the following week, October 9th at 10:00 am.



Trick R Trunk is coming up soon! This year our Trick R Trunk will be on Sunday, October 28th at 4:30 pm in the pavilion. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. We request that you bring sides, drinks and desserts. If you wish, decorate the trunk of your car and bring candy to hand out to all the kids. We are planning to have a photo booth, hay ride, inflatables, crafts and many other exciting things! This is a great opportunity to invite friends and family. We hope to see you there.

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