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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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Faith

Faith can be...

...non-existent (Mk. 4:40; 2 Th. 3:2)

...dead (Jas. 2:17)

...vain (1 Cor. 15:14)

...little (Mt. 6:30; 8:26)

...weak (Rom. 14:1)

Or...

...great (Mt. 15:28)

...strong (Rom. 4:20)

...sincere (1 Tim. 1:5; 2 Tim. 1:5)

...obedient (Jas. 2:14-26)

...visible (Mk. 2:5)

Where does your faith fit?

By faith one is...

...cleansed (Acts 15:9)

...sanctified (Acts 26:18)

...justified (Rom. 3:28)

...granted access to grace (Rom. 5:2)

...made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)

...saved (Eph. 2:8)

...made a dwelling for Christ (Eph. 3:17)

...made righteous (Php. 3:9)

...granted inheritance (Heb. 6:12)

Have you responded to Jesus in faith?

See you soon, developing faith...

David

Historical Reference to Christianity

David South

The following excerpt was taken from the Annals of Tacitus, Book 15, section 44. Tacitus was a Roman historian, and this record was written about AD 115 (about 85 years after the death of Jesus). It starts by describing the source of the great fire in 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. Accordingly, an arrest was first made of all who pleaded guilty; then, upon their information, an immense multitude was convicted, not so much of the crime of firing the city, as of hatred against mankind. Mockery of every sort was added to their deaths. Covered with the skins of beasts, they were torn by dogs and perished, or were nailed to crosses, or were doomed to the flames and burnt, to serve as nightly illumination, when daylight had expired.

Nero offered his gardens for the spectacle, and was exhibiting a show in the circus, while he mingled with the people in the dress of a charioteer or stood aloft on a car. Hence, even for criminals who deserved extreme and exemplary punishment, there arose a feeling of compassion; for it was not, as it seemed, for the public good, but to glut one man's cruelty, that they were being destroyed.

In this written record one finds a historical, extrabiblical reference to the event central to the gospel. Tacitus, who was not a Christian, recorded that "Christus" was put to death by Pilate during the reign of the emperor Tiberius. (It seems important to note that Tacitus was not a Christian. He even appears hostile to Christianity, since he referred to it as a "mischievous superstition." This is important because it shows that he was not in any way biased in favor of Christianity). He also acknowledges that those who followed "Christus" took the name "Christians." Further, he indicated that by the time of the emperor Nero, Christianity had already made it as far as Rome – and that there was an "immense multitude" of Christians in Rome by then. This, of course, fits the description in the book of Acts about the widespread growth of the church. In about thirty years the gospel had grown enough that there could be an immense number of Christians as far away as Rome. Tacitus also gave a brief glimpse into the horrible treatment of Christians.

This historical reference buttresses the truth of the gospel record. Also, it provides an example of Christians who were so devoted to Christ that they would suffer horribly rather than deny him. May we all develop faith that deep.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Larry Knox, Jerry Mathis, Kay Michael, Mary Ann Morrison, Gary Rigney, Osby Riley

Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, Phil Adams, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Jaime Butrymoicz, 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, Larry King, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Judy Long, Regina Loring (sister of Gaythel Fisher), Carol Lynn, 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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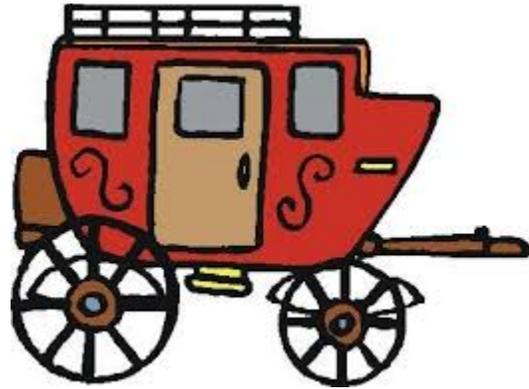
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Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	David Close
Opening Prayer	Matthew Mitchell
Sermon	Thomas Williams
Communion Preparation:	Bill & Robi Seward
Serve Communion:	Mitch Bradshaw, Alton Criswell, Darrell Dacus, Ed Dacus, Bob Karr, Tony Robinson, John Waddell, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Hampton & Hays Cox
AM Closing Prayer	Mark Mitchell
Nursery	Renee Brittain

5 PM WORSHIP

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Charlie Bryson
Sermon	Matt Mitchell
PM Closing Prayer	Mike Barrios
PM Nursery	Carol Spellings

BIBLE GOES WEST!



VBS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

June 10th - 13th

Each evening at 6:30 PM

Please bring cookies for treats!!

Please avoid cookies with peanut products since so many children have allergies to peanuts!



We are having some delicious meals and great fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Please sign the back of your attendance card and let us know how many in your family will be attending. The cost of the meal is \$6.00 and it is truly a bargain!

Our regular dinner menu as well as a salad bar is being offered. Choose either the meal or salad bar or add additional money for both!

**Wednesday Night
Dinner**

**Do you have a change of address
or a new phone number?
Have you done away with
your home land line phone?
Do you have a new e-mail address?
Please keep the church informed of any
changes that you have made.**

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everybody! I hope you all are doing wonderfully. This last Sunday we had the opportunity to honor our high school graduates. We had four this year: Matthew and Noah Robison, Anya Baker, and Kiersten Stokes. I'm very proud of all of them.

Graduation is a time of great transition, and transition is a difficult and confusing thing. Not only have they recently become legal adults, but they're preparing to leave the house for the first time. These sort of times are wonderful for growth, but can also be extremely challenging, especially spiritually. This week's article is a little shorter than usual, because I just have a simple request: I just want to ask all of you to keep these four in your prayers.

Pray that they remember how much God loves them. That these changes end up strengthening their faith. That they feel how much we as a congregation love them. I believe such prayers will be a very big blessing to them moving forward. Thank you and God bless!

Our VBS Begins ...

June 10th – June 13th



Come join the Bible stories, crafts, food, songs, fun and games each evening from 6:30 – 8:30 pm Sunday, June 10th through Wednesday, June 13th.



"It is confusing to give good advice while setting a bad example!"

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