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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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Over-what?!

In an older edition of Preacher Talk, Cecil May, Jr. included the following item:

A brother declined an invitation to speak saying, "Thank you, but I have overcalendarized myself."

"Overcalendarized." What a great word for our current culture. We have become busier and busier. Demands on our time seem to keep increasing. There always seems to be something else to do or somewhere else to be or someone else to meet. As it turns out, much of that busyness is because we "overcalendarize" ourselves. Some demands on our time are unavoidable, put there by the necessities of life. Many of those demands, however, we put there ourselves – and often enough we do it without appreciating that we are overextending ourselves.

Remember Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Consider Psalm 145:5, "On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate."

May we never so "overcalendarize" ourselves that we have no time for God and his business.

See you Sunday, on God's time... David

What's (Not) in the Bible?

David South

On my ten minute commute to work, I sometimes listen to the radio. Once on the morning after Easter, the radio spokesman was bemoaning how much money Americans spent on candy, clothes, and toys for Easter. He then made the remark that people had forgotten what Easter was really all about. (Many make the same kind of remark about Christmas every year). He never really said what the point of Easter was, he merely griped that people had missed the point. He then qualified his remarks by saying, "If you follow the Bible. Not everyone follows the Bible. And that's okay, it's your choice."

Really? "If you follow the Bible?" I have to wonder if he has any idea what is actually IN the Bible. The celebration of Easter is not. (By the way, neither is the celebration of Christmas). This is not a diatribe against Easter and Christmas. (I enjoy both holidays). It is intended as a reminder that not everything is actually in the Bible that many people think is in there. It seems that if enough people say often enough that something is in the Bible, it becomes accepted as being in the Bible.

The events upon which these two major celebrations are based ARE in the Bible, and they are major biblical events. The birth of Jesus is unique. God took on flesh (Jn. 1:1, 14). This has only happened once ever. For one to understand the full significance of it would demand considerable effort at study and contemplation. The resurrection of Jesus is just as significant. Jesus was able to conquer death. Because of his resurrection, his people are assured of being raised to live with him (1 Cor. 15:12-23; 2 Cor. 4:14). So, the events are real, and they are recorded in the Bible. What is NOT recorded in the Bible is any instruction for a yearly celebration of those events. Christmas and Easter celebrations are human inventions. Perhaps those inventions came from sincere, devout motives, but they are human inventions nonetheless. They are NOT in the Bible.

So, what should you do? Let me suggest at least three things: 1) Remember that just because someone (even the preacher!) says something is in the Bible does not mean it is. 2) READ the Bible for yourself, so that you will know what is in it. After all, it is God's word given to us to instruct us how to live (2 Tim. 3:16-17). 3) When someone claims that something is in the Bible, find out WHERE in the Bible it is. Look it up for yourself to see if the Bible really says what someone claims it says. This is especially important when it comes to understanding what the Bible says about salvation.

I accept that Christians have the right to esteem one day above another (Rom. 14). It seems to me that the celebration of Christmas and Easter fit into that category, at least to some extent. What causes me to cringe is to hear people claim that these celebrations are in the Bible. I cringe even more, though, when I hear people teach salvation plans which cannot be found in the Bible. Such important truths demand that we each seek out exactly what the Bible says about salvation.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Sue Adams, Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Jerry Mathis, Kay Michael, Mary Ann Morrison, Gary Rigney, Osby Riley, Ruth Sain, Jada South

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Jim Adams, Phil Adams, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Jaime Butrymoicz, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Van & Dorothy Criswell, Corrine Crowell, Tom Davidson, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Rose Franklin, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Dr. Heather Blackburn Irizarry, Bill Joshlin, Molly Kelly, Larry King, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Judy Long, Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Barry Mitchell, Sharon Olsen, Arthur Lee Poor, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Anita Thomsen, Ron Waddell, Eli Williams and William Wilson

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APRIL 15, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Matt Mitchell
Opening Prayer	Ron Hinton
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Wilbur & Kathy Betty
Serve Communion:	Tom Adams, Dane Dacus,
	Houston Dove, Knox Greer, Mark Hillis, Robert
	Jones, Garrett Pilgrim, Thomas Williams
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Jim Hubbert
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

Sunday Devo Service

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Mark Mitchell
Afternoon Devo	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Matt Mitchell
PM Nursery	Donna Mars

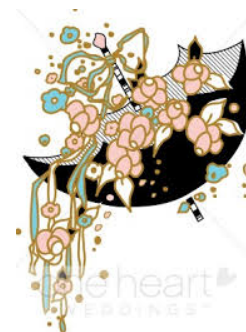
FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY SUNDAY!



Fellowship Meal

Don't forget this Sunday is our Friends and Family Day. We hope you have been inviting your friends and family to join us in worship! We will have a meal following our morning worship that will be prepared by our Wednesday night cooks. The menu will be: Chicken and Dressing and Cranberry Sauce, Turnip Greens, Sweet Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Rolls and Strawberry Shortcake. Members meal will be \$7 and \$3 for children 6 and under. Our guests will eat free.

BRIDAL SHOWER PLANNED



A bridal shower is planned for **Jessica Smith**, the bride-elect of **Jonathan Pilgrim**, on April 22nd here at the building between the hours of 2 – 4. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and on Amazon. If you would like to help with this shower, please call the church office.



We are having some wonderful meals and great fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. If you have not yet taken advantage of this special time together, why not give it a try. I think you will enjoy. 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!

FAMILY RETREAT

We have scheduled a date for our yearly Family Retreat. This year the dates are July 20 – 22 and we will be traveling to the Great Smokey Mountains. If you would like more details including cost of trip, please see Matt Mitchell. More information will be printed as details are available.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE

Garrett Tyler Pilgrim is a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Advertising with a minor in Marketing Summa Cum Laude at the Commencement Exercises on Saturday morning, May Fifth, Two Thousand Eighteen at nine o'clock at the Fed Ex Forum. Congratulations Garrett!

A request for all graduating students to turn in their graduation notices to the church office.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello all! Once again, I hope you are having a wonderful week. This past weekend, the twenties-and-thirties group had a “Guys Weekend” in Nashville. I was blessed to be able to go, along with some youth group members. There wasn't much on the schedule, as relaxation and Sabbath were the main goals of the trip, but I did want to tell you about our experience at a place called Top Golf.

If you've never been, Top Golf is basically a driving range with targets. The different targets give you different amounts of points. Some members of our group did a really great job, and made some great shots. I'll tell you honestly, I did not. No matter, how much I tried, no matter how much I focused, I seemed to always mess up some way or another. In fact, it seemed like the harder I tried, the worse my shots became!

You know when I had felt that way before? The times in my life where I have tried to overcome my own sin. It really is a pretty similar situation to me flailing my club around and getting nowhere! The more I try to be righteous by my own strength, the more I find myself failing. And when I make any progress, I immediately let it go to my head, which is being prideful, and then I'm back to square one. What am I supposed to do!

The answer to both situations is, of course, to stop trying to do it by myself. I finally made some progress with my golf game, when I humbled myself and asked the more experienced players for help. And the only way to overcome sin, is to humble yourself before the Father, and to let the Son guide your steps. I hope you all follow in His steps this week! God bless!

THANK YOU

A note of special thanks to everyone for their cards, calls, food and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Sue Adams

FREE AWARENESS TRAINING

Active shooter events can happen without warning and evolve quickly. However, you can train to survive. Having a heightened awareness and a plan can greatly increase your chances of walking away from this crime. A 90 minute lecture presentation that teaches citizens how to quickly and safely react by activating the “Run, Hide, Fight” defense response when seconds count. A public Active Shooter Awareness Training will be held on Saturday, April 28, at 9:30 am and again at 1:30 PM at 1075 Mullins Station Road, Memphis, TN 38104. To register visit www.staysafeshelby.us or call 901-222-6706.

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