



# Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## Marvelous

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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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**What does it take to amaze you? What do you consider “marvelous?”**

**In dealing with those who rejected him and his authority, Jesus quoted Psalm 118:22-23 and applied it to himself. “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes” (Mt. 21:42).**

**Jesus is the living cornerstone of God’s living house, the church (1 Pet. 2:4-8). One might even think bigger and see Jesus as the cornerstone of all the spiritual blessings God offers humanity (Eph. 1:3-14).**

**The comparison is based on a common image of house construction. In that setting, stone houses depended upon the right stone as cornerstone in order to be stable. Thus, the builders would search for just the right stone to use in that capacity. The religious leaders of God’s people rejected Jesus, but God chose him to be the cornerstone.**

**God chose for Jesus to enter the world in the form of a poor carpenter’s son from Galilee. That life, death, and resurrection would form the foundation for salvation and the church. Does that bore you? Does that seem too insignificant to be the focus of all that we are and do? Does the church seem unimportant? Never! It is the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes!**

***See you Sunday, loving the gospel...***

***David***

## Some Practical Suggestions for Public Praying

David South

Praying is one aspect of the worship we offer to God when we assemble as his people. Here are some words of advice on the practical side of our public prayers. Some of these apply to the one leading and others apply to the rest of those in the assembly.

1. The men lead the praying (1 Tim. 2:8; 1 Cor. 14:34-35).
2. The one leading should speak so that everyone can understand (1 Cor. 14:16-17).
3. Remember that you are speaking to God for the group. This entails a few items.
  - a. Resist the urge to preach. Certainly others can learn from well-led public prayers. But the one leading must remember that he is not preaching to the congregation, he is appealing to God.
  - b. Include those items to which others can relate. There likely are some matters you would include in your private prayers that do not belong in public prayers.
  - c. Avoid cliches that may not have much meaning to those assembled. The prayer needs to make sense and needs to be meaningful.
  - d. There is no need to try to impress people. The purpose is to lead others in approaching the Almighty in prayer.
4. Prayers are not merely the markers for the beginning or ending of an assembly. In fact, the “opening prayer” usually is not at the beginning of the service. It seems like a good idea to begin and end any assembly with prayer. Such is not required by Scripture, however. Also, there could be more prayers in an assembly than just two. The point here is simply the reminder that prayers are more than just an opening or a closing to an assembly. They are meaningful parts of our worship.
5. Plan ahead for your prayer. It is even okay for you to write out your prayer ahead of time and read it as your prayer. We *do* usually know ahead of time who will be leading the prayers during our worship assemblies. (Many thanks to Mark Mitchell, who works diligently to organize our worship assemblies). Worship should not happen by accident. We are coming into God’s presence with worship. We should not appear before him in any kind of haphazard way with our praying. If you do write out your prayer ahead of time, be prepared for last-minute additions, as some urgent prayer requests are bound to arise.
6. The congregation should listen carefully and participate in heart and mind. It is not time for the mind to wander and ponder unrelated things.
7. Members should make prayer needs known. We want to include your needs, but cannot if we do not know them. If possible, do not wait until the last second to make your needs known, since that puts undue pressure on the prayer leader.
8. Church goers are typically sensitive to noise levels during prayers. While this is fitting to any part of an assembly, it is quite noticeable during the praying.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

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

### Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, David Bartley, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, Jaime Butrymoicz (request prayers, sister of David South), 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 (daughter of Sadie Holliday), Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Sharon Olsen, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Eli Williams 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, Jane Nolen #205 & Clara Shipman #160 at 7820 Walking-Horse Cr, Germantown, TN 38138, Ruth Sain is at 6539 Knight Arnold Rd, Room 103A, Memphis, TN 38115, phone 365-9095.

## TO SERVE MARCH 4, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	David Close
Opening Prayer	Bob Karr
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Dennis & Annette Sangster
Serve Communion:	Dan Amar, Ed Dacus, Jim Hubbert, Ryan Hubbert, Tony Robinson, John Waddell, Keith Williams, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Owen Miller & Eli Robinson
AM Closing Prayer	Jerry Brown
Nursery	Renee Brittain

### Sunday Evening Worship

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Thomas Williams
PM Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Larry Knox
PM Nursery	Carol Spellings

## AREA-WIDE WORSHIP

This Sunday evening, March 4<sup>th</sup>, will be the area-wide 5:00 pm worship service that will be at the Germantown Church of Christ, 8723 Poplar Pike. This year's theme: "Our Journey of Faith" will host speakers Dwight Albright (Park Ave) and Don Burnell Holly (Norris Rd). Services will end no later than 6:15.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

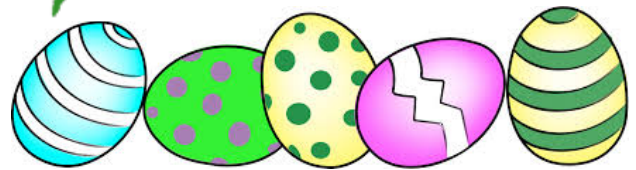
There will be a "Come and Go Bridal Shower" for Bethany Wilson on March 18<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 4 at the church building. She is registered at Target and online at Amazon. Jackie is collecting recipes for Bethany for a special WH cookbook. Please turn in your favorite recipes asap to Jackie Wilson.



We are also planning a Bridal Shower for Jessica Smith, bride-elect of Jonathan Pilgrim whose wedding will be May 11<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking hostesses for that shower. If you would like to help, please call the church office.

## JUST A REMINDER

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**"NEXT SUNDAY"**  
*March 11<sup>th</sup>*  
*We will begin*  
*Daylight Savings Time!*



## EASTER EGG HUNT AND PICNIC

*March 31*

*12:00 Noon*

*at the Pavilion.*

Make your plans to attend, and let's start gathering those individually wrapped candy-filled eggs now. You may begin bringing them any time now.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Noah Robison, who has been selected as Salutatorian for Harding Academy Class of 2018. We are proud of you Noah.

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everybody! Hope you have felt God's blessings in your life this week! I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you about the new Sunday morning class that we will be starting.

Having just finished up our study on Lamentations, we will be moving on to a "Questions class." A couple weeks ago I had members of our youth group submit spiritual questions they may have. This could be something like: "What does this specific verse mean?" or "Why is this issue considered a sin?" I have had some very thought-provoking responses and have decided to devote our next Sunday morning class to take these questions one at a time and study them. I think one of the greatest lessons that young people can learn about faith is that it is perfectly natural to have questions. I also want to instill in them the desire to turn to Scripture and study for answers to the questions they have. Not every single question will have a simple, cut-and-dried answer, but taking time to gain a deeper knowledge of what Scripture says on a subject will always grow our faith.

We're excited for the opportunity for faith to grow through this class. As always, I ask for your prayers that this endeavor will help our young people become more like Christ. Thank you and God bless!



## 2018 TORCH MISSION TRIP

June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 8<sup>th</sup> are the dates for the Summer 2018 Torch Mission trip to Honduras. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the 13 individuals from Woodland Hills that will be making this trip.

## THOUGHTS TO PONDER...

"Give Satan an inch & he'll be a ruler."

"Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew."

"It's a paradox that most people who make a fuss about Bible versions don't read it anyway."

"The chances are about 10 to 1 that when someone slaps you on the back, he wants you to cough up something."

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