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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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Wickedness and Violence

“The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord’s throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test, the children of man. The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence” (Ps. 11:4-5).

This psalm reminds us that God is truly God. He resides in heaven. He is the one who is above all. He is the one who sees all. He is the one who is able to judge all. And then we are told that he hates wickedness and violence.

So what? Here’s what: let us imitate God in that we learn to hate wickedness and violence. There is far too much wickedness and violence in our world – even in our own city. Let us resolve to work out any differences we have with others in a calm, non-violent way. Let us seek to live righteous lives in honor of our God in heaven above. Let us pursue a lifestyle that is pleasing in his eyes instead of hated in his eyes.

See you Sunday, at peace...

David

Blessing in Persecution

David South

In the beatitude section of the sermon on the mount, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 5:10). Persecution takes many forms, none of them pleasant. But, if one is persecuted for the sake of righteousness, then there is some glory connected to it. This deserves a bit of consideration.

First of all, let us be clear what this is NOT. Being persecuted for your faith is not the same thing as being persecuted while you have faith. Peter warned Christians not to suffer because they did wrong, but if they suffered for serving Christ, then there was cause for rejoicing (1 Pet. 4:15-16). In this part of the sermon on the mount, Jesus was not referring to any and all suffering. People suffer for a variety of reasons. This passage is not about sickness or natural calamity. This passage is about those who suffer because they are pursuing righteousness. Let me clear: Jesus does care about all the suffering you endure (cf. 1 Pet. 5:7). My point is that this beatitude is not about all suffering. It is about those who are made to suffer precisely because they are following Jesus.

Some are merely reaping what they have sown rather than suffering for the cause of Christ. You cannot misbehave and claim that your suffering has come about because you were serving Jesus. Misbehavior does not only include works of the flesh like drunkenness and immorality; it also includes doing religious things improperly or for wrong reasons (cf. Mt. 7:21-23). Just because you call Jesus’ name over something does not mean it is his. You can *call* yourself a Christian, but that by itself does not make you one. You can *say* you are doing what is righteous, but that by itself does not make what you are doing righteous.

To suffer because you preach the truth in a hateful spirit does not mean you are suffering for the sake of righteousness. You very well might be suffering because you are mean-spirited. The people of Jesus are obligated to speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

To misdefine righteousness and suffer for pursuing it is not to suffer for righteousness’ sake. It was just after this that Jesus urged people to exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. If not, you will not enter the kingdom (5:20). Later in this same sermon, Jesus said explicitly that there would be many in the day of judgment who would claim to have been very active religiously in Jesus’ name, but he would not recognize them (7:21-23).

It is interesting to add verse 11: “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.” So, in verse 10 the persecution is stated to be because of righteousness, and in verse 11 it is stated to be because of Jesus. To pursue righteousness the way God defines it is the same as striving to follow Jesus. Jesus gave the instructions and the example for righteous living.

Jesus then explained why there was joy to be found even though one was made to suffer (12). Those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake can rejoice because their “reward is great in heaven.” Let us be true to Jesus even if it costs – especially if it costs!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Rebecca Karr, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison

Our Friends/Relatives: Jim Adams, Lillie Baker, David Bartley, LaVerne Baxter, Carla Bray, Jan Burks, Shelby Callahan, Garrett Carroll, Ramona Carter, Dan Clemenz, Byron Coleman, Todd Collier, Gabbi Cook, Colby Cresswell, Corrine Crowell, Brittney Dailey, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, David Dudek, Roy Ghormley, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Chris Houston, Dr. Heather Blackburn Irizarry, Bill Joshlin, Molly Kelly, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Judy Long, Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Sharon Olsen, Billy Joe & Brenda Powers, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Bill Simmons, Cindy Soenkson, Charles South, Larry Wilkinson, Connie Waddell, Ron Waddell and William Wilson

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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, Mary Ann Morrison, 10083 Cross Valley Drive, Cordova 38018, Jane Nolen #205 & Clara Shipman #160 at 7820 Walking-Horse Cr., Germantown, TN 38138, Ruth Sain is at Carriage Court of Memphis, 1645 W. Massey Road, Apt. #314, Memphis, TN 38120, phone 365-9095.

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Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Thomas Williams
Opening Prayer	Dan Amar
Scripture Reading	Bob Karr
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Ron & Betty Barker
Serving Communion:	Darrell Dacus, Chris Essary, Bill Estes, Robert Jones, Bill Seward, John Waddell, Keith Williams, James Wilson
Pick Up Cards	Owen Miller & Eli Robinson
AM Closing Prayer	Lon Maynard
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

After Lunch Devotional

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Mike Barrios
Afternoon Devotional	David South
Closing Prayer	John Waddell
Nursery	Donna Mars



Fellowship Meal

This Sunday will be our 3rd Sunday luncheon following our morning worship. This week our cooks are preparing chicken and dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans and banana pudding. Please pay at the door. Ages 6 and above will be \$7.00 and young children \$3.50.

NEW MEMBER

Welcome to **Kerwin May** who has expressed his desire to work and worship with us here at Woodland Hills. His address is 9955 Spillway Circle, Apt. 104, Cordova, TN 38016; phone 872-226-5884.

FAMILY EVENT CALENDAR

Feb 15 Parents Night out hosted by WHYG 4:30-8:00
Feb 21 – Singing at Tretiakov’s 6:00 pm - Bring finger foods
April 20 – Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic - 11:00 am
June 1 – VBS Workday
June 9 – 12 – VBS – Theme this year is “Noah”
July 12-14 Family Retreat – The Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY

*If you are interested in hosting a singing night at your house, please see Matt Mitchell.

* Softball: If anyone would like to play Men’s church league softball, please Matt Mitchell. Games are on Thursday evening from April to July in Germantown.

THANK YOU

Have you noticed the new paint job on the walls in the gym and the drive-under canopy outside? Thanks to Larry Knox and Mike Barrios for their time and efforts to keep our building looking nice.

WANT TO HELP?

Do you have time or interest in helping with an older patient who just needs some extra help? See Pat Thomas for further information.





**Why not join us each week for a great home style meal? Only \$6
Please sign the back of your attendance card the individuals who will be attending this week!**

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Bible class is back in session after a brief recess. Come on Tuesday morning at 10:00 for a great class and great fellowship.

YOUTH CORNER

By: Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! I hope that you all are having a blessed week. This week I want to talk about the power of spending time-together. You see, part of my responsibilities in the role of youth minister is to try and build relationships with the teens. I have tried many different ways of encouraging relationships, but the number one factor that correlates to a deeper connection is almost always simply- time spent together.

That's what is so essential about our weekly worship and Bible studies, and why we seek to supplement these times with game nights and retreats. Time spent with one another brings us closer together.

With that in mind, I'm reminded of Deuteronomy 6:

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

We need to follow the example from the Old Covenant, and make sure we are consistently and constantly taking the Words of Life with us. Spending time together with Lord and his Word, so that we might draw closer and closer to Him. Spend time together with God today, and tomorrow, and forever. God Bless!

LET'S SING

Viktor and Lynn Tretiakova are hosting a night of singing on February 21st at 6:00 pm, at their home, 60 Countrywood Lane, Oakland. Please bring finger foods. If you love to sing, plan on this wonderful evening of song, fellowship and good food. Phone 901-509-1094.

AREA-WIDE WORSHIP

The next area-wide worship service has been scheduled for 5:00 pm, March 3rd, at the Germantown Church of Christ. The theme this year will be "Our Journey of Faith." More information at a later date.

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