



## Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## Exercise, Exercise, Exercise

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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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I know exercise is important, so I am always exercising. I run my mouth. I jump to conclusions. I bend the rules. I throw a fit. (When I am a bit tired, I only pitch a fit). I stretch the truth. I push my luck. I jump the gun. I throw caution to the wind. I sling mud. I throw good money after bad. I sometimes run a fever. I used to run a comb through my hair. On rare occasions, I toss my cookies. With all that exercise, it is no wonder I am so tired.

Run, jump, bend, stretch, push, throw, pitch, sling, toss. All these are good exercise words. Of course, the way they are used above is not at all about exercise. One lesson that can be learned from this “exercise” is that it is more than just the meanings of words that is important – it is the meanings of words in specific contexts. Sometimes words are used in figurative speech. For example, when one properly sorts out the context, he or she understands that Jesus was not urging people literally to cut off a hand or tear out an eye (Mt. 5:27-30). He was emphasizing the magnitude of the danger of sin. Let us work to recognize the various figures of speech used in Scripture so that we properly interpret and apply God's word.

*See you Sunday, walking with God... David*

## **Dribbling in the Mud**

David South

Mudslinging is nothing new to the world of politics. Because of Daniel's honored position in the eyes of Darius, other officials tried to find a way to discredit him. They could find no malfeasance in the way he did his governmental duties nor moral flaws in the way he lived (Dan. 6:1-4). (Wow. Wouldn't it be nice if we could say that about our government officials). Not willing to give up, those conniving officials decided to use Daniel's religion against him. They knew how devoted he was to serving God (Dan. 6:5). They were able to persuade the king to enact a law forbidding anyone from presenting a petition to any person or deity – except they could present a petition to the king himself (Dan. 6:6-9). Perhaps they were successful because this endeavor played on the king's ego.

Here's the interesting part: after Daniel knew that the law had been enacted, he went into his room to pray, as was his usual custom (Dan. 6:10). He did not allow that kingly prohibition to stop him from praying to God like he had always done. Daniel was determined to keep his connection to God – even if it meant being thrown to the lions.

Daniel's connection to God made an impact in his life. He did his job with integrity. He lived his life in purity. And he served God faithfully. His connection to God was so important to him that he refused to compromise it for political gain, for personal pleasure, or to avoid hardship.

My seventh grade basketball coach tried to inspire determination in the hearts of a group of gangly thirteen-year-old boys. He told of his own aspirations in younger days to make the school basketball team. He would go to the school gym to see the team leave on the bus for an away game. He would then hide in the gym before it was locked so that he could practice basketball after they left. He would also go outside and practice dribbling the basketball in the mud to develop his skill. (Some try to advance themselves by slinging mud at their opponent. Others try to advance themselves by hard work – like dribbling in the mud). His determination paid off. He became a rising star in college basketball before knee trouble cut his career short.

Those who are determined find ways to accomplish what is important to them. For Daniel, it was the determination to stay close to God regardless of the obstacles or repercussions. For Coach Hinds it was determination to make the team regardless how hard he had to practice. Just how determined are we to serve our Lord Jesus Christ? Determination does not look for excuses; determination looks for opportunities.

When the going gets tough, the tough dribble in the mud.

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Mike Kilmer, John Knight, Jerry Mathis, Mary Ann Morrison, Ruth Sain

### Our Friends/Relatives:

Jim Adams, David Bartley, Lillie Baker, Lynn Brittain, Jan Burks, 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, Richard Franke, Rose Franklin, Kristy Hearn, Eleanor & Jordan Herron, Dr. Heather Blackburn Irizarry, Bill Joshlin, Molly Kelly, Larry King, Christian Krogh, James Langston, Carol Lynn, David & Wayne McMillan, Sheryl Menz, Barry Mitchell, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Eli Williams and William Wilson

### In Assisted/Senior Living/Homebound:

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## TO SERVE JANUARY 21, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Thomas Williams
Opening Prayer	David Close
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation	Robert & Pat King
Serve Communion: Knox Greer, Charlie Bryson, Riley Hubbert, Ron Hinton, Charles Mars, Bill Seward, Jacob Maynard, Bill Estes	
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Spencer Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Keith Williams
Nursery	Lisa & Erin Greer

### Sunday Afternoon Devo

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Charles Mars
PM Sermon	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Mark Mitchell
PM Nursery	Donna Mars

## TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Morning Bible Class will resume this week at 10:00 am on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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 begin to think and pray about attending! Please see Matt Mitchell for answers to your questions.

## WEDNESDAY DINNER

Please sign the back of your card with the number in your family attending the Wednesday night meal. Our dinners have been a great success as well as the food and fellowship. Won't you consider joining us?



## SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Ron and Diane Hinton in the recent loss of Diane's father, Daniel Rokitka. Funeral service was held on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

Former members who recently passed away are Mary Helen Sartain and Don Agnew. We extend our sympathy to those families as well.

## NEW MEMBER

Welcome to Mrs. Minnie Gray, mother of our Marti McClendon. Mrs. Gray lives with her daughter at 2264 Forest Hill Irene Road N, Cordova, TN 38016. Mrs. Gray, we are so glad to have you worshipping here at Woodland Hills with us.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER

This past week has been pretty cold and driving our vehicles has been difficult. In spite of the weather, we had a lot of folks worship with us last Sunday at 2 pm after the roads had cleared to some degree. In the future, we will try to post closings on TV stations 3, 5 and 13 if possible and also send message by phone tree. That being said, please be sure to keep the church office informed of any address and/or phone changes so we can keep our system updated.

## WELCOME HOME

So thankful to have Brother South safely back home after teaching these past two weeks in Seoul, Korea.

## REMEMBER

We will have a devo following our meal together and the 5 pm worship service is canceled for tonight.

## YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hi there! I don't know how your week has gone, but we in the Youth group kind of had a disappointing one. We have been planning and looking forward to attending the GULF youth rally since we got back from it last year. But unfortunately, the weather kept us from attending this past weekend. In an attempt to salvage some fellowship out of the weekend, we planned a get together of all the Memphis area churches who were not able to go either, but we ended up having to cancel that as well! No way around it, it was disappointing.

But reflecting on it today, it just makes me think of James chapter 4. We made plans like the business men back then: "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town...". We may have not been planning to make a profit, but we did have plans. But we don't know what tomorrow may bring. For all we know, a cold front is just around the corner! As our plans get pushed this way and that, I pray that we be content with whatever happens, and we seek the Lord's will in every circumstance. We don't want to boast in our arrogance, but humbly submit to the will of the Father.

I hope you all have a blessed week. Stay safe out there!



## Soup & Chili TODAY

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Luncheon  
January 21<sup>st</sup>

Bring your favorites, sides and desserts!

**“At the end of the day, you’ll not remember the person with the beautiful face, but you’ll remember the person with the most beautiful heart and soul.”**

Unknown