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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.
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Paul and the Laodiceans

Did you know that Paul had something in common with the Laodiceans? Paul wrote about himself because of the struggle with sin: “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” (Rom. 7:24). Jesus said about the Laodiceans due to their lukewarmness: “For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked” (Rev. 3:17). Both Paul and the Laodiceans were described as “wretched.” This is from the Greek word *talaiporos*, which occurs only these two times in the New Testament. (Its cognates occur a few more times, but this adjective only occurs twice). The word seems to carry the idea of being burdened down by a significant weight. That weight could be the trials of life, for example. Perhaps the point in both of these passages, however, is the weight of sin. The biggest difference between Paul and the Laodiceans is that Paul recognized it and the Laodiceans did not. Paul went on to write next: “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! (Rom. 7:25). Jesus told the Laodiceans to be zealous and repent (Rev. 3:19).

We must be aware of how much we still need God’s grace and forgiveness, which he offers through Jesus. We must always be zealous and willing to repent.

See you Sunday, thankful for God’s grace...

David

Survey of Hosea

David South

1. Hosea prophesied in the middle part of the 700s BC. It is difficult to be precise about the years. One could posit the possibilities by dating the kings mentioned in verse 1.
2. Hosea was a prophet to both Israel and Judah (1:1), but the material found in this book is mostly about Israel. Perhaps he continued to do work in Judah as a prophet after he finished his work in Israel. Jeroboam in Israel reigned until about the year 750 BC. But, Hezekiah in Judah did not even begin until about 716 BC. So, perhaps Hosea spent significant time doing prophetic work in Judah – about which we know almost nothing.
3. The first three chapters focus on Hosea’s home life. God told him to marry a prostitute, named Gomer. His marriage would serve as an illustration of God’s relationship with Israel. Just like Gomer became unfaithful to Hosea, so Israel had become unfaithful to God. Just like God told Hosea to go redeem Gomer (3), God was willing to redeem his people if they would repent.
4. His three children also served as illustrations of God’s relationship with Israel.
 - a. Jezreel (1:4-5) – “God scatters” or “God sows.” This seems to be used with both possibilities as a pun in Hosea’s prophecies.
 - b. Loruhamah (1:6-7) – “No mercy.” God will have no mercy on Israel.
 - c. Loammi (1:8-11) – “Not my people.” This seems to be used in two ways. Israel would not be God’s people anymore. Then, those who were not God’s people would become God’s people. Connect 1:8-10 and 2:23 with Rom. 9:25-26.
5. The oracles of Hosea, contained in chapters 4-14, are difficult to organize and outline. They all deal with Israel’s idolatry, general disobedience, and lack of knowledge of God’s will. They also describe God’s anger and the punishment to be meted out due to their rebellion.
6. Note 4:6 for a reference to their lack of knowledge – and its result. Rejection and destruction are the results of a lack of knowledge of God’s will.
7. The eighth century BC seemed to be a time of prosperity for both Israel and Judah. Note that their prosperity led to greater sin rather than to greater devotion to God (4:7).
8. Hosea used a variety of imagery and literary tactics to present God’s message to Israel.
9. There is an emphasis on the exodus from Egypt, which served as the beginning point of their relationship with God as a kingdom (2:15; 11:1; 12:9, 13; 13:4). There is also, then, the promise that they will “go back to Egypt” (7:16; 8:13; 9:3, 6). The point is not that they would literally return to Egypt. Indeed, they were sent to Assyria (11:5). The point seems to be that God would “undo” their connection to him. Since the exodus from Egypt marked them as God’s people, their “return to Egypt” would make them “not God’s people” (Loammi). It was not a literal return to Egypt, but when God sent them to Assyria, they would not be his people anymore.

OUR PRAYER LIST



Our Woodland Hills Members:

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Alosha Shmetter – grandson of Viktor Tretiakov
Bill Simmons – Brother of Nancy Waddell
Charles South – Father of David South
Chuck South – Son of David & Barbie South

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September 15, 2019 Assignments

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Mike Barrios
Opening Prayer	Jim Brown
Scripture Reading	Jacob Maynard
AM Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Lon & Tiffany Maynard
Serving Communion:	Ron Barker, David Close, Alton Criswell, Ed Dacus, Robert Jones, Bob Karr, Matt Mitchell, Bill Seward
Pick Up Cards	Caleb Sanders & Creede Criswell
AM Closing Prayer	Mike Barrios
Nursery	Lisa Greer and Erin Greer

TODAY IS OUR 3rd SUNDAY POTLUCK MEAL



**Guests We Invite
You to Stay and
Eat With Us!**

FOREST HILL EVENTS

The **Forest Hill Church of Christ** invites you to join them for a gospel meeting, **September 27-29** with speaker Clay Bond at **7 pm** on Friday and Saturday evening and a Ladies Day on Saturday morning, **September 28th** with speaker, Carlie Bond. Registration and Breakfast begins at **8:30 am**. Pre-registration available at www.foresthillcofc.org.

Also **October 18-19** will be their 4th **Annual World Evangelism Seminar**. “**Plant and Water - God Will Give the Increase**” will be their theme and begins at **6:30 pm on Friday and 9:00 am on Saturday**. A brochure with more details is on the bulletin board near the gym.



Trick R Trunk is scheduled for Sunday evening, **October 27th, at 5 pm**. It's not too early to be thinking and planning for this event.

HONDURAS 2020

The Honduras/Torch Mission Trip dates have been adjusted to: **Monday, June 29th – Thursday, July 9th**. An informational meeting will be held on September 29th following AM service. A \$100 deposit and application due date is October 31st. Hope you can make it! See Matt with questions. 

SURVEY

There are survey sheets on the table in the foyer, or on Facebook (Woodland Hills Group account) or on our web page www.woodlandhillschurch.com. Please take the time to fill out and return the survey sheet as soon as possible. We want your opinions.

GOSPEL SINGINGS PLANNED

An outdoor gospel singing is planned for **September 21st at 7:00 pm**. The event will be held at the **Bolivar Farmers Market** 110 Lafayette St, Bolivar unless raining and then it will be moved to the Bolivar Church of Christ.

Also the **Quail Ridge Church of Christ** is hosting an area-wide congregational gospel singing on **November 2, at 6:00 pm**. Men, if you would like to lead some songs, please contact Mike Holt by email, wholt3@bellsouth.net no later than **October 6th**. Songs will be programmed onto their computer ahead of time. Additional details given in a brochure on the bulletin board near the gym.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone, hope you enjoyed your Labor Day weekend! I myself had the opportunity to have my family come to Memphis for a wedding. There are very few blessings as great as being with family! Today I want to take a step out of the church building, and share just a few snapshots into the lives of our teens.

One of the best parts of my job is the opportunity to be a part of the youth group's daily lives; getting to see them in places besides the pew or the YAC. This past week, I got to attend a soccer game and a marching band performance in which our teens participated. Everyone did wonderful! And those are just the day-to-day events. In the last couple weeks we also had a 16th birthday, a first job, a first car, a historic volleyball serve, and so many other awesome experiences.

Our time together as a church is one of the most important things in our lives. But all of us have to go out into the world, and live out the lessons that we learn together. Please keep our teens in your prayers. Give thanksgiving for how they have been blessed, and offer petition that they might stay committed to following Christ in every part of their lives. Thank you and God Bless!

OUT OF DARKNESS WALK



The Out of the Darkness Walk is **Saturday, October 19th at 9 am** at the Botanic Gardens. See Mark or Kerry Mitchell for further information. "James Journeymen" t-shirts are also being sold this year for \$20. All proceeds benefit AFSP. See Matt Mitchell to get a t-shirt. Payment/sign-up due by **September 30th**.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Kerwin May in the death of his cousin, Sandra White of Corpus Cristi, TX. Sandra had battled cancer for some time.

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