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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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How Can We Best Serve Jesus?

Jesus confronted those who had corrupted God's law with their own traditions (Mt. 15:1-20). They enforced certain traditions as equal to God's law (2). They devised traditions that allowed them to ignore part of God's law (3-6). Any human tradition that supplants God's law ought to be rejected. One must be cautious, however, in taking the approach that condemns every human tradition. Jesus did not condemn all human tradition – just those that interfered with serving God faithfully.

Churches ought to spend some time sorting out their own traditions to see if they are best serving God. For example, having Bible classes on Sunday mornings, Tuesday mornings, and Wednesday nights is nowhere required by Scripture. It is allowed by Scripture, but not required. Meeting twice to worship on Sunday is nowhere required by Scripture. Assembling to worship on Sunday IS required, but assembling twice is not required. Traditions can be good and helpful in our service to Jesus. We must make sure that we are serving Jesus the best way that we can. Thus, we must never allow our traditions to become entrenched as equal with God's law. Also, we must always be willing to revisit those traditions to see if they need to be changed so that we can serve Jesus better some other way.

See you Sunday, serving Jesus...

David

Thinking About Grace

David South

Grace is a topic that deserves much of our attention. We need to study everything that the Bible says about grace. We know that the concept of grace is used to indicate the showing of favor that is not earned. It is interesting to notice that the word “grace” is used in a variety of ways in the New Testament. The word shows up 124 times in the English Standard Version of the New Testament. Consider a few passages.

The word “grace” was used to refer to miraculous gifts (1 Cor. 1:4-5; 1 Pet. 4:10-11). Of course, it was the favor of God that bestowed these gifts upon people.

Paul referred to his apostleship as being bestowed by the grace of God (1 Cor. 3:10; 15:9-10). Certainly Paul recognized that he did not deserve such an exalted job.

Paul attributed his godly lifestyle to grace (2 Cor. 1:12). Could it be that he meant he learned how to live a godly life by grace? Grace does teach humans how to live (Tit. 2:11-14). That is, we have such instruction only because God has shown us favor. God does not owe us the instruction that leads to right living. By his grace he has offered us that priceless guidance through the Bible.

The word “grace” was used to refer to generous giving (2 Cor. 8:1, 6-7, 19). Since we are the followers of the God of grace, we also become people who operate out of grace toward others.

The word “grace” was used to refer to material blessings in general (2 Cor. 9:8). Remember, anything we have is ultimately a gift from God. He has been quite generous. His generosity to us enables and motivates us to be generous to others.

Grace was given before the world began, but it was not made known in full until Jesus came and died on the cross (2 Tim. 1:8-10). Grace brings salvation; appeared to all humans; and teaches how to live (Tit. 2:11-14). You can continue in it (Acts 13:43), stand in it (Rom. 5:2; 1 Pet. 5:12), and grow in it (2 Pet. 3:18). These last three are things that are up to us to do. Unfortunately, grace can also be perverted (Jude 4), so that we must give attention to what is the *true* grace of God (1 Pet. 5:12).

When all is considered carefully, one is even more overwhelmed with how gracious God is to us every day. And while that is overwhelming, it is no surprise, since he is the God of all grace (1 Pet. 5:10). Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Sue Adams, Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, John Knight, Bill Lewelling, 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, Brittney Daily, Tom Davidson, Sharon Davis, Eleanor Donald, Rose Franklin, Roy Ghormley, 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, Sharon Olsen, Arthur Lee Poor, Keith Ricks, Selina Rivieria, Charles South, Amanda Spears, Anita Thomsen, Ron Waddell, Eli Williams and William Wilson

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MAY 20, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Thomas Williams
Opening Prayer	John Waddell
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	David and Dee Close
Serve Communion:	Charlie Bryson, David Close,
	Chris Essary, Bill Estes, Ron Hinton, Riley Hubbert,
	Jacob Maynard, Bill Seward
Pick Up Cards	Spencer Dacus & Chase Dacus
AM Closing Prayer	Dick Holt
Nursery	Lisa and Erin Greer

Sunday Devo Service Following Meal

PM Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
PM Opening Prayer	Mark Hillis
Devo	David South
PM Closing Prayer	Kenny Cox
PM Nursery	Kathy Hillis

POT LUCK MEAL THIS SUNDAY!

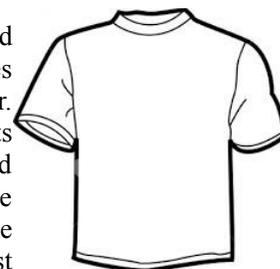


Bring your favorite dishes to share with our guests and with others attending!

VBS will be here soon!
June 10 – 13
Workday – June 2

SHIRTS FOR SALE!

T-shirts of all sizes and colors and messages are on tables near the rear entrance of the foyer. These are miscellaneous t-shirts left over from events and are sized from 2T to 4X. Feel free to take as many as you would like whether to wear, give away or just use as cleaning cloths. We ask that you donate whatever you feel is appropriate and put the cash/check in the box at the display. 100% of the proceeds will go toward the 2018 Honduras trip fund. Thank you.



Wednesday Night Dinner

We are having some delicious meals and great fellowship on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. 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!

Our regular dinner menu as well as a salad bar is being offered.. Choose either the meal or salad bar or add additional money for both!

This week, try to send a card to one of our shut-ins. Their addresses are listed under the Prayer List in the Assisted/Senior Living/Homebound.

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello everyone! I hope you have had a great week. This past week, I was blessed with the opportunity to see a number of soccer games that members of our Youth group participated in. In fact, in one game we had a player from Woodlands Hills on each team. I was thankful when the teams tied, because I was cheering for both!

As I watched the teams play, I was reflecting on all the benefits that playing a sport brings. Not only do you learn the importance of teamwork, of being a gracious winner and a patient loser, but it also very healthy and is a good source of physical training. All of these benefits are wonderful and important, but I was also reminded of verse 8 from 1 Timothy 4, "For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come."

Playing a sport and keeping your body healthy is wonderful. But what is so much greater is taking the time to train ourselves up in godliness. Please pray that the youth group, as well as the whole church, might continue to effectively train ourselves for godliness. Thank you and God bless!

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY IS MAY 27th!



Our annual Senior Recognition ceremony will be held after services on Sunday, May 27th, at 11:15 am. We have four graduates we are honoring this year. Kiersten Stokes, Anya Baker, Matthew Robison and Noah Robison.

Please be planning to attend this event and have your graduation cards ready!

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