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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.
(Attended Nursery at all svcs.)

*No 5:00 p.m. service on the third Sunday of the month

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Wilderness Warning

Paul compared the Christian experience to the Israelite Exodus experience (1 Cor. 10:1-13). In the process, he urged Christians to avoid the sins that brought down the Israelites in the wilderness:

Do not desire evil (6).

Do not be idolators (7).

Do not indulge in sexual immorality (8)

Do not put Christ to the test (9).

Do not grumble (10).

Then, he urged Christians not to think that they were above temptation. "Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall" (12). Just like the Israelites fell in the wilderness after they had escaped their Egyptian slavery, Christians can fall after they have escaped their slavery to sin. Most of those Israelites did not enter their promised land – Canaan. They fell in the wilderness. Do not fall in this worldly wilderness, O Christian!

See you Sunday, staying faithful...

David

“Attend the Church of Your Choice”?

David South

Few things catch one’s attention and stick in one’s mind as well as a well-turned phrase. Few things seem to motivate a group as much as a catchy slogan. The catchier the better, it seems. Think of some of the slogans or sayings that easily come to mind. Maybe you remember these: “The early bird gets the worm.” “Haste makes waste.” “Where there’s a will there’s a way.” “You’ve made your bed, now lie in it.” “Good to the last drop.” “Honesty is the best policy.”

A good friend of mine used to say his favorite was: “Never judge a man until you have walked a mile in his moccasins.” He would then explain, “After all, that way you are a mile away from him, and you have his moccasins.” Of course, this was not the intent of that slogan. And, that is part of the problem with slogans – they can be reinterpreted to suit the one using them. Catchy slogans can be powerful motivators. They can be convincing tools in skillful hands. The problem is that the power may be only in the “catchiness.” No matter how catchy, if it is human in origin it is not necessarily true. The intent here is merely to urge you to be careful which slogans you allow to shape your convictions. One particular, popular example comes to mind.

One slogan that caught on and fueled the mindset of many churchgoers is this: “Attend the church of your choice.” Even bumper stickers were produced with that saying. After all, what could be better than urging people to go to church? Further, the implicit tolerance of the slogan felt good to many people. The truth of the matter is that the more people go to church, the more likely it is that they will follow a higher moral standard. In one sense that would make life better for all who are around them. (I feel compelled to mitigate that statement a bit, considering the direction many churches are going in the current American culture. While those churches still teach and expect some right behaviors, they have begun to accept and promote behaviors that are ungodly). Even that, however, is not the point one must consider. Before accepting the slogan, one must think about whether it is in keeping with biblical principles. Is it really acceptable to God for one to pick any church to attend? In God’s eyes, are all churches really the same? According to the messages of Jesus to the seven churches of Asia (Rev. 2-3), all churches are not necessarily acceptable to him. He gave serious threats to some of those churches if they did not repent. Also, Paul warned about those who would seek teachers who would satisfy their own urges – and the result would be that they would stray from the truth (2 Tim. 4:1-4). Unfortunately, not all churches will teach you the truth. Not all churches will help you be faithful to Jesus.

Make sure your beliefs are shaped more by the revealed will of the Lord Jesus Christ than by catchy human slogans.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Our Woodland Hills Members:

Clemmie Allison, Dwain Coleman, Norma Davis, Sharon Estes, John & Jackie Greene, Bill Lewelling, Raymond McClendon, Jerry Mathis, Judy Milligan, Mary Ann Morrison, Jamie Nantz, Osby Riley, Annette Sangster, Ina Storey and Pat Thomas

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December 9, 2018

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Welcome & Announcements	Larry Knox
Opening Prayer	Jim Brown
Scripture Reading	Bill Estes
Sermon	David South
Communion Preparation:	Donna Mars, Renee & Regina Brittain
Serving Communion:	Tom Adams, Charlie Bryson, Matthew Close, Alston Criswell, Knox Greer, Riley Hubbert, Matt Mitchell, Garrett Pilgrim
Pick Up Cards	Hampton & Hays Cox
AM Closing Prayer	Bob Karr
Nursery	Kathy Bryson & Brenda Renner

PM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Dennis Sangster
Opening Prayer	Ron Hinton
Devo/Holy Spirit Study	David South
Closing Prayer	Thomas Williams
Nursery	Kathy Hillis



Sympathy



Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of **Ruth McClain**. Ruth was a long time member of both Union Avenue and Woodland Hills congregations and dearly loved the members. Ruth passed from this life on Monday, November 26th. Funeral services were held in Georgia where she was laid to rest beside her sister. She was lovingly cared for by her niece, Patricia Hutto, 118 Kentucky Downs, Perry, GA 31069-8507.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Bill Lewelling, in the death of his sister, **Anita Thomsen**. Mrs. Thomsen on Saturday evening, December 1st. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at the White Station Church of Christ.

Our sincere sympathy is also extended to Judy Kilmer in the death of her uncle, **Frank Gadd**, was buried this past week in Holly Springs, MS.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



This year the Closes are again inviting the entire congregation to their home on Sunday evening, December 16th, for a period of fellowship and singing. This event will start at 6:30 and please bring finger foods. Their address is: 9794 Windward Slope Cove, Lakeland, TN.

Wednesday Dinners



Sign the back of your card the # in family attending the meal.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!



Next Sunday will be the third Sunday of the month and our regular time for a fellowship luncheon to follow our morning worship hour. Leonard's Barbecue will be catering our meal and it is only \$7.00 per person. The meal will include: all the barbecue you can eat, slaw, baked beans, spaghetti, rolls or buns, drinks and assorted desserts.

Last Tuesday Class for this calendar year will be next Tuesday, December 11th!

YOUTH CORNER

Thomas Williams

Hello once again! In the past years, Woodland Hills has made a practice of helping out with AGAPE'S Secret Santa service project every December. This is an annual project that helps buy and prepare gifts for children in the Memphis area who may not otherwise receive any gifts. This last Sunday was our Secret Santa work day and it went really well! I had very little to do with the project, so I thought I would take this opportunity to thank some of the people who made it happen.

First, I want to thank Matthew Mitchell for organizing everything. Lunch, the trip to Wal-Mart, and the gift wrapping stations all went smoothly and quickly, and Matt was in charge of making it all happen. Thanks Matt!

Next, I want to thank all of you who donated money to help out with this project. We were able to purchase gifts for 36 children (more than we've ever done before), and that is all because of the generous donations we received. Thank you all so much!

And finally, I want to thank everyone who took time out of their day to buy and wrap the gifts. It's not an easy thing to give up a restful Sunday afternoon. I am so thankful for everyone who helped out, but I am especially proud of the many youth group members who were a part of this day. They all worked hard and were an integral part of the day. Thank you!

I hope you are all doing wonderfully and that we all have opportunity this month to bless others, and show them just a little of the love and generosity we have received from our God. May He bless you this week!



CRIB SHOWER in FOYER

A crib is in the foyer for Tony and Katie Robinson as they are expecting their third little boy mid December. Since they already have two other boys, they don't need clothes, toys, etc. Their need is for diapers, wipes or gift cards.

MEMORIAL GIFT

We have received a gift in memory of Ruth McClain from Janice Shirley.

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