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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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From Sunday to Thursday Addie and I work together on preparing for the next day: lunches made, school bags packed, kids clothes picked out, etc. Without this preparation we would never be able to start the next day on a good note. When you go on vacation you prepare: taking time off work, reservations, packing, etc. Preparation improves, and deepens appreciation of some event. Imagine showing up to a job interview unprepared to discuss the job!

I am requesting that you prepare yourself: Starting next week (10/9) we will begin a month long study on evangelism. Our congregation desperately needs to strengthen our local evangelism. If we can not evangelize, we will not survive as a congregation. To prepare yourself, meditate over these questions that we will cover over the sermon series: What is evangelism? What is the Gospel? What Bible texts describe evangelism...Is it just the Great Commission (*Matthew 28:16-20*)? Is evangelism “preaching and teaching” and/or is it “feeding and healing”? What role can you have in evangelism? -Matt

WISDOM

All believers lack wisdom no matter how much wisdom they already possess. This is especially true when believers are enduring trials. Knowing how to exhibit heroic endurance in the presence of trouble is a skill that can only come from God. Although it may be passed from generation to generation, true wisdom comes down from above (James 1:5-8; 3:13-18).

To receive this wisdom from God that James promises requires faith without doubting. This is counter-cultural in that through faith one believes in that which he/she cannot see when the culture requires sight. Because of faith the Christians are confident that their requests will be fulfilled and that God's will be done. Because God wants to bestow wisdom upon His children. Christians must never doubt His ability or generosity to grant wisdom upon request.

One who doubts is double-minded (1:7) or "half-hearted" in that he asks for wisdom but is not confident that god will grant his request. To endure the hardship James' original readers had to face required spiritual wisdom and discernment. Like our ancient brothers and sisters in Christ, modern believers also need spiritual wisdom that only comes from God.

The wisdom of the age cannot be trusted. As an alternative to the wisdom of the age James recommends the wisdom from above and the conduct that accompanies such wisdom. Wise actions are demonstrated through humble actions. This warm and friendliness contrasted by James with anger (1:20-21), are traits of those who humbly accept the will of the Father.

Wisdom from above cannot coexist with envy and selfish ambition. The world's wisdom focuses on this life and its success. This is perhaps the best example of James' use of counter-cultural arguments. The world admires itself and promotes jealousy and self-promotion. Wisdom from above does not seek these demonic things but instead seeks spiritual things.

Worldly practices bring about envy, selfish ambition, disorder and evil practices while the wisdom that comes from above brings pure, peace-loving, considerate, submission actions. These actions are full of mercy and good fruit (3:17).

An important application to modern Christians can be made from the passages in which James deals with wisdom. The media promotes the idea of self-seeking ambition as the path to true happiness. This thinking is also found in the church. It is shameful that God's people accept worldly wisdom instead of wisdom from above that seeks peace. It requires wisdom to refuse to live by the world's standards. The only source of the wisdom required to remain pure in a polluted world is the wisdom that comes from above.

- Ted D. Burleson

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams (Magnolia Creek NH Covington), Clemmie Allison, Eli Anderson, Ron Barker, Kathy Betty, Jeffie Dacus, David Dement, Ernie Embrey, Robert Jones, Debbie Knight, Larry Knox, Freddie Milligan, Jane Nolen (hospice), Barbara Rea, Vicktor Tretiakov, Louise VanSickel

In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Wilma Barfield, Janet & Billy Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Elaine Martin, Raymond McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Jane Nolen, Osby & Martha Riley, Clara Shipman, Linda Thompson, Mary Ann Watson

Family and Friends:

Jim Adams (Brother of Tom Adams), Kris Alexander (Sister of Julie Grantham), Andrea Bartley (Sister of Linette Baker), Aaron Cadden (Nephew of Dee Close), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Jacqueline Ferrell (Sister of Ina Story), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Kevin Knight (son of Debbie Knight), Donny Long (Bro-in-law of Diane Hinton), Archie May (Father of Kerwin May), Russell May (Uncle of Kerwin May), Debbie McCoy (Friend of Hintons), Leah Morgan (Daughter of Sharon Estes), Jessee Murah (Friend of Kerwin May), Kesha Owsley (Friend of Daphne Jenkins), Mark Paschall (Brother of Brenda Renner), Randy Pinckley (Brother of Robi and Rhonda), Misty Pinckley, Beverly Renner (Sister-in-law of Brenda Renner), Jonathan Riley (Friend of Pam Sanders), Mike Robison (son of Barbara Rea and brother of Ken Robison), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), Jennifer Schneider (Cousin of Jason Knight), David South, Pat Thomas, Jason Voyles (Brother of Kim Watson), Doris Watson (Sister of Wilma Barfield and Mother of Bob Watson),

We hope to see you in Bible Class Sunday!



Our Trick R Trunk is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th. Mark it down in your calendar. More details coming soon. Invite a friend or two!

SHOE BOXES FOR SOLDIERS

Rebecca Karr is helping with a project call "Shoe Boxes For Soldiers." If you have any empty shoe boxes that you could donate, please place them in the grocery cart in the foyers. The deadline for collection is Sunday, October 17th. Thank you. For further info, ask Rebecca.

Rebecca Karr

TO SERVE THIS WEEK - October 2

Welcome & Announcements:

Dan Amar

Opening Prayer:

Bill Estes

Closing Prayer:

Kenny Cox

Serve Communion:

Ryan Hubbert, Lon Maynard,

John Waddell, Mark Mitchell

AM Nursery: **Paige Essary/Nedra Robison**

--5 PM Service --

Opening Prayer: **Keith Williams**

Closing Prayer: **Ron Hinton**

PM Nursery: **Lynn Tretiakov**

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2 Ed & Sherry Dacus

3 Brenda Brown

3 Paige Essary

3 Joyce Holt

1 Freddie & Judy Milligan

2 Ed & Sherry Dacus

3 Brenda Brown

3 Paige Essary

3 Joyce Holt

5 Knox Greer

5 Kathy Hayek

10 Janelle Jones

11 Clemmie Allison

11 Keith & Carla Loveless

11 Viktor K& Lynn

Tretiakov

TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a teacher for the 1-6 grade classes. Would you be willing to teach one quarter? If you are interested, please see Ken Robison.

GAME NIGHT

Game Night was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came and participated. We will have another one in the near future, so plan now to attend and don't miss out on the fun!

PUZZLE CLOSET

The puzzle closet is now accepting donations of complete jigsaw puzzles. Leave a puzzle and/or take a puzzle! See Laura Brown or Addie Mitchell with questions. The closet is located on a bookshelf in the library.

4th SUNDAY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONAL

Every 4th Sunday there is an additional opportunity for worship and fellowship at the home of Addie and Matt Mitchell, at 4:30. It is a time geared towards families, but all are welcome to attend. A meal is served. If interested, see Matt. (*The 5 pm service will meet as regular at the building.*)

THANK YOU

I want to thank all those who sent me cards and words of encouragement over these past months. I was blessed and humbled by the overwhelming generosity of those who helped provide water, snacks and meals to my caregivers at St. Francis. Your service to them had an impact on my care, and a major impact on their lives as well. I am especially grateful for your prayers. God has been gracious to me and I am fortunate to be a part of such a loving and caring church family.

Andrea Britt Bartley

Thoughts To Ponder

"When life is not a bed of roses, remember who wore the thorns."

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil it has no point."

"Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace...and your best days are never so good that you are beyond the need of God's grace."

"Forgiving others and accepting forgiveness (forgiving one's self) are great determining factors in spiritual healing in a person's life."

"The test of success is not what you do when you are one top. Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom." (George S. Patton)