



# Woodland Hills

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# HERALD

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## Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

There are times when I really dislike how easily temptation can lead to sin. For a follower of Christ, sin can be exhausting. I hate how I feel after I've fallen to temptation. I feel the weight of my own guilt, shame, weakness. I know that I should of done better. Sin is always there, crouching at the door (Genesis 4:7). You may not see it, but if you let your guard down it will jump up and snatch you. Sin creates a barrier (Isaiah 59:1-2) and eternally can separate us from God (2<sup>nd</sup> Thess 1:9).

I'm thankful that Christ's blood removes all those terrible things that sin does to us. Sin casts us in darkness, but when we run back to Jesus we can enter his light and find cleansing (1 John 1:7). In fact, it was precisely when we were sinners that Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). God saw our condition and gave us a path out of it. We live in a time when Satan has not been eternally banished, yet (Rev 20:10). But, even today, we can be cleansed from sin (1 John 1:9) -*Matt*

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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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# Stop Worrying and Hurrying

In Lewis Carrol's classic *Alice's Adventures In Wonderland* we see Alice confronting the white rabbit. The rabbit scurries quickly by proclaiming, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be too late!" In this statement

we have two of the greatest problems of people today: worry and hurry.

We live in a world of uncertainty and most people's reaction is to excessively worry. We also live in a fast-paced world in which most think they must always be in a hurry just to keep up. But living in these ways makes our lives unsettled and miserable.

When Korah wrote the 46th Psalm, he addressed the solution to both of these problems. He opened by stating, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear..." (v.1-2, and may I add "nor worry"). The more we trust in God and that He is strong and in control, we will fear and worry less.

He ends the Psalm by saying, "Be still, and know that I am God...God...is our refuge" (v.10-11). It is important to stop from time to time and reflect upon God. Take some time to meditate upon the Scriptures, contemplate God's awesomeness, and soak in His love. It is then that we will appreciate God more and more and not see the need to be in such a frantic pace. With God we can properly balance our mind and life. It is then that we will see that we do not need to worry or hurry so much – maybe even at all!

*Edd Sterchi  
Broadway church of Christ  
Campbellsville, KY*

## OUR PRAYER LIST

### Woodland Hills Members:

Sylvie Achu, Stan Adams, Ron & Betty Barker, David Dement, Chris & Paige Essary, Lisa Greer (surgery 1/26), Eleanor Holland, Robert King, Osby Riley, Louise VanSickel

### In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Wilma Barfield (Ava Maria), Janet & Billy Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Robert King (Harbor Chase – Cordova moved last Monday), Elaine Martin, Raymond McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, 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 now moved to The Gardens of Germantown where Pat King is), McClendon Cox (Father of Kenny Cox), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Jacqueline Ferrell (Sister of Ina Story), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Van Jones, Kevin Knight, Debbie Knight, Donny Long (Bro-in-law of Diane Hinton), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Van Jones, Archie May (Father of Kerwin May), Russell May (Uncle of Kerwin May), Debbie McCoy (Friend of Hintons), Leah Morgan (Daughter of Sharon Estes), Barry Mitchell (Brother of Mark Mitchell), 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), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), Pat Slate, David South (surgery January 31), Pat Thomas, Margaret Wilkinson

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

15 **Bob Watson**  
16 **Aaron Anderson**  
23 **Kiersten Stokes**  
27 **Kathy Betty**

28 **Mark Hillis**  
28 **Elliott Norwood**  
31 **Addie Mitchell**

## SINGING

Renee and Regina Brittain are hosting a singing at their home, 3014 Hepplewhite Cove, Lakeland, at 6:30 pm on, Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please bring finger foods. Everyone is invited!

## TO SERVE THIS WEEK January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Welcome & Announcements::

**Larry Knox**

Opening Prayer:

**Keith Williams**

Closing Prayer:

**Ken Robison**

Serve Communion:

**Raffael Barrantes, Bill Estes,**

**Dane Dacus, Knox Greer**

AM Nursery: Diane & Kaylie Hinton

**5 PM Worship**

Opening Prayer: **Bob Karr**

Closing Prayer: **Mike Barrios**

PM Nursery: **Mary Rigney**

## BAPTISM

We welcome Jennifer Benner to the Woodland Hills church. Jennifer was baptized here at Woodland Hills on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. She lives at 1497 Aschroft, Memphis, TN 38118. She has two children, a daughter, Nadia (age 16) and a son, Robert (age 7).

## SYMPATHY

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to John and Nancy Waddell in the death of Nancy's brother, Bill Simmons. Services were held last Sunday in Jackson, TN.

## **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

All are invited to the home of Rhonda and Jim Hubbert on Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, immediately after PM service, for a Super Bowl Party. This will be a great time to enjoy fellowship, even if you don't care about the game! Please bring finger foods, drinks, and desserts (you are welcome to store these items in the church's kitchen during PM services). Their address is 12615 Pinckley Rd, Lakeland TN 38002.

## **THE HOT DOG STAND**

There was a man who lived by the side of the road...and sold hot dogs. He had no radio, he had trouble with his eyes so he read no newspapers but he sold good hot dogs. He put up signs on the highway telling how good they were. He stood on the side of the road and cried, "buy a hot dog, mister" and people bought. He increased his meat and bun orders. He bought a bigger stove to take care of his trade. He finally got his son home from college to help him out. Bu then something happened... His son said, "Father, haven't you been listening to the radio? Haven't you been reading the newspapers? There's a big depression. The European situation is terrible. The domestic situation is worse." Whereupon the father thought, "well, my son's been to college, he reads the papers and he listens to the radio, and he ought to know." So the father cut down on his meat and bun orders, took down his advertising signs, and no longer bothered to stand oiut on the highway to sell his hot dogs. And his hot dog sales fell almost overnight. "You're right, son" the father said to the boy. "We certainly are in the middle of a great depression."

Our attitudes, thoughts, works and actions are all important. Another thing that is a must in every walk of life and that is good communication. I read ain a church bulletin "Don't let worry kill you, let the church help" or the sign hanging in a dry-cleaning establishment which read, "Drop you pants here – you will receive prompt attention." Come to the assemble of worship every Sunday and we will try to have good communication and don't forget to come with a Bible in your hand and a smile on your race and spring in your step. I'll look for you in your place. Pat Casey

How much do we allow others to affect our thinking?

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