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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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As I announced earlier this year, Barbie and I will be leaving Cordova and moving to Henderson. I will begin teaching full time at Freed-Hardeman University in the fall. Let me repeat for you that we both still love this church and want you to do well in your service to Jesus.

I will work here through the middle of July. My last Sunday will be July 10th. I will teach my last Wednesday night class on July 13th.

I am pleased that the elders have decided to hire Matt as the preacher. I know that Matt has a lifetime connection to this church as well as a deep love for her. I have had opportunity to watch Matt develop his Bible study and ministry skills over the last nine years or so. We have had opportunity to work closely together, pray together, and encourage one another along the way. I am convinced that he will do a great job as your preacher. I know that he takes the responsibility seriously. Please encourage him and pray for him as he begins this new aspect of ministry.

In an attempt to make the transition as smooth as possible, Matt and I will share preaching responsibilities between now and July.

See you Sunday, Jesus-focused... David

Solving Church Problems

David South

“Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, ‘It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’ And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:1-7 ESV).

This passage tells of an issue that arose in the early days of the church. Evidently, the church was distributing needed food to the widows of the church, and some widows were being neglected. Perhaps some valuable lessons can be learned from considering this event.

1. Issues can arise in any church. This was the church in Jerusalem that was led by the apostles themselves. If an issue can arise in *that* church, then any church is susceptible. This is helpful to remember, because issues *will* arise. One need not panic when it happens. One need not develop a “Chicken Little” fear when it happens.
2. A solution mentality should be pursued rather than a blame-finding mentality. The apostles did not look to find out whose fault it was. They suggested a solution to the problem. Ben Franklin once observed, “Any fool can criticize, condemn, and complain – and most fools do” (*The Speaker’s Quote Book*, 2009, p. 124). This early church problem was solved because the apostles presented a solution rather than look for someone to take the blame.
3. Leaders should take responsibility to resolve the issue. In this case, the apostles stepped in and provided the solution to the problem. They did not do the distributing of the food themselves. They did not even choose out the men to do the distributing of food. They provided the solution and had the church search out the men who could do the work.
4. Church members should be involved in solving the issue. There were men in that early church who were capable of orchestrating the distribution of food to the widows. They had the right moral character and wisdom to do the job. The church as a whole was given the necessary traits of the men who could be given this work, and church members looked for those men from their own ranks.

The end result was that the problem was resolved and the church continued in unity and joy. When issues arise, it is possible for churches to solve those issues while maintaining unity and joy.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams, Wayne Close, Raymond McClendon, Freddie Milligan, Barbara Rea, Osby Riley (prayers requested), Vicktor Tretiakov, Louise VanSickel

In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Clemmie Allison, Janet & Billy Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Elaine Martin, Mary Ann Morrison, Jane Nolen, Clara Shipman, Linda Thompson, Mary Ann Watson

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Jim Adams (Brother of Tom Adams), Kris Alexander (Sister of Julie Grantham), Shirley Allison (Aunt of Bethany Williams), Andrea Bartley (Sister of Linette Baker), Susan Cloninger (Aunt of Bethany Williams), Aaron Cadden (Nephew of Dee Close), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Harold & Eleanor Donald (Parents of Barbie South), Lindsey Farley (Friend of Thomas Williams), Jacqueline Ferrell (Sister of Ina Story), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Kevin Knight (son of Debbie Knight), Carl Lafferty (Grandfather of Thomas Williams), Archie May (Father of Kerwin May), Russell May (Uncle of Kerwin May), Debbie McCoy (Friend of Hintons), Leah Morgan (Daughter of Sharon Estes), Savannah Morris (Friend of Thomas Williams), Jesse 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), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), J. D. Stewart (Father of Judy Williams)

TO SERVE THIS WEEK May 15

Welcome & Announcements:

David South

Opening Prayer:

Jim Hubbert

Closing Prayer:

Rafael Barrantes

Serve Communion:

Ryan Hubbert, Ken Robison,

Charlie Bryson, Isaac Amar

AM Nursery: Kerry Mitchell

No 5 PM Worship Today

3rd Sunday fellowship meal to follow our morning worship!

Senior Recognition to follow meal.

ULTIMATE YOUTH RALLY

The Germantown Church invites you to their Ultimate Youth Rally. Speaker will be Noah Vann who is currently a Youth Minister for the Owens Cross Roads Alabama church. Scheduled for May 27 – 29.

3rd SUNDAY LUNCHEON

May 15th

Menu:

Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Corn, Bread, Dessert & Drinks

See Larry Knox for your tickets!
We need an accurate number of those who plan to attend! \$7 (Adults) \$3.50 (5 and under)



HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS RECOGNITION FOLLOWING MEAL!

Seniors This Year:

Isaac Amar, Matthew Close, Tessa Maynard

BIRTHDAYS\ANNIVERSARIES

16 Sharon Estes
17 Betty Barker
17 Emily Grantham
18 Keith Loveless
22 Tom & Joy Adams
23 Pam Sanders
23 Thomas Williams
24 Renee Barrios
25 Jerry Brown

27 Ginger Pilgrim
28 Andrew & Forrestine Dandridge
28 Robert & Janelle Jones
29 Rachael Maynard
30 Wilbur & Kathy Betty
31 John & Nancy Waddell



TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

The Tuesday Bible Class typically recesses for the summer months with the last class ending when the schools let out for the summer break. Because Bro. South will be leaving in July, he has agreed to continue the Bible class through July 12.

SINGING

The next scheduled singing will be on June 2nd at the home of Renee and Regina Brittain at 6:30 pm. Please plan now to attend if you love to sing, eat and enjoy fellowship with others. Please bring finger foods.

FAMILY MATTERS

Matthew Mitchel

I have a clock on the corner of my bookshelf that tells the wrong time, although I always know the right time by looking at it. Confused? Here's what I mean: In my home office there is a clock that sits just off my desk. It is a working Seiko desk clock...but the time is an hour behind what the actual time is. When the daylight savings time switch occurred, I forgot to set this clock. I keep meaning to set the clock to the correct time, but every time I look at it there seems to be something more pressing that I need to pay attention to. Although it would take all of 20 seconds to set the clock to the correct time, I've trained myself to add an hour to whatever time my desk clock reads in order to get the right time. Over and over again I've looked at this clock, the only wrong clock in the house, and have trained myself to read the right time. It's interesting what training, and repetition can bring forth in our lives, isn't it? The writer of Hebrews reminds us that through training we too can become spiritually discerning (*Hebrews 5:11-14*). If I can learn to instinctively read the right time on a wrong clock through a small amount of repeated training, imagine what we can train ourselves to do with a regular amount of spiritual discipline and study?

NEW BABY

Congratulations to Ben and Samantha Kurtz on the arrival of their new baby boy, Kash James, on Saturday evening, April 30th. A crib is in the foyer for those who would like to give them a present.



PANTRY

Thanks to all who are bringing in items to restock our pantry. We are still needing paper products, feminine hygiene, incontinence supplies, and laundry and cleaning supplies. Thank you.

CALLING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS

If you can help with VBS this year, please see Robi Seward to choose your desired area to help. PS. Volunteer or she will hunt you down!

Laughter The Best Medicine

Two Christians had lived very good and also very healthy lives. They died and went to heaven. As they are walking along, marveling at paradise around them, one turns to the other and says, "Wow, I never knew heaven was going to be this good!" "Yeah, just think if we hadn't eaten so healthy we could have been here years sooner!"

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