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HERALD

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Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

There are two events upcoming that Woodland Hills needs your help with. If you are reading this *Herald* then you are the perfect person who can help with these two events. 1-Ladies Day (March 25th). All the work for this event has been done by an awesome team of servants, and all that is left is for the ladies (and friends!) to show up. Have you invited someone to attend?? Have you sent a flier or shared the Facebook post (men can spread the word about this too!). Ladies Day is a very easy way to be evangelistic because all it needs is for you to promote it: with an invite, a comment to a friend. Pray for Ladies day! 2-VBS (June 11-14). As we have already started to announce, we need "all hands on deck" for VBS this year given where our congregation is at. And I believe we can pull off a wonderful VBS. But, we're gonna need more members to step up and take on some larger roles. You won't be alone in those roles! We will work together. But the important part is that-we have to work! Are you ready? -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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In the Storm, We Pray

When disasters strike, the human spirit responds by reaching out to help those affected. People stand in line to give blood; millions of dollars are donated to aid victims and their families; rescue teams work for endless hours. But most essential effort is accomplished by another valiant team. Their task? To guard and restrain the world with prayer. Those who pray keep alive the watch fires of faith. For the most part, we do not know all of their names. Such is the case of one who prayed on a day long ago.

His name is not important. His looks are beside the point, his gender of no concern, his title is unrelated, but he is important not because of who he was, but because of what he did. He went to Jesus on behalf of a friend. His friend was sick, and Jesus could help, and someone needed to go to Jesus, so someone went. Others cared for the sick man in other ways. Some brought food; others provided treatment; still others comforted the family. Each role was crucial. Each person was helpful, but no one was more vital than the one who went to Jesus. John writes, "Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick (John 11:3)."

Someone carried the request; someone walked the trail; someone went to Jesus on behalf of Lazarus. And because someone went, Jesus responded. In heaven, the prayer of saints is precious. John the apostle knew that the healing began when the request was made. The man told Jesus, "The one you love is sick, not the one who loves you." The power of the prayer from that man depended on the one who heard it.

We, too, can go to God in prayer and say, "The one you love is tired, sick, sad, hungry, lonely, fearful, depressed, etc..." The words of the Christians prayer will receive a response. God hears the prayers. He does not miss a word. When Jesus heard the request, he said, "...This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby (John 11:4)." Jesus took note of the man's words, and he was heard of God.

We live in a loud world. To get someone's attention is not easy. One must be willing to set everything aside in order to listen. We must consider it a privilege when someone is willing to silence everything else so he can hear us clearly.

John's message is critical. We can talk to God because He listens. Our voice matters in heaven and God takes us seriously. There is no need to fear that the Christian will be ignored. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no body, it impresses God, and he hears you. God listens to the painful plea of the elderly Christians in the rest home. He listens to the confession of the one who has fallen. He hears the alcoholic that obeys the Gospel and begs for mercy, the spouse who seeks guidance, the businessman who steps off the street into the congregation of the Lord's church to worship, and He listens.

A Christian's prayer does not stop until it reaches the very throne of God. You are the someone of God's kingdom. One may not understand the mystery of prayer, but a Christian knows that by being in Christ, he has access to all spiritual blessings, and that is the mystery of prayer revealed. When one obeys the Gospel then actions begin in heaven when someone prays. What an amazing thought! When you speak, God hears; when God hears, the world is changed, and the world changes all because in the storm, Christians pray.

Bradley Tate
Nettleton Church of Christ
Jonesboro, AR
Bulletin Digest

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Ron Barker, David Dement, Paige Essary, Sharon Estes, Lisa Greer, Judy Hill, Eleanor Holland, Rebecca Karr, Myrtice Knox, Kerwin May, Pat Patchell, Louise VanSickel, Keith Williams

In Assisted/Senior Living or Homebound:

Stan Adams, Clemmie Allison, Wilma Barfield (Ava Maria), Janet Brown, Jackie Greene, Pat King, Robert King (Harbor Chase), Elaine Martin, Raymond McClendon, Mary Ann Morrison, Osby & Martha Riley, Clara Shipman, Linda Thompson, Mary Ann Watson

Family and Friends:

Jim Adams & Bob Adams (Brothers of Tom Adams), Kris Alexander (Sister of Julie Grantham), Jean Britt, McClendon Cox (Father of Kenny Cox), Eleanor Daugherty (Mother of Betty Barker), Phyllis Gilbreath (Sister of Judy Brown), Van Jones, Kevin Knight, Debbie Knight, Jim Hinton (Brother of Ron Hinton), Phil Hubbert (Cousin of Jim Hubbert), Van Jones, Archie, Adina and Russell May (Father/Niece/Uncle of Kerwin May), Keshia Owsley (Friend of Daphne Jenkins), Randy Pinckley (Brother of Robi and Rhonda), Misty Pinckley, Mike Robison (Son of Barbara Rea/Brother of Ken Robison), aPat Slate, David South, Pat Thomas, Floyd Williamson

LADIES DAY



Ladies, mark your calendars and hold the date for our Ladies Day here at Woodland Hills. Mark your calendars now for March 25th. The morning session will begin at 9:00 but a light breakfast will be served prior to that. Also a light lunch will be served at the end. Isabelle Williamson will be our guest speaker on the topic "Seeking God in the Storms." Topics discussed will be Personal Hardship, Family Hardship and Physical Hardship. Please register online either on Facebook or our website: www.woodlandhillschurch.com. See you there!



3rd SUNDAY LUNCH

Next Sunday, March 19th will be our next Sunday luncheon to follow our morning worship. Our menu will be: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and biscuits. See John Waddell for your tickets which are \$10 for adults and children 5 and under will be \$5. Remember we will have a brief devo to follow our meal and then the evening worship will be canceled for that Sunday.

SATURDAY NIGHT SINGING

You are invited to the home of Prince and Sylvie Achu, 2060 Oak Hollow Lane, Cordova, for an evening of great singing, fellowship and food. Please bring finger foods. 4/1 @ 6pm

TO SERVE THIS WEEK March 12th

Welcome & Announcements::

Mike Barrios

Opening Prayer:

Garrett Pilgrim

Closing Prayer:

Kenny Cox

Serve Communion:

John Waddell, Lon Maynard, Bob Karr, Bill Seward

AM Nursery: **Renee Brittain/Connie Amar**

5 PM Worship in Song!

Opening Prayer: **David Dement**

Closing Prayer: **Bob Karr**

PM Nursery: **Joy Adams**

WE STILL NEED GOD

Dalton Key

You are no doubt all too aware of America's continuing moral decline. The evidence is both overwhelming and indisputable. You may be unaware, though, just how far and how swiftly we have slipped. William Bennett has recently released, through the auspices of the Heritage Foundation, "The Index of Leading Cultural Indicators," a statistical portrait of the nation's behavioral trends since 1960. His findings are alarming.

According to Bennett's study, the population has increased 41 percent while violent crime has jumped 560 percent. Divorces have quadrupled. The teenage suicide rate has risen 200 percent. Illegitimate births have increased 400 percent. What has gone wrong?

Consider these questions carefully. During the past thirty-four years, have we as a nation drawn closer to God or have we slipped farther away from God? Have we placed a greater emphasis upon the Bible or have we neglected the Bible? Have religion and spiritual matters generally been advanced or have they been pushed aside in favor of secular concerns? Are our families attending worship services, praying, and reading the Bible more often or less often now than families did a generation ago?

The answers are painfully obvious. We are reaping what we have sown. The Bible has been right all along: "Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

The solution to America's most pressing problems may be found within each of us, in a renewed and determined commitment to put God and His will first in our lives. As His people, we don't need more government. We surely don't need more selfish greed or self-promotional grandstanding. What we need is what we've always needed.

We need God.

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