



Woodland Hills

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HERALD

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Notes From The Preacher's Desk....

I want to express my deepest appreciation to Ron Hinton and Rafael Barrantes for filling in for me on such short notice in my absence from the pulpit because of illness on 11/27. I am so thankful for their talents, and willing Spirit, in service to our congregation and the Church.

These two men serve as wonderful examples of living out *Romans 12:6-8*. In this passage, Paul teaches us that we all have different abilities and gifts which can be used for service in the Church. To put it simply- whatever those gifts are...use them! Ron and Rafael have the ability to preach, to teach, and proclaim the word of God and they used those tools to serve the Church. I hope we all can look at ourselves and recognize there is a role for each and every one of us in serving the Lord's body. All of us have talents and abilities which can be devoted to God for use in his Kingdom. The one thing we all must have in common to do that though?...A willing spirit! Thank you to Ron and Rafael for their willing spirit. -Matt

Elders

Ronald Barker Dick Holt
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Larry Knox Mark Mitchell
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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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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

*Edd Sterchi
Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY*

A good home is such a wonderful place. It seems that we are always wanting to go home. And we especially love being home for the holidays. In fact, there is a traditional song that testifies to that fact. What is it that is so great about home?

Let's note a few of them through an acrostic. And since the church is our heavenly home on the earth (Eph. 2:19), these will certainly apply there, as well.

Harmony - *How marvelous it is when family members get along with each other. When this happens, the times together are cherished and memorable. This is also true with the church family. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1).*

Optimism - *A good home is desired, in part, because of the positive nature it presents. Everyone enjoys being together in a home where there is lots and lots of cheerfulness and sunniness. Without a doubt, this is true of a church home, also. "Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Heb. 3:6).*

Mercy - *Home is the place where bountiful forgiveness is offered. The best homes are the ones that demonstrate agape love for one another, which always leads to overlooking shortcomings. There should be copious amounts of love and forgiveness in the Lord's church, as well. "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).*

Encouragement - *Another of the reasons we enjoy being part of a wonderful home is the strength and inspiration that we receive. It is where we can get great encouragement to keep on keeping on. The church home should also be a place of boosting one another.*

*"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing"
(1 Thess. 5:11).*

OUR PRAYER LIST

Woodland Hills Members:

Stan Adams, Tom and Joy Adams, Rhoda Amar, Ron Barker, Jim Brown, David Dement, Chris & Paige Essary, Osby Riley, Vicktor Tretiakov, Louise VanSickel, Nancy Waddell

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, 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), 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), Van Jones, 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), Jesse Murah (Friend of Kerwin May), Keshia 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), Mike Robison (son of Barbara Rea and brother of Ken Robison), Tammy Roschell (Sister of Bill Estes), David South, Pat Thomas,

TO SERVE THIS WEEK December 11

Welcome & Announcements::

Larry Knox

Opening Prayer:

Garrett Pilgrim

Closing Prayer:

Rafael Barrantes

Serve Communion:

Larry Knox, Chris Essary,

Jerry Brown, Jacob Maynard

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

5 PM Worship Service

Opening Prayer: **John Waddell**

Closing Prayer: **Bob Karr**

PM Nursery: **Joy Adams**

3rd SUNDAY LUNCHEON

For our 3rd Sunday luncheon in December (December 18th), we plan on having a "Chili/Soup/Dessert" meal. Please bring your favorite soup/chili/dessert and "fixins" to share pot luck style!

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you to all that donated for the college kids care packages. Thank you to all who took the time to write notes to them.

In Christian love, Regina Brittain

Thanks so much for the beautiful arrangement you sent in memory of my mother. We truly appreciate the many acts of kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

In Christian love, Keith Williams & Family

A special thank you to each of you who had a part in the "care package" I recently received as a college student. That was such a special delight!

Woodland Hills has always supported me through the years and I want you to know just how much I appreciate your caring and thoughtfulness and encouraging words.

Riley Hubbert

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12 - Linda Thompson

13 - Lesley Dacus

14 - Ron & Diane

Hinton

18 -Aysia Jenkins

18 - Donna Mars

19 Prince & Sylvie

Achu

19 - Spencer Dacus

25 - Donald Bennett

27 - Jim Hubbert

28 - Jim Brown

28 - Osby & Martha

Riley

29 - Ken Robison

29 - Ben & Samantha

Kurtz

30 - Bill & Sharon Estes

31 - Jim & Rhonda

Hubbert



YOGA CLASS SCHEDULE

December 17th at 1 pm – 1:45 chair yoga and 2:15-3:15 for mat yoga. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



Mark your calendar for an “Open House” at the home of Sharon Close on December 18th to begin at 6 pm. Please bring finger foods and/or desserts etc. Always an enjoyable evening of fellowship/and singing!

WIDOWS LUNCHEON

Sharon Close is hosting a Singles/Widows luncheon at her home this afternoon following our morning worship. Sharon has hosted this luncheon for many years and has graciously expressed her desire to host it at her home again this year.. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Sharon.

CALENDAR

December 4 -	9 AM Classes 10AM Worship 5 PM Worship
December 7 -	7 PM Wednesday Classes
December 11 -	9:00 AM Classes 10 AM Worship 11:30 Widow/Single Meal 5 PM Song Services
December 14	7 PM Wednesday Classes
December 18 -	9 AM Classes 10 AM Worship 11 AM Pot Luck 12:15 Devotional No 5 PM Open House at Close's
December 21 -	7 PM Wednesday Classes
December 25 -	No 9 AM Classes 10 AM Worship No 5 PM Worship
December 28 -	7 PM Wednesday Classes
<i>Happy New Year!</i>	
January 1 -	No 9 AM Classes 10 AM Worship No 5 PM Worship

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