

THE WOODLAND HILLS PROCLAIMER

"how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you"

Acts 20:20

SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:30 AM – BIBLE STUDY
10:30 AM – A.M. ASSEMBLY
6:00 PM – P.M. ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM – BIBLE STUDY

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To our visitors – "WELCOME" - Thank you for choosing to visit with us

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"Let Us Glorify God in the Days of Our Youth"

I am a nineteen-year-old Christian who has been faced with many temptations and trials, almost, if not all, of this generation are. I know exactly what kind of pressures that are put on young people to fit in with the crowd. It is very hard for young people not to give in, but we must not. Young people are faced with trials, and have much difficulty overcoming these trials with the awkwardness of adolescence being a second stumbling point for them. The young people of this generation must not make an excuse for themselves. We are just as responsible for our sins and actions as anyone else, and never let anyone tell you any different. We cannot sow our "wild oats" as many people call them, and expect to come out as strong Christians later in our lives. Paul exhorted Timothy, who was a young man not to despise his youth, but to keep preaching and teaching. Young people must fulfill their responsibilities toward the church and start carrying their cross for the Lord.

Young men we need preachers sound gospel preachers, coming from the number of our youth. We need to preach the gospel unto every creature as described in Mark 16:15. I hope and pray that this young generation will start preparing themselves for leadership in the

Lord's church. There are many congregations who need preachers and the number will continue grown if we do not fill the void through the upcoming years. These churches need sound gospel preachers, who will preach only what is written

in God's word. We are the future church and responsibility on our part has to be taken to secure the churches strength.

We also need good husbands who will be loving to their wives, kind to their child and raise them in the admonition of the Lord. We need men who will study the bible with their families. We need men who will participate in the local congregations. We need men that will visit the elderly, and take time to spread God's word to those who are lost. There is a shortage of elders in many congregations. We need young men who will live their lives in such a way that it will prepare them to be elders.

Young women, we need strong Christian wife's who will help their husbands in their service to the Lord. We need women like Dorcas who helped the widows that were in need. We need women like the virtuous women in proverbs 31 who take care of their family. We need Godly women who stand out from the crowd. We need women who dress modestly, talk sweetly, love abundantly, and who honor their Lord with all their being.

Young people, we need to surround ourselves with good strong Christians. We can not go to worldly parties, dances, and most movies as we see this young generation doing and expect to keep our spirituality strong. Chances are we can not make our friends from our peers at the high school or college. It is adherent for youth to desire acceptance, but sometimes it



is necessary to stand alone. James 4:4 tells us, “who ever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” We are faced with two different worlds. We are standing at a cross road. Our worldly pleasures and lust are on one hand. When this path is taken only sorry comes on the other hand is a life and service to God. It is truly a cross road, for contrary to popular belief we cannot take both roads. We can not be friends of the world and of God.

Parents, we need you to be though on the young people. We need you to train us as the bible has taught. We need you to be more proud when we show spiritual growth and to put more emphasis on spiritual matters. Teach your children that God is far more important that sports, school, or their future careers. Don't let us go to

worldly parties, dirty movies, dances, and clubs when you can stop us. Solomon tells us in proverbs 22:6, “train up your child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Don't let our cry's of injustice stop you from stopping

us. We will thank you and love you more for the guidance, even though now we may kick and scream for freedom. Most importantly, God will love you for the time and effort it takes to train your child to fear Him and to keep His commandments.

We need to develop a strong generation in the church; one that will serve God, no matter what our surrounding world says or does. Don't ever let “youth” become an excuse not to serve our God with all your heart and soul. The teenage years are filled with important decisions from whom to date to what kind of career to choose. The best advice is to make these important decisions easier, is to look to God's word for answers and to pray to Him for wisdom (Jas. 1:5).

I write this article in hopes that it will help other young people realize that our youth is not a handicap on our spirituality but rather a blessing to serve God. It is a time in our lives that should be full of joy. It is a time that we have abundant energy to give towards doing the will of our Heavenly Father. Let us glorify God in the days of our youth.

WOODLAND HILLS NEWS AND NOTES

Marie Riehl's Uncle passed away and was buried last week
Jennifer West was sick Wednesday and hopeful is well enough to join us today
Penny Buchanan- hospice has been called in for her grandmother.
Joy Colson is out of town
Debbie Pruter's sister has been diagnosed with cancer
David Cade is having back problems
Cindy Kirkwood (Southside church) is battling cancer – her family has been called in.

PRAYER LIST: Janice Billeri, Mindy Blackstone, Haskell & Doris Butler, Ruby Goad, Jerry Harrell, Bill & Jo Ellen McCarty, Leola Pence, Nelva Peyton, Jerri Scott, Bertie Strokos, James & Lou Ann Webb, Jennifer West, Jane Zeitz and Cindy Kirkwood (from Southside)

Area Gospel Meeting are on the bulletin board in foyer.

PROVERB OF THE WEEK

5:1-2

1. My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
Lend your ear to my understanding,
2. That you may preserve discretion, And
your lips may keep knowledge.

SCHEDULE TO SERVE - Nov 1st

AM – Service

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| Announcements: | Vernon Riehl |
| Song Leader: | David Cade |
| Lord Supper Bread: | Ty West |
| Asst: | John Chaney |
| Cup: | Gerald Hodges |
| Asst: | Luis Serpas |
| Prayer Open: | Carl Scott |
| Close: | Jim Rains |

PM – Service

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| Song Leader: | Luis Serpas |
| Lord Supper: | Ty West |
| Prayer Open: | Martin Billeri |
| Close: | Mike Burk |

