

# THE WOODLAND HILLS PROCLAIMER

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

## 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

Acts 20:20

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# Stuck in a Stuck Rut?

Contributed by James Buchanan

Sometimes, we find ourselves in a routine with which we are not satisfied. We commonly refer to that as a rut. In spiritual matters, God has provided the tow cable to pull us out of any rut in which we may find ourselves.

**1. Getting out of the Rut of Sin.** Peter wrote that the way of escape from the pollution of the world was the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 2:20). This knowledge is through His revealed will, for He is the spokesman in these last days (Heb. 1:1). His revealed will is His word, and that is the truth (Jn. 17:17), by which one is sanctified from the power of darkness; (Col. 1:13). Of course, this word is of none effect if it does not take root upon good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred (Mk. 4:20). On the Day of Pentecost, they that gladly received his word were baptized (Acts 2:41). Have you escaped the rut of sin by being made right by the blood of Christ? (Eph. 2:13).

**2. Getting out of the Rut of Temptation.** Some Christians believe that when they are tempted, they have sinned in some way. As a result, they begin to become discouraged, whether they act on the temptation or not. The Lord has promised that there hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (1 Cor. 10:13). That way of escape from the temptation is sometimes a hard and difficult road to travel, but such is the narrow way, which leadeth unto life (Mt. 7:14). Even our Lord went through temptation, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Heb. 4:15). Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:2), has mapped the course out of the rut. He has shown us the way, and when He was tempted, He answered Satan with the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17).

**3. Getting out of the Rut of Lusts.** Paul told Timothy to Flee also youthful lusts (2 Tim. 2:22). Just as Joseph ran out of Potiphar's house, sometimes we must simply flee the opportunity to commit sin. Whether in thought, word, or in action, we must do whatever it takes to escape from sin. James, who said that lust leads to sin, which leads to death, also said, Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (Jas. 4:7). God has told us how to avoid sin, and we should do whatever it takes to avoid it.



**Are you in a rut? Anchor yourself to the "hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19).**

## Stuck In A Rut

by Mike Bullock

Stuck in a rut you'll always be  
 If you do not reach for Me  
 Face the fact that you are yours  
 While I am used to fix your sores  
 Surely you want a better life  
 Away from your internal strife  
 I am the balm that heals your pain  
 And all the hurts that you contain.

Trust Me, I can do the job  
 I'd love to take your stress  
 Dust you off and turn you round  
 Disinfect you from your mess  
 Draw a line beneath your past  
 Through Jesus, learn to live at last  
 Lay your burdens at His feet  
 Then your life will be complete.

### WOODLAND HILLS NEWS AND NOTES

Sara Leith and Jan Sloan are out of town  
 Ruby Goad doing as well as can be expected with her treatments  
 Leola Pence – was in the hospital due to low blood pressure

**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.

Area gospel meetings are posted in the foyer

### PROVERB OF THE WEEK

11:2

**When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.**



## SCHEDULE TO SERVE - Nov 8th

### AM - Service

Announcements: Jim Cook  
 Song Leader: Jim Rains  
 Lord Supper Bread: Wayne Reed  
     Asst: Roy Hickenbottom  
     Cup: Martin Billeri  
     Asst: Bill Izenbarger  
 Prayer Open: Eric Izenbarger  
 Close: James Cost

### PM - Service

Song Leader: James Cost  
 Lord Supper: Martin Billeri  
 Prayer Open: Vernon Riehl  
 Close: James Webb