Remember in Prayer

BURL DIXON: Tim Dixon's father recently suffered a heart attack and will require long-term care. **STEVE HIGGINBOTHAM:** Preacher at the Karns church in Tennessee (being treated for serious case of melanoma). **MAX HOLLAND:** Suffering from cancer. **GAYLE BOYD:** Recovering from recent knee surgery. **CARL DAVIS:** Recovering from recent shoulder surgery. **TIM DIXON:** Chemo treatments for lymphoma. **SHIRLEY MAXSON:** Cancer.

Serving Today

Announcements for January	Ron Cox
	Lee Myers
Opening Prayer	Ken Nicholson
Leading on Lord's Table	Bryan Killian
Serving on Lord's Table	Del Reid & Todd Mulkey
	James Sutton

Our Preacher

Ken Hicks

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The Woodland church seeks to follow the pattern of worship & local church government found in the NT & practiced by the first century church as directed by the apostles of Jesus.

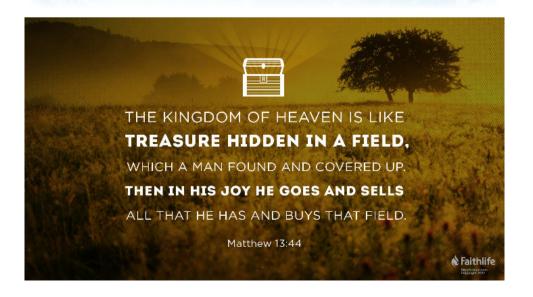
Our Shepherds

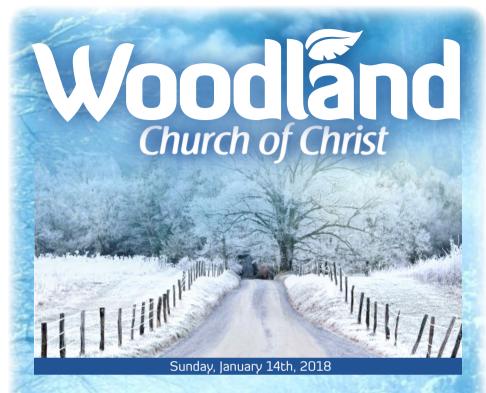
Ron Cox: (828) 226-5152 Lee Myers: (828) 421-7171 Ken Nicholson: (828) 226-3798 Eli Weaver: (828) 506-4837

Our Deacon

James Sutton

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Welcome to Woodland!

We hope each one goes away feeling uplifted from our service as we worship in spirit and in truth. If you have questions or would like a private Bible study, please see one of our elders or our preacher.

Sunday Classes: 9:30a AM Worship: 10:30a - PM Worship: 6:00p Wednesday Classes: 7:00p

Today's Lessons

AM: "The Man in the Mirror" (James 1.22-25)

PM: "The Parable of the Weeds" (Matthew 13.24-30)

The Best Translation?

By Tom Miller (via Seymourcoc.org/blog)

Which translation of the Bible we should use, or which one is the best, is a hot issue these days.

Some prefer the stately beauty of the King James Version, and some even staunchly defend it as the only acceptable one. Others like the textual accuracy of the American Standard Version or the readability of the English Standard Version.

A good thing to keep in mind when discussing Bible translations is that all of them are of human origin. **There is no God-ordained version of the Bible.** Those who point out that the KJV is the "Authorized Version" seem to forget that it was King James I of England who authorized that version and not God.

Although all translations are not of equal reliability and accuracy, most have their own particular strengths and weaknesses.

But, which one is best? That question still remains to be answered. The following story answers it in a unique way.

It seems four preachers were debating their preferences in regard to Bible translations. One said, "I like my mother's translation the best." He went on to explain that his mother had translated the Bible into life.

Isn't that really the best translation of all?

Paul wrote, "You are our epistle written in our hearts and known and read by all; clearly you are an epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart" (2 Cor. 3:2-3).

Annie J. Flint wrote the following words which well express the same idea.

"We are the only Bible the careless world will read, We are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed; We are the Lord's last message given in deed and word, What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?"

By all means, get a good reliable translation of the Bible. Read it regularly. Study it carefully. Commit special passages to memory.

Most importantly, going forward on your journey, be sure to translate it into life. That is the best translation!

What's Happening Woodland?

THE WOODLAND ELDER-ON-CALL FOR JANUARY IS RON COX. If you have a matter for the eldership please direct it to Ron as the primary point of contact.

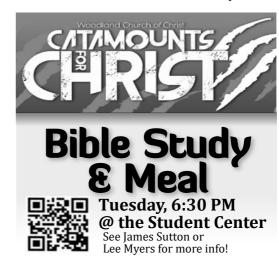
LADIES CARD MINISTRY WILL MEET TODAY @ 5 PM: Plan to attend and be an encouragement to others.

MEN"S SERVICE SIGN-UP SHEETS: If you are willing to serve during worship, please sign-up in the fellowship room.

LORD'S SUPPER SIGN-UP FOR 2018: A sign-up sheet has been posted in the lobby. If you can help prepare the Lord's Supper please choose an open month.

YOUTH EVENT & ACTIVITY SIGN-UP FOR 2018: If you are willing to host a youth event, or coordinate a youth event, please sign up.

JANUARY'S COMMUNITY TABLE ITEM: Continuing to collect *canned soups and broths* this month due to bitter temps.



Current Bible Classes



Below is a summary of our current adult Bible classes. We invite you to attend and participate in the class that interests you the most.

Foundations: Elijah the Tishbite

<u>Sunday AM auditorium class.</u>
<u>Led by Ken Nicholson, Lee Myers, and Del Reid.</u> Exploring the life and example of the powerful prophet Elijah. From the Winter 2017 Foundations Bible Study Guide published by Gospel Advocate.

How We Got The Bible

<u>Sunday AM class meeting in the fellowship room. Led by Ken Hicks</u>. A look at the origin and development of the Christian canon of Scripture. We will also examine why different translations sometimes sound different or have missing text.

Esther

<u>Wednesday PM class meeting in</u> <u>the auditorium. Led by Ken</u> <u>Hicks</u>. A study of the unique Old Testament book of Esther, delving into the providential workings of the LORD.