

"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

The God-given ability to choose to obey or not obey is faith related. It's at this point of choosing that many fail the test. The problem is not a matter of God not providing sufficient evidence to prompt correct actions, but people choosing not to respond as they should. The same credible facts and evidence may be presented to all, but some people may not choose to respond the right way. Why does this happen? How can people refuse to obey the truth when evidence to substantiate belief is plentiful? This illogical response is in part due to a lack of faith stemming from their inability to see and/or acknowledge the whole truth. Satan is a master at concealing all the facts and blinding people from the whole truth, (II Cor. 4:3-4). Such blinding leads to a breakdown in one's faith that in turn results in inaction or outright disobedience to God's word.

But much of this has to do with the heart, where belief itself takes place, (Rom. 10:10). Does one want to do what the truth dictates? Does one want to acknowledge the facts by faith that will then constrain them to live submissive and obedient lives before God? This is where faith is tested. This is the defining point. Biblical faith says yes, a flawed faith says no, (Heb. 11:4). Now, do you have biblical faith or not?

Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE LOST?

No one in the Bible ever asked that question. The Bible does record that a Philippian jailor asked, "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30; cf. 2:37). This question implies that we must do something in order to be saved. What?

Sinners must hear and believe the truth that God has revealed in the Bible (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:31). We must reach the conclusion that Jesus is God's Son as a result of hearing and considering the evidence in Scripture (John 8:24; 20:30, 31). Repenting of our past sins is a third requirement for salvation (Luke 13:3, 5). This means that a believing mind determines to change sinful behavior. Confessing faith in Jesus as the Christ is God's fourth requirement (Romans 10:10). Fifth, we must be baptized for the remission of past sins (Acts 2:38). To remain saved, one then must continue to be faithful to Christ (Revelation 2:10), walking in the light of God's Word (I John 1:7). No one can do these things for us.

With that said, let's speculate about what answer would have been given if the jailor had asked, "What must I do to be lost?" What would Paul have told him? The simple answer might have been: "Nothing, sir. You are already lost. You do not have to do anything else to be lost." Some seem to think that one would have to do some terribly wicked things in order to be lost. He would have to be a child molester, murderer, drunkard, adulterer, drug pusher, or thief to miss heaven. Such things may make one worthy of "many stripes" (Luke 12:47-48), but any person out of Christ has already done enough to be lost. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

What must a Christian do to be lost? Nothing. Don't remain faithful (Revelation 2:10). Don't walk in the light of God's Word (I John 1:6-10). Don't work for Christ (Matthew 25:14-30). Don't assemble for worship (Hebrews 10:25). The saved person is a "doer" (James 1:23-25); the lost person is a slacker (Matthew 25:26).

House to House/Heart to Heart

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2013

September 30 - Ephesians 3
October 1 - Ephesians 4
October 2 - Ephesians 5:1-16
October 3 - Ephesians 5:17-33



October 4 - Ephesians 6 October 5 - Philippians 1 October 6 - Philippians 2

Lord's Day Appointments - September 29, 2013

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Wayne Allen Scripture Reader a.m. - Mark Minor p.m. - Bill Carothers **Scripture:** Jake Thomason p.m. - Adam Warner Song: Jason Allen Song Leaders: a.m. - Steve Tesh Nursery #1: a.m. - Robin Hauser Shawn Thomason Prayer: **p.m.** - Youth Lead Service p.m. - Betty Hoots Wed. - Mark Roy Nursery #2: a.m. - Abby Little

p.m. - Jeannie Moore

BABY SHOWER BOX

A "Baby Shower Box" is located in the foyer to receive gifts for the Philip Brannon family's new baby girl born several weeks ago. The box will remain in the foyer until this evening.

TEACHERS

The 4th Quarter begins on October 2nd. For those teaching, please let me know if you have any questions. —Jason Allen

OUR SICK

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Atha Clark will enter the Forsyth Medical Center on October 2nd for back surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Brenda Swain, Tim Allen's sister, will undergo back surgery to have two steel rods inserted. She will be in the ICU for 4 to 5 weeks.

Wayne and Cathy Hutchins were both reported ill this week.

D. J. Harrison is experiencing a reaction to her medications at this time. The Harrison's granddaughter, Merry Minchy will be undergoing stint implants in her brain for drainage. The date is not known at this time.

Lutrelle Chipman has requested the prayers of the congregation in her behalf.

Will T. Winchester, preacher at the Marion church of Christ is having health issues. Prayers are requested.

Please pray for Nancy Minor's co-worker, **Linda Swaim.** Her sister passed away this past Wednesday.

Continue praying for Jean Rose and Family.

UPDATES:

Sheri Blackwell is doing well in her recovery from back surgery.

James Allen has had a few stitches taken out of his hand but the majority of staples and stitches were left in due to his wounds are not healing well.

Continue to pray for **Steve White**, friend of the Workman's, who is now home after a hospital stay for a massive blood clot in his lung.

Emily Workman received a good report from her recent MRI.

Note of Thanks

The **Leffew Family** wishes to thank everyone for the prayers for their family and ask that we continue to pray for them during these stressful times they are experiencing.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the **Hill Family** in the loss of a member of their family this past Sunday.

Donnie S. Barnes, former preacher at the Myrtle Beach church of Christ passed away on September 22nd. in Lafayette, TN. Our sympathy also goes out to his family.

Prayer List Star

The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

Welcome

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WELCOME

We welcome Jerry Sullins who will be talking about the work in Africa this morning during Bible Class. Middle School students and up will remain in the auditorium. Jerry will also be speaking Sunday evening.

We also want to welcome Lonnie Smith, Jr. Lonnie is the third of four speakers that we have invited for our Fall Speaking Series. Lonnie is a Christian counselor and has a Ph.D in Clinical Psychology. He is also the minister for the Eastside church of Christ in Winston-Salem.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Sept. 29 - Pew Packers at 5:30

Oct. 3 - "50 and Older Class" will meet at 10:30 in Annex.

Nov. 2 - Warners Chapel Annual Chicken Stew.

Nov. 3-7 - Gospel Meeting - Speaker David Pharr, Theme: Ancient Faith For The Modern World.

AREA EVENTS:

SEE LAST WEEK'S INSERT (COPIES AVAILABLE ON DESK IN FOYER)

GOSPEL ADVOCATE

It is time to renew or newly subscribe to the Gospel Advocate. The cost is \$15.98 for a year's subscription. **See Don Minor**.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - September 22, 2013	124
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	150
Contribution for September 22, 2013	\$5,714
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	28
Chapters Read:	593
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	

114

105

Sunday Evening:

Wednesday Evening: September 25, 2013

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2013

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Joe Everett

Andrew Hinson Elwood Flinchum

Michael Cooper Bill Carothers

Preparing Communion for October:Marie HarperMaking Announcements on Sunday:Jim HarrisonMaking Announcements on Wednesday:Roger Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - October 6, 2013

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Rodney Brown Morning - Steve Martin A.M. - Jason Allen A.M. - Andrew Hinson

Song Leader - Wayne Allen Evening - Jason Allen P.M. - Steve Tesh P.M. - Gene Ruark

Prayer - Steve Martin Wed. - Jason Allen

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: October FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Jessica Lay Morning - Abby Little Clayton & Emily Workman Zone 1

Evening - Rhonda Hardister **Evening** - Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - October 6 - Wednesday: - October 9 -

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 10:50 AM

Evening Worship 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

"GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE" at 10:30 p.m. each week night on Cable 8 SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS DEACONS

David MooreRandy WarnerJason AllenTim AllenTommy RoseMike CooperJoe EverettKeith WarnerJody EverettTodd HinsonAndy SantiagoGene SouthernSteve TeshMark MinorShawn Thomason

AREA EVENTS:

- Oct. 5 Ladies' Day at Linville Forest 8:30-1 p.m. Theme: When You're At The End Of Your Rope, Tie Another Knot'. Speaker: Cynthia Guy (Myrtle Beach, SC.)
- Oct. 5 Ladies Day at West Jefferson. Melissa Hoss will be the speaker. Theme: "It's Not About Me!!!"
- <u>Oct. 6</u> **Gospel Meeting** at Capernaum church of Christ with Leslie James from the Sugar Creek Church of Christ will be speaking.
- Oct. 6-10 Fall Gospel Mtg. At West Innes church of Christ in Salisbury. Speaker: Steve Canup. Monday-Thursday at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Ladies Day at the Eastside church of Christ. 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. Theme: Why, Am I My Sister's Keeper? Speaker: Cecilia Ellerbe from South Lumberton church of Christ.
- Oct. 12 5th Annual Senior Rally at Central Union church of Christ. Speaker: Kirk Sams from the Kannapolis church of Christ. Flu shots from 9-11 a.m.
- Oct. 12 Ladies Day at Northwest church of Christ in Greensboro. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Theme: "Mind Body Spirit". Speakers: JoAnn Landon, Jeanne Christman & Jackie Keen, and Kim Guilbeau.
- Oct. 13 Sunday Evening Meeting with Michael Shanks (author of the Brotherhood "Muscle And A Shovel" at the Thomasville church of Christ beginning at 6 p.m.
- FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FOYER.