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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

January 15, 2017

BALANCE

Whenever there is division in the church the devil wins. The Lord does not delight in division, but rather in unity (John 17:6-26). The inspired writers of the New Testament spoke strongly of the need for unity within the Lord's church (1 Corinthians 1:10). Psalm 133:1-3 speaks of how wonderful it is when brethren dwell together in unity.

Sadly, there are those who have divided the body of Christ by looking for ways around God's Will. This often comes from a desire to please men rather than please God. Paul did not operate on this basis. He was always concerned with what pleased God rather than what pleased men (Galatians 1:10).

Unfortunately, there are also some Christians who have divided the one true church of Christ by adding to God's Will. These brethren are stricter than God. They have refused to fellowship those whom God fellowships. They have bound where God has not bound. Binding or loosing where God has not, will cause one to be lost (Joshua 1:7; Revelation 22:18, 19).

Sound brethren stand firmly upon God's Word while departing neither to the left nor to the right. God's Word is always to be our standard (2 Timothy 3:16, 17). The doctrines and commandments of men will make our worship vain, and cause us to be lost (Matthew 7:21; 15:9). Sound, or faithful brethren should be disappointed and saddened when their brothers split the body of Christ with their divisive doctrines. However, faithful Christians should love those who are in error. No animosity should exist between brethren, even if fellowship cannot be had with those brethren who are in error (Ephesians 5:11; Titus 3:10; Romans 16:17, 18).

Fellowship with those in error, and true Bible unity can only be had when those who have taught the divisive error repent. They must publicly admit to their error and never teach it again. When that happens, those who are sound may restore them to fellowship (Galatians 6:1).

~Kevin V. Rutherford

ELDERS CORNER:

“Carpe Diem”

By Steve Higginbotham

The story is told of a Sergeant and a private in the army who were travelling together on a train. Sitting across from them in the same compartment and facing them was a mother and her beautiful daughter. As the train entered a tunnel, everything went black as coal, then there was the sound of a kiss and a slap on the face. The following is what went through the minds of these four people.

- **The Mother** - was appalled that this Private in the Army would be so presumptuous as to kiss her daughter, but at least her daughter had enough good sense to slap him in the face for taking such liberties.
- **The Sergeant** - couldn't blame the Private for kissing the beautiful young lady, but wished her aim in the dark was a little better since she slapped him in the face, not the Private.
- **The Daughter** - kind of liked the kiss but wished her mother would not have slapped the Private for kissing her.
- **The Private** - sat in the darkness with a satisfied grin thinking, “how often is it that you get to kiss a pretty girl and slap your Sergeant in the face all in the same day!

The term, “carpe diem” means to “seize the day,” and that’s exactly what this quick thinking Private did. But here’s the thought for the day. How well have we been taking advantages of opportunities to advance the Kingdom of God? Have we been “seizing the day” in speaking a kind word for Jesus or doing an act of kindness in the name of Jesus?

Friends, let me challenge you to not let opportunities pass you by. Be thoughtful, mindful, and attentive to the cause of Christ and “seize the day!”

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

January 16 - Matt. 11
January 17 - Matt. 12:1-23
January 18 - Matt. 12:24-50
January 19 - Matt. 12:1-30



January 20 - Matt. 13:31-58
January 21 - Matt. 14:1-21
January 22 - Matt. 14:22-36



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Wanda Elam, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Tesh, Curtis Doss & Family, Bob Plunk, Charlie Parker and Wayne Hutchins in your prayers.

Ingrid Mock is home and doing well following her surgery this past Monday.

It was reported Wednesday evening that **Marie Harper** has the flu.

Gene Southern has been undergoing a number of tests to determine his treatment for a carotid artery blockage. He will probably learn this week from the doctors what will need to be done in this regard.

LaDonna Gordan, Jim and D.J. Harrison's daughter, fell on the ice and broke her wrist and was scheduled to undergo surgery this past Thursday. Prayers have been requested in her behalf.

Jim Jones who attends the Seniors Class had hip replacement surgery this past Wednesday. He is scheduled to be moved to Bermuda Commons on Saturday for rehab.

"Thank you for all the prayers for my friend **Amanda and Family**. Amanda was scheduled to have surgery this past Tuesday to remove the other half of her thyroid and prayerfully all the cancer. The Dr. is optimistic she will not need chemotherapy but will receive a one-time radioactive iodine treatment. Thanks for keeping her in your prayers." - Lorie Rose.

Ellen Wingo's sister, **Paula Reber**, will be having a kidney removed due to cancer. Her surgery will be on Jan. 17th. Prayers are requested.

A few months ago it was announced that a co-worker of Jacob Woodbury, **Evan Rogers**, had a six month old son that had retinal cancer. The son, **Chris**, is now done with radiation and most of the cancer is gone. However, it can come back. We also found out that they were expecting another son at the end of the year, but the baby didn't make it over the holidays. The **Rogers Family** could use prayers. He is a very private person so reaching out isn't encouraged, but please keep them in your prayers.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Please pray for Emily Workman's Family in the death of her great aunt Julie Bloomingburg, who passed away on Tuesday, January 10th. She was a member of the Broad St. church of Christ in Lexington, TN.

Emily, Austin and Jonah will be traveling there this weekend for the funeral. Prayers are appreciated.

Our sympathy is also extended to the Family of Sister Irene Taylor who passed away this past week. She was the wife of Brother Robert Taylor, Jr., and the grandmother of Ryan and Jonathan Davis.

Her funeral was held on Saturday, January 14th at the Ripley church of Christ in Ripley, TN with burial at the Locust Grove Cemetery near Bradford, TN.

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 MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

January 15 - Congregational Meal in the Annex following this morning's worship service. Everyone is invited.

January 17 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

January 18 - Song & Prayer Service (last Wed. of the month we will have regular classes)

January 19 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

Please Note:

We have big "Thinking of You" cards for members of the congregation to sign for **Wanda Elam and Curtis Doss**.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for **January 2017** is **peanut butter and jelly** (in plastic containers. No glass containers allowed)

SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman**

**Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden**

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 8, 2017 (snow storm)

Sunday Worship Service at 2:00 p.m.

108

Contribution for January 8, 2017

\$4,416

Daily Adult Bible Readers:

Chapters Read:

Sunday Evening Worship Service

Wednesday Evening Bible Study 1-11-17

Lord's Day Appointments For January, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For January:

Al Lawson

Alfred Huff	Neal Harper
Wayne Allen	Jody Everett
	Lou Ann Harper
	Clayton Workman
	Shawn Thomason

Preparing Communion for January:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - January 22, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Robby Landry	Morning - Tommy Rose	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. - David Moore
Song Leader - Steve Tesh	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Don Minor	P.M. - Bill Carothers
Prayer - Al Lawson		Wed. - Song Request Service Roger A. & Tim Allen	
<u>Greeters for January:</u>			
Mike and Laura Cooper			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	- January 15	-	Mark Roy
Wednesday:	- January 18	-	Mark Roy

Lord's Day Appointments - January 15, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Minor	Morning - Carl Cooper	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader - Tommy Rose	Evening - Wesley Huff	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - Andy Santiago		Wed. - Tim Allen	
<u>January:</u>			
Mike and Laura Cooper			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	- January 15	-	Brad Hoots
Wednesday:	- January 18	-	Brad Hoots

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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DEACONS

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen

Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason