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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 13, 2020

EXHAUSTION

Wicked King Ahab had married the pagan queen Jezebel (1 Kings 16:29-34). Together they determined to remove true faith from Israel and replace it with the pagan worship of Baal. Worshipping Baal would give them the freedom to live as wickedly as they chose and still consider themselves to be religious. God’s law would have restricted them and required of them a high standard of ethics and morality. Such high standards often make people angry and bitter toward God and all who follow Him. The Bible says, “Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him” (1 Kings 16:33).

When the wicked fight against all that is good and right, those who love truth get hurt. However, God only allows the wicked to rule and succeed for a time before He brings them to account. Eventually Ahab, and especially Jezebel would pay a terrible price for their wickedness. But, before that, God brought drought to Ahab as a temporary and partial punishment that would show God’s power and give Ahab opportunity to repent. Yet, Ahab would remain adamantly opposed to all that is good and right even as his wife continued to push him in the wrong direction (1 Kings 17).

This is where we are introduced to the prophet Elijah. Ahab and Jezebel had given orders to have all the prophets of God killed. Being a prophet of God, Elijah was in constant danger. It was this prophet who was given the precarious task of announcing the drought to King Ahab. Once announced God told Elijah to flee and hide (1 Kings 17:1-7). Elijah did as he was commanded by God. It must have been stressful and exhausting for Elijah to have to run and hide when he gave God’s message to Ahab. God gave Elijah time to rest and recover, then sent Elijah back to work.

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Elijah set up a meeting with King Ahab in order to present another message from God (1 Kings 18). The message this time was to gather Israel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah and meet Elijah on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18:19). What followed was a tremendous demonstration of God's power and an encouraging victory for truth. The prophets of Baal called on their pagan and imaginary God to consume their sacrifice. Elijah mocked them when nothing happened. In their pagan ways the prophets of Baal cut themselves until blood gushed out all over them in hopes of gaining the attention of a god that didn't exist. When it was Elijah's turn he called on the One True God who sent fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice, the altar, and the water in the trench around the altar. Elijah then commanded Israel to seize the prophets of Baal. Israel did, Elijah executed them and Jezebel was furious.

It must have been stressful and exhausting for Elijah to have to face the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. It must have been stressful and exhausting for Elijah to have to run for his life again and hide. Wicked Queen Jezebel wanted Elijah dead (1 Kings 19). God gave Elijah opportunity to rest and recover before speaking to him. Elijah told God he was the only prophet of God left and that he had been zealous for the LORD God of hosts. God said, "I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal" (1 Kings 19:18). Elijah was stressed and exhausted. Under the pressure he felt like he was the only one still trying to do the right thing. In reality there were seven thousand more people in Israel that were still doing the right thing. After Elijah had opportunity to rest and recover, God sent him back to work.

Doing what is right can be stressful and exhausting at times. Just when a Christian believes one challenge has been conquered another one appears. Sometimes multiple challenges and spiritual attacks occur simultaneously. It is easy for Christians to become so stressed and tired they want to give up. But, we must not give up. We may at times need to rest and recover, but we must continue to do what is right for the salvation of our souls and that of those around us. Ultimately Elijah was rewarded by God for faithfulness. Eventually the days of stress and exhaustion came to an end. God rewarded Elijah by taking him to heaven in a whirlwind. God will reward all of us someday by taking us to heaven also. The reward is coming. The effort is worthwhile. Though the battle is exhausting, let us continue to faithfully serve the Lord.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020

December 14 - Revelation 5
December 15 - Revelation 6
December 16 - Revelation 7
December 17 - Revelation 8



December 18 - Revelation 9
December 19 - Revelation 10
December 20 - Revelation 11

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Elwood Flinchum, Abby Little, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lungren, Larry Hayes, Melvin Sapp, Caleb Massey, Terry Wood, Laurie Courtemanche, Edith Allen, Debbie & Gene Southern, Steve & Ernestine Martin, and Gaye Ruark.

Sandy Smith is now at home after two months in the hospital and getting physical therapy. Please continue to remember her with prayers and cards. Her address is 243 Old Vineyard Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

D.J. Harrison is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on December 16th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Also, the Harrison's daughter, **Tammy Jones**, has had her neck surgery delayed until sometime in January due to the large number of people that have Covid and the hospital is overcrowded at this time.

Martha Kee has been released from the hospital. She was given fluids and meds and is following up with her doctor.

Donna Duncan's grandson, **Michael Leone**, has tested positive for Covid. He lives in New York. Please pray for him.

Please continue to pray for Betty Hoot's sister, **Janet Graham**, who also has Covid.

Preston Best, Jim and D.J.'s Great Grandson is having problems with Diabetes at this time. Please continue to pray for him.

Please pray for the Brothers and Sisters in Nicaragua. They have been hit hard by a hurricane. More information will be available when we know more.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Eric Mowery**, who was killed recently in a boating accident. His body was found last Lord's Day. Please pray for his family.*

How True

The Bible is not a good-luck charm; it brings a blessing only when studied and obeyed.



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.

REMINDER

January 7 - "Journey through the Bible" class begins for the Ladies. Instructor: Teresa Glenn.

January 7 - "Developing Leadership practices that work" class begins for the men or ladies. Instructor: Mike Glenn.

HOUSE TO HOUSE

PRAY WITH US FOR A SISTER CONGREGATION

This Week's Focus:

Glencoe church of Christ in Alabama.

The Glencoe church of Christ in Glencoe, Alabama, recently hosted the HTH School of Evangelism. Their preacher, Brooks Boyd, began working with the congregation in 2018. Their elders are Brooks Boyd and David Marker. Glencoe church of Christ has about 100 members. Their motto is: "Everybody is somebody in the Lord's body. Everyone is important."

Please pray for them today. Pray that their HTH mailings will produce prospects for salvation and for them to have success in leading these members of their community to become members of the kingdom of heaven.

Thank you for taking time to pray for the kingdom (James 5:16).



SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR DECEMBER, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY -

Sunday, December 6 & Wednesday, December 9 - Todd Hinson
Sunday, December 13 & Wednesday, December 16 - Tim Allen
Sunday, December 20 & Wednesday, December 23 - Gene Southern
Sunday, December 27 & Wednesday, December 30 - Gene Southern

CLOSING PRAYER TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU PRIOR TO SERVICE BEGINNING ALONG WITH MAKING SURE ALL MEN SCHEDULED ARE REMINDED OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER: - Mike Glenn

OPENING PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY - a.m.

December 6 - Allan Knight

December 13 - Wayne Allen

December 20 - Carl Cooper

December 27 - Nathan Roy

SUNDAY - p.m.

Dec. 6 - Bob Tesh

Dec. 13 - Mark Minor

Dec. 20 - Brad Hoots

Dec. 27 - Don Minor

WEDNESDAY

December 9 - David Queen

December 16 - D.C. Mock

December 23 - Clayton Workman

December 30 - Charley Belch

SONG LEADERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY - a.m.

December 6 - Wayne Allen

December 13 - Clayton Workman

December 20 - Roger Allen

December 27 - Charley Belch

SUNDAY - p.m.

Dec. 6 - Wayne Allen

Dec. 13 - Clayton Workman

Dec. 20 - Roger Allen

Dec. 27 - Charley Belch

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 9 - Clayton Workman

Dec. 16 - Wayne Allen

Dec. 23 - Charley Belch

Dec. 30 - Roger Allen

SECURITY AND USHERS FOR MAIN BUILDING SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

NOTE: BE AT BUILDING BY 10:05 ON SUNDAY AND 6:25 ON WEDNESDAY TO SET OUT TABLES, THERMOMETERS, MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER EARLY. PEOPLE START ARRIVING ABOUT THAT TIME.

MAIN BUILDING: Ed O'Shields and Richard Hamann

ANNEX BUILDING: Tony Minor

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME OF NEED

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS CALLED UPON, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

"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

Tim Allen
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Andy Santiago

DEACONS

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Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury