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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

February 12, 2017

"CHRISTIAN LOVE"

Love motivated Jesus to die for man (John 3:16; I John 3:16). The sacrificial love of God for mankind must motivate and encourage a similar love among Christians for their brothers and sisters in Christ (I John 4:7-10). Notice especially verses ten and eleven: "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." Jesus died for my brother in Christ. Therefore, my brother in Christ is of infinite value and I must love him. Jesus died for my sister in Christ. Therefore, my sister in Christ is of infinite value and I must love her. "If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another!"

The love that Christians have for one another should flow naturally from their commitment to the Lord. Peter wrote, "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever (I Peter 1:22-23). In reality there is no faithful Christian who is not a loving Christian. A Christian who teaches and preaches sound doctrine in every way, and yet who is not loving, is not sound and faithful. John said, "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him (I John 3:18-19)." Do you see what John said? It is when we properly love our brethren that we know we are of the truth.

Paul taught the church at Ephesus to be united (Ephesians 4) In that context he encouraged Christians to be involved in "speaking the truth in love," to their brethren (Ephesians 4:15). He then spoke of how love unites the church in a powerful way as he wrote of the body being "jointed and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes the

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growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:16).” If there is no love there is no true unity. If there is no deep and committed love among brethren the church is just wandering around in a sea of superficiality and selfishness.

In his second letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul listed the characteristics of an effective minister (2 Corinthians 6). He spoke of purity, knowledge, kindness, the armor of righteousness, and the word of truth (I Corinthians 6:6-7). If we don’t have these qualities we are not faithful ministers. For example, if we don’t have the word of truth we cannot be good ministers. The word of truth must be known, loved, and lived by us if we are going to be good and faithful ministers. But look at what else is in the text! Sincere love (2 Corinthians 6:6).” Not just love, but sincere love. You can’t be a faithful minister of God without sincere love.

In Paul’s first letter to the Corinthian church he identified true unity (I Corinthians 1:10). True unity exists when we all speak the same thing. What we all must be speaking is the word of God (I Peter 4:11)! Yet, love is also required for true unity. I Corinthians twelve identifies the division that existed in the church at Corinth over the various miraculous gifts. Paul strongly emphasized the unity of the church and the importance of each member to the church with his illustration of the body. Every member of the body is important! But, what will help us to see that? What will enable us to live that out? Love! The more excellent way! Thus begins Paul’s discussion of the importance of love and the qualities of love in chapter thirteen. If you want unity, you need to learn to love.

Dear brethren it would be very hard to over-emphasize the importance of love to Christianity. If there is no love, there is no Christianity. If there is no love, there is no church of Christ. Without love there is weakness, apathy, and failure. Love the truth and never compromise. Love God and live in reverence toward Him. Love your brethren and let it be shown in your actions toward them!

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

**February 13 - Matt. 26:51-75
February 14 - Matt. 27:1-26
February 15 - Matt. 27:27-50
February 16 - Matt. 27:51-66**



**February 17 - Matt. 28
February 18 - Mark 1:1-22
February 19 - Mark 1:23-45**



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

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

Wayne Hutchins was taken by ambulance to the Forsyth Medical Center on February 7th because of a high heart rate and difficulty breathing. He is presently in ECU, Room 9319, undergoing testing and treatment for his condition. His condition remains very serious. Please continue to pray for him.

Please pray for **Linda Santiago** (Andy's mother). She is to see a heart surgeon about two leaking heart valves. Please pray she will make the right decision concerning whether to have the procedure or not. **Her address is 221 Bradford Lake Ct., Lewisville, NC 27023.**

Thank you for your Prayers! **Eddie Drews** is at home recovering well. His blood levels are getting back to normal and he is feeling much better.

Please pray for Doris Cooper's brother, **Lewis Evans**. He was diagnosed with lung cancer this past week.

Please pray for **Abbie Miller**, Ingrid Mock's granddaughter. She had surgery this past week do to an automobile accident.

Mark Brewer, friend of the Workman's for whom you've prayed previously, received a good report from his doctors this week regarding his liver failure. All others currently within his trial group haven't had good results, but he alone has seen some improvement. Please join us in thanksgiving and continue to pray for continued success.

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser**

**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)

New Address:

Don Jackson's new address is:

**3731 University Parkway
Apt. #112
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

February 12 - Bundling of House to House in Annex following evening worship service.

February 12 - Youth Group Sunday Evening Devo at 4:30 p.m. ~Finger Foods.

February 14 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

February 16 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

February 17 - Youth Group Friday Movie Night at 7 p.m. TBA; Pizza

February 18 - Congregational Workday beginning at 9 a.m.

February 19 - Monthly Potluck Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship services. **Everyone is invited.**

February 25 - Cusco Missions Breakfast. Please join us Saturday, February 25th at 9 a.m. in the annex for a morning of food and fellowship as Cusco mission team member Ryan Davis presents a crucial project that the Cusco church is embarking on and how you can help.

Southwest Food Pantry

The Food request for **February** is canned fruit

109 items were delivered to the pantry this past week making a total of **319 items** thus far for 2017.

Please Note: The sign up list for baking cakes for Ladies Day is on the back bulletin board.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 5, 2017	123
Sunday Worship Service	170
Contribution for February 5, 2017	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	30
Chapters Read:	447
Sunday Evening Worship Service	118
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 2-08-17	97

Lord's Day Appointments For February, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For February:

Roger Allen

Mark Minor	Walter Cruz
Jonathan Huff	Brad Hoots
Dana Hinson	
Todd Hinson	
Andy Santiago	

Preparing Communion for February:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - February 19, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Steve Martin	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Michael Cooper
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Robby Landry	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don M.	
<u>Greeters for February</u>			
Mark and Nancy Minor			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Feb. 19	~	John Allen
Wednesday: - Feb. 22	~	John Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - February 12, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Jim Harrison	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Clayton Workman	Evening - Don Minor	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Shawn Thomason
Prayer - Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Nathan Roy	
Opening and Closing Building		<u>February:</u>	
		Mark and Nancy Minor	
Sunday: - February 12	~	Justin Minor	
Wednesday: - February 15	~	Justin Minor	

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 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