

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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I CAN DO BETTER

Honest, humble, sincere, open self-examination typically yields the conclusion, "I can do better." We must learn to be content and to be satisfied from a material standpoint (1 Timothy 6:6-19). However, we must never be content and satisfied with our spiritual development. We certainly don't want to allow the grief of guilt, and a lack of trust in God's grace to discourage us so that we give up. But, we should be able to humbly recognize the need to do better.

Every book of the Bible is going to show me how I can do better, but let's focus for just a moment on the book of Philippians. By looking at both Paul and the church he was writing to, we can learn some important traits that ought to be a part of who we are as Christians. While there are many more Christian qualities we could focus on in the book of Philippians, we will just look at seven of them for the purpose of the article.

First, we should be thankful (Philippians 1:3-8). Paul was thankful for the Christians in the church at Philippi. Specifically, he was thankful for the fellowship he had with them in the Gospel. Because of his gratitude for them, he prayed for them often, and did so with joy.

Second, we should be discerning (Philippians 1:9-11). Paul prayed that the church at Philippi would abound more in knowledge and in discernment. Discernment is the ability to see and understand the difference between right and wrong, and truth and error. He wanted them to grow in discernment so that they could approve the things that are excellent, be sincere and without offense, and be filled with the fruits of righteousness.

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Third, Paul was evangelistic (Philippians 1:12-18). Paul's imprisonment did not stop him from being evangelistic. He was able to teach some people while in prison he may not have been able to reach otherwise. Paul's love for the lost is also evident in the joy he had in knowing that others were also preaching Christ.

Fourth, Paul was courageous, and he encouraged the church at Philippi to be courageous (Philippians 1:19-30). Paul did not know whether or not his imprisonment would end in death. Yet, he faced his death with courage, contentment, and complete trust in God. He also told the Christians not to be in any way terrified by their adversaries.

Fifth, Paul encouraged the Christians to be humble (Philippians 2:1-8). Humility is shown here as being vital to unity, and Jesus Christ is held up as the perfect example of humility.

Sixth, we must be determined. Chapter three shows us this. Paul was determined to know Christ and the power of His resurrection. He was willing to make any sacrifice necessary so that he could have the resurrection to an eternal reward. He put the things are the past behind and stretched hard toward the goal of the resurrection to eternal life. Paul was determined, and we must be also.

Seventh, we should be joyful (Philippians 4:4-20). Paul said rejoice in the Lord always. We can rejoice in the Lord always when we will not be anxious for anything, but rather let our requests be made known unto God. When we can do this, we will have the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

We can do better by adding, and then increasing in gratitude, discerning, evangelism, courage, humility, determination, and joy.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

January 14 - Matthew 10:1-20

January 15 - Matthew 10:21-42

January 16 - Matthew 11:

January 17 - Matthew 12:1-23



January 18 - Matthew 12:24-50 January 19 - Matthew 13:1-30

January 20 - Matthew 13:31-58

OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Di-Ann Moser's health continues to decline. Please, no visitors at this time.

Mary Ellen Dull fell at the Elms this past Wednesday. She has cuts and bruises, but seems to be okay.

Roger Allen's procedure went well this past Monday. They removed five bone spurs between vertebrae along with nerve cauterization. Prayers are requested that this will help with his pain.

Doris Cooper underwent surgery this past Monday to have her shoulder muscle repaired. She is in a considerable amount of pain at this time, but being somewhat controlled with pain medication. She will have a 4-6 week recovery period.

Lorie Rose was scheduled to have biopsy tests done this past Monday. She had requested prayers that the tests would come back negative, which they did. Thank you so much for your prayers in her behalf.

R.J. Landry would like to thank the congregation for all the prayers, cards, & fruit basket. He feels better because of the results of the medical test, and because he knows the power of the prayers offered on his behalf. The family is very appreciative of all the prayers and love of the congregation.

Terry Brown, a friend of David Shoaf, has been diagnosed with Squamous Cell Cancer and began chemo and thirty-five radiation treatments recently. Please continue to pray for the Brown family.

Denny Allen, Betty Hoot's brother, has received a clean report from the doctors this past Wednesday. He would like to thank each of you that sent him cards. Your kindness has meant so much to him.

Please pray for **Ken Proctor**, a member at the Shallotte church of Christ. He had been placed on a kidney transplant list. He now has a live donor and is getting closer to having the surgery. Please pray for Ken and his donor, Casey Stanley.

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



Please Note:

The new House to House issue is available on the credenza in the foyer. There are extra copies so please take as many as you would like and give them to your friends and family. Thank you.



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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>Jan. 13</u> - Ladies Day Meeting following services this morning. <u>All Ladies please try and stay</u>.

<u>Jan. 15</u> - Sewing for missions on Tuesday from 9-12 in the annex. This year we will be sewing for girls in Guyana and Panama.

<u>Jan. 15</u> - Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

Jan. 20 - Congregational Fellowship Meal

AREA EVENTS:

<u>Feb. 3</u> - Fellowship Meeting at the Capernaum church of Christ. Guest Speakers: Bernard Revel and Robert Smith. (See bulletin board)

Mar. 2 - Ladies Day at the Cary church of Christ.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **January:**

Peanut Butter/Jelly (plastic containers)

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Mary Ellen Dull Ernestine Martin Carolyn Minor Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 6, 2019	135
Sunday Worship Service	169
Contribution for January 6, 2019	\$9,215
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	44
Chapters Read:	622
Sunday Evening Worship Service	133
Wednesday Evening Bible study - 1-9-19	111

Lord's Day Appointments For January, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For January:

Clayton Workman

Bill Carothers Mark Minor

> Robby Landry **Emily Workman** Joe Everett Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for January: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - January 20, 2019

OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER **DEVOTIONS: SCRIPTURE READERS**

Morning - Gene Southern A.M. - Wayne Allen Scripture - Mark Minor A.M. - Bill Carothers P.M. - Shawn Thomason **Evening** - Don Minor - Gene Southern Song Leader- Tommy Rose **P.M**.

Wed. - Wayne Allen Prayer Andy Santiago

> **Greeters for January** Walter & Nancy Cruz

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: **Brad Hoots** January 20 Wednesday: -January 23 **Brad Hoots**

Lord's Day Appointments - January 13, 2019

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Morning - Carl Cooper Evening - Jody Everett A.M. - Daryl Cook A.M. - Gene Southern Scripture Shawn Thomason Song Leader Tim Allen P.M. - Charley Belch P.M. - Keith Warner Wed. - Tim Allen

- Jack Piper **Praver**

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - January 13 Andy Santiago **Greeter for January** Wednesday: - January 16 Andy Santiago Walter & Nancy Cruz

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

Tim Allen **Randy Warner Gene Southern** Keith Warner **Shawn Thomason** Joe Everett Mark Roy Adam Warner **Todd Hinson Mark Minor** Jason Allen Steve Tesh **Andy Santiago Jody Everett** Jacob Woodbury