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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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LOST IN THE WILDERNESS

By Kevin V. Rutherford

On a wilderness safety web site some interesting information is given on how to keep from being lost, and what to do if you do become lost. Within the site is listed a number of things that every hiker should carry with him when going into the wilderness. These items should help keep the wilderness trekker from being lost, and if he does become lost, they should assist him in finding his way. Among the items listed were, a map, compass, altimeter, and a first aid kit. To keep from being lost, or to find his way back home if he becomes lost, every Christian ought to have certain things he keeps with him while making his way through the wilderness of the world.

Just as the hiker must have a map, and must know how to use it, so the Christian must have a Bible and know how to use it. God's Holy Word is our map that will take us from earth to heaven. In fact, it is the only accurate guide (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Romans 1:16). Because it is the only accurate map to guide us to heaven it must not be tampered with (Galatians 1:8,9; Revelation 22:18, 19). A Christian without a good knowledge of his map and how to use it will be lost.

Another item listed among the necessary objects for each hiker is a compass. Just as a hiker needs a properly functioning compass, so a Christian needs a properly functioning conscience. While it is true the Bible is our guide and final authority in religious matters, a conscience properly trained by the Bible can be of good use. When the conscience is pricked and we feel guilty, we are more likely to repent. After all, is not godly sorrow that leads to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10)? Furthermore, those who allow their consciences to become hardened will be lost (1 Timothy 4:1,2).

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A serious hiker will want to carry with him an altimeter so that he might know the elevation of his current position. A Christian will want to regularly examine himself so that he might know the current level of his spiritual strength (2 Corinthians 13:5). By examining ourselves in the light of the Scriptures, we can know whether or not we are saved (James 1:25; 1 John 5:13). Let us continually examine ourselves so that we do not fall for the trap of thinking we are standing when in fact we are not (1 Corinthians 10:12).

Finally, every serious backpacker ought to carry a first aid kit. There are any number of ways a hiker can be injured. Having a first aid kit might actually save the life of a wilderness walker. Every Christian making his way through the wilderness of life must understand there are plenty of ways in which he can get hurt spiritually. For that reason, he ought to have a spiritual first aid kit that includes some important equipment. Prayer, confession, and repentance must be found in every Christian's first aid kit. When a Christian sins, his soul is wounded. To repair the wound he needs to go to God in prayer, confess the sin to God, ask God to forgive him of the sin, and of course he must repent (Acts 8:22; Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 John 1:8-10).

Being physically lost in a natural wilderness may cost a person his life. Being spiritually lost in the wilderness of wickedness will cost a person his soul if he does not repent. Christian, make sure you don't get lost as you trek through life from birth to heaven. Keep your spiritual backpack stocked with your Bible (a map), a Biblically trained conscience (a compass), regular self-examination (an altimeter), and of course prayer, confession, and repentance (a first aid kit).



AN ANSWER FROM A DEAD MAN

This week I read an unusual notice sent out from the Department of Social Services in Greenville County, South Carolina. The letter read as follows:

Your food stamps will be stopped, effective immediately because we received notice that you passed away. May God bless you. You may reapply if there is a change in your circumstances.

It seems unlikely that a dead person would read the notice or that there would be enough change in his circumstance to allow for food stamps. Obviously someone had written the letter without thinking through what the letter said.

In the Bible, however, dead folks can respond. Paul talks about the old life before one puts his faith in the saving power of Jesus as death, being dead in sin. That person can be made alive in Jesus. We also know that physical death is not the end. Following the language of Jesus in John 11 when he talks about Lazarus, Christians have come to call death sleep. That's appropriate because death for the believer is not final. The message of the Gospel is about as mind-boggling as the letter above; it will not make sense to the man of the world but the death-conquering resurrection of Jesus announces this victory over death. —**Moss**

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ephesians 2:1

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

February 12 - Matt. 26:26-50
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



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

It was reported last Sunday that Harry Picciuto's father, **Steven Read**, has been moved to Hospice.

Jeannie Moore will begin her chemotherapy treatments at the Duke Hospital Cancer Center beginning February 12th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Rodney Brown will have shoulder surgery on Monday, February 19th.

Lutrelle Chipman remains in Room 5167 at the Forsyth Hospital at this time. She is making good progress in recovering from her respiratory problems.

~ THANK YOU ~

Robin Hauser wishes to thank everyone for their calls, cards and prayers during the passing of her brother, Michael Whitaker.

~ IN SYMPATHY ~

*Our sympathy goes out to Carolyn Plunk and family in the death of her husband, **Bob Plunk**. The funeral will be held on Saturday, February 17th, at 1 p.m. here at Warners Chapel. Bob will be greatly missed by all.*

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*Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Dot Pegram**. Dot passed away Thursday evening (Feb. 8th) at Hospice. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. Dot was a life-long member of Warners Chapel and will be missed by all those who knew and loved her.*

### SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker**  
**Lutrelle Chipman**  
**Ernestine Martin**

**Kim Matthews**  
**Di-Ann Moser**

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



### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of February is canned fruit.



**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:

**Feb. 15** - The **50 and Over Class** will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex. D. C. Mock will be teaching.

**Feb. 17** - A **Valentine's Banquet** is scheduled. More details to follow. Please sign up.

**Mar. 24** - **Ladies Day** at Warners Chapel. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board. The speaker will be **Brenda Rutherford**. The topic: "How do I Worship An Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent God?" - "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him" (Psalms 89:7)

*"Do you see more and more lack of reverence and respect for God in our worship services? People who have come into the presence of the Lord Almighty are texting, playing games on their I-phones, talking and dressed like they are going on a picnic. How do you personally worship God on the Lord's Day?"*

### AREA EVENTS:

**Feb. 24** - **Ladies Day** at the Cary church of Christ from, 9-12 Noon with lunch to follow. The theme is "Spring Cleaning for the Heart & Soul" The speaker will be Kathy Pollard.

**Mar. 23** - **Area Singing Fellowship** at the Northwest church of Christ in Greensboro at 7 p.m.

**Mar. 24** - **Men's Retreat** at the Northwest church of Christ. 8:30 to 12 noon

**Apr. 13-15** - **Youth Rally** at the Lake Norman church of Christ.

**May 5** - **Ladies Day** at Northwest church of Christ Theme: Soothe Your Soul, Speaker: Jonee' Lewis from WXII News. 8:30-1:00

### **FOR THE RECORD**

Sunday Bible Study - February 4, 2018 (*Ice Storm*)

Sunday Worship Service

136

Contribution for Feb. 4, 2018

Daily Adult Bible Readers:

Chapters Read:

Sunday Evening Worship Service

95

Wed. Evening Bible Study - Feb. 7, 2018

92

## Lord's Day Appointments For February, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For February:

**D. C. Mock**

Jacob Woodbury     Nathan Roy

Colin Robinson

Debbie Southern

David Moore

Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for February:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - February 18, 2018

| DEVOTIONS:                       | OPENING PRAYER:                | SONG LEADER                 | SCRIPTURE READERS          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Scripture</b> - Jason Allen   | <b>Morning</b> - Mark Roy      | <b>A.M.</b> - Gene Southern | <b>A.M.</b> - Jim Harrison |
| <b>Song Leader</b> - Wayne Allen | <b>Evening</b> - Andy Santiago | <b>P.M.</b> - Wayne Allen   | <b>P.M.</b> - Roger Allen  |
| <b>Prayer</b> - Carl Cooper      |                                | <b>Wed.</b> - Allen Cooper  |                            |

### Greeters for February:

Jim & D.J. Harrison

### Opening and Closing Building

|                                 |   |              |
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| <b>Sunday:</b> - February 18    | ~ | Justin Minor |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> - February 21 | ~ | Justin Minor |

## Lord's Day Appointments - February 11, 2018

| DEVOTIONS:                           | OPENING PRAYER:              | SONG LEADER                   | SCRIPTURE READERS          |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Scripture</b> - John Allen        | <b>Morning</b> - Todd Hinson | <b>A.M.</b> - Clayton Workman | <b>A.M.</b> - Jim Harrison |
| <b>Song Leader</b> - Clayton Workman | <b>Evening</b> - Nathan Roy  | <b>P.M.</b> - Gene Southern   | <b>P.M.</b> - Roger Allen  |
| <b>Prayer</b> - Tommy Ridings        |                              | <b>Wed.</b> - Nathan Roy      |                            |

### Opening and Closing Building

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| <b>Sunday:</b> - February 11    | ~ | Rick Clemmons |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> - February 14 | ~ | Rick Clemmons |

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## 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  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 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  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury