

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 16, 2018

DIVISION AND UNITY

It is easy for one to look at the condition of the Lord's church (the church of Christ) and become discouraged by the division that exists within that church. We fully understand that God wants His church to be united (1 Corinthians 1:10) But, we also understand that God wants His church to be united upon the solid foundation of truth (John 17:17-21). Unfortunately, there are plenty of men who have forsaken the truth. Many of these who have forsaken the truth have caused divisions in the Lord's church by their error. This is nothing new. Division plagued the church of the first century as well. Jude wrote a short, inspired letter to the church in the first century. In this letter Jude shows us how to deal with division.

First of all, we should remember that it is peace, and love that we want to see in the church (Jude 2). We want to have peace with our fellow Christians as much as is possible without compromising the truth (Romans 12:18). Peace, unity, love, and fellowship should be our desire (Romans 14:19). However, we need to recognize the fact that divisions will occur at times in order to separate the faithful from the unfaithful (1 Corinthians 11:19). We must always make sure we have peace, love, and unity among the faithful when division occurs even when we cannot have peace and unity with those in error.

The second thing to remember when dealing with those who cause division in the Lord's church is, that we must "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 3). The faith is that body of faith which makes up our standard of authority. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16).

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We are going to have to study the Bible and know the truth to be prepared to stand against those who divide the church with their error (1 John 4:1). We are going to have to be like the people in the city of Berea who examined the scriptures in order to determine the truthfulness of Paul's preaching (Acts 17:11). When we do recognize error, we must make sure that we oppose that error.

Another thing we must do when the church is facing division is build ourselves up in the faith (Jude 20, 21). One way to build up our faith is through prayer. We must never forget to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Never underestimate the power of prayer (James 5:16). When would there be a better time to bend the knee in prayer to God than when the church is facing divisions caused by false teachers? God will bless the prayerful with wisdom and patience (James 1:5; Philippians 4:6, 7).

Division exists within the Lord's church in this country. It exists because men have made laws where God has not, and division exists because men have looked for ways around the laws which God has made. Satan loves division. He will use it to discourage the faithful if he can. Don't let him pull you away from the truth. Always, "...contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

~Kevin V. Rutherford

Please Note:

If your email address has not been added to the list, please see Todd Hinson. This list is used to notify of delays and cancellations due to bad weather.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

December 17 - Revelation 8 December 18 - Revelation 9 December 19 - Revelation 10

December 19 - Revelation 10 December 20 - Revelation 11



December 21 - Revelation 12 December 22 - Revelation 13

December 23 - Revelation 14



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Di-Ann Moser has been moved from the ICU to Palliative Care, Room 8170 at the Forsyth Hospital. Prayers are requested in her behalf.

Nita Kirkland is still in the hospital. She is hoping to be released tomorrow (this past Thursday). She is doing a bit better. They have found a spot on her lung and are doing tests to see what it is. Please continue to pray for her and for good test results.

Wayne Hutchins will be undergoing back surgery on December 19th at the Forsyth Hospital. Because of his lung issue, he will have to be put on a respirator. How his breathing does will determine how long he will be in the hospital. Prayers are requested.

Roger Allen is scheduled to have another spinal procedure on January 7th. Prayers are requested that the pain will be removed.

Mary Seal was admitted to the Baptist Hospital for observation. She is not getting better from her fall. Please keep her in your prayers.

It was reported that **Sandy Smith** has been in the Forsyth Hospital for over a week with pneumonia and continued leg problems. Prayers are requested.

Todd and Dana request prayers for their son, **Andrew.** He is sick and he and his fiance had to cancel their trip here.

Rhonda Hardister's husband, **Toby**, has had a heart attack this past week and is in the Forsyth Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

Susie Steen, Sandra Church's son-in-law's mother will have to continue radiation and chemo treatments after scans showed that the cancer is still active. Please keep her in your prayers.

Kathy McKinney (Charley & Pat Belch's neighbor) will have sinus surgery. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please remember **Denny Allen** in your prayers. Denny is the brother of Betty Hoots and has prostate cancer. Further tests are being done to determine if it has spread. If you have the time to send him a note of encouragement, I think it will mean a lot to him. His address is 127 Lakewood Circle, Mocksville, NC 27028. (you might add to your card that you attend Warners Chapel with Brad and Betty). —Betty Hoots.

Rick Clemmons' father, **Guy Clemmons**, has been placed in hospice with bone cancer. The doctors told the family he may have a few weeks or a few days. Prayers are requested for the family.—Karen

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



SHUT-INS

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

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers



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:

The Senior Dinner planned for December 13th was cancelled due to the weather. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

Please Note!!

The Tuesday Night Class will resume on January 8th.

The Congregational Fellowship Meals will resume on the third Sunday in January.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

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

Canned meat (chicken and tuna)



God Is Faithful

(1 Corinthians 10:13)

God will never fail us, He will not forsake: His eternal covenant He will never break

Resting on His promise, What have we to fear? God is all-sufficient For the coming year.

~Selected

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - December 9, 2018
Sunday Worship Service Services cancelled for 12-9-18
Contribution for December 9, 2018
Daily Adult Bible Readers:
Chapters Read:
Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wednesday Evening Bible study - 12-11-18

Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For December, 2018

Mark Roy Andy Santiago

> Jesse Power Cindy Tesh **Brad Hoots** Roger Allen

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

Lord's Day Appointments - December 23, 2018

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

Morning - Al Lawson Scripture Gene Ruark A.M. - Wayne Allen **A.M.** - Jim Harrison **Evening** - Ian Quinn P.M. - Roger Allen Song Leader- Gene Southern **P.M**. - Roger Allen

- Song Req. Service Prayer Neal Harper Wed.

Gene S. & Don M.

Greeters for December:

Atha Clark

Wed. - Don Minor

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: December 23 Walter Cruz Wednesday: -December 26 Walter Cruz

Lord's Day Appointments - December 16, 2018

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Morning - Roger Allen Evening - Mark Minor A.M. - Gene Southern A.M. - Jacob Woodbury Scripture Brad Hoots Song Leader Joe Everett P.M. - Wayne Allen P.M. - Mark Clemmons

Praver Kevin Rutherford

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 16 Al Lawson **Greeter for December:** Wednesday: December 19 Al Lawson Atha Clark

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