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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 16, 2012

Have You Been Born Again? (Part 1)

We all have those special days in our lives that make them unforgettable: that first date, graduation, our first job, our wedding day, the birth of our firstborn, our first good job promotion. But there should be impressed in our memory another day, more important than any of those others: the day we accepted Christ and became Christians. The day you decided to surrender your life to Jesus Christ, and let the word of God be the guide in your life, ought to be THE special day of your life.

"Except a Man be Born of Water and Spirit"

The birth of a baby is a radical experience for him: a change from the quiet safety of the womb to a new and hostile environment. No less radical is the change one makes in becoming a Christian. When Nicodemus, a sincere ruler of the Jews came to Jesus, the Lord told him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except one be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God*"(Jno. 3:3). Nicodemus, as a Jew, trusted in his physical birth to have brought him into a right relationship with God as a child of Abraham. He couldn't understand being *born again*"and asked, *How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?*"The Lord's reply further explained this new birth: *Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God*"(Jno. 3:5).

To explain the change that Nicodemus, a religious man, must make in order to *enter into the kingdom of God*, Jesus looked around at the natural world and chose the most radical experience of human life: the birth of a human being. Becoming a Christian is not like enrolling at school or joining a club, it is the time for the most dramatic change one will ever make.

Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

Will All Good, Moral People Be Saved?

First, we must note that God's children must have morals, *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?"* – I Corinthians 6:9. But does morality alone make one saved? If this is so, then Jesus died in vain. *"Christ died for our sins."* – I Corinthians 15:3. Morality does not save, but a lack of it will cause one to be lost. *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"* – Romans 6:1. The answer to Paul's question is obvious: one who presumes upon God's grace continuing in sin will not be forgiven!

A change of life is demanded. We must be a moral people, but repentance alone does not pay for sins we have already committed. Paul goes on to say in Romans, Chapter 6, that we have died to sin beginning at our baptism into Christ. Since Christ died for my sin, my obligation is to die to sin. But apart from a new birth (John 3:3), one cannot see the kingdom of God. The most moral person in the world will lose his soul if he commits only one sin and does not have his soul cleansed by the blood of Christ. We show our appreciation for that precious blood by living as best we can, not by presuming upon His sacrifice and living as we did before we were saved (Read the rest of I Corinthians, Chapter 6 and Acts 22:16).

A person who has not contacted the blood of Christ is lost regardless of how good he may be (Romans 6:3-8). His lost state is not based on the good things he has done, but the sin he has to his credit. And we have all sinned who are of accountable age (in other words not small children).

Paul in his letters many times demanded sacrificial obedience of believers to God's commands. But he also made no bones about whose sacrifice washes our sins from us, *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."* – Galatians 2:21

— David Powell

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2012

December 17 - Rev. 8
December 18 - Rev. 9
December 19 - Rev. 10
December 20 - Rev. 11



December 21 - Rev. 12
December 22 - Rev. 13
December 23 - Rev. 14

OUR SICK Please Remember In Your Prayers

Randy Warner's eye surgery has been postponed until December 28th.

Paul Kirkpatrick is scheduled to have surgery at the Duke Hospital (Cancer Institute) on December 21st. He will be in the hospital for about six days, convalesce 2-3 weeks and will be back as soon as possible.

Lutrelle Chipman was reported this past week to have contracted Bronchitis. Lutrelle is in the Yadkin Nursing Care Center, 903 W. Main St., Yadkinville, NC 27055.

Mckenna Cravy was reported Wednesday evening to be recovering from an extended illness.

It was also reported that **Brittany Thurman** has been ill this past week.

Please continue prayers for Marsha Singh, Dwight Barringer, Elmer Laudenslager, and Wayne & Cathy Hutchins.

Prayers were requested on Wednesday evening for:

Please remember Michael Geter and his family in your prayers. He is an employee of Tammy Roy and a brother in Christ at Rockhill Church of Christ. His youngest brother Mark Geter (age 40) died of a massive heart attack on Tuesday.

Please keep Kathleen Warner's friend, **Samantha Barber-Rementer** in your prayers. She has been experiencing health problems.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Wyatt Reeves**, who passed away on December 9th at the Forsyth Medical Center. The funeral was held at Warners Chapel on December 12th at 3 p.m. He will be greatly missed.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SPONSORED BY ZONE 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Dec. 16 - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 - "50 and Older Class" will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

WEDDING SHOWER GIFTS

A basket will be in the foyer for **Micah Kirkpatrick Beller and her husband** this Sunday for Wedding Shower gifts. They will be in town next week.

THE FORTNER'S ADDRESS

Kevin and Becky Fortner's address is:
156 Carter Road
Mayfield, KY 42066

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Gladys Harper
Eula Harper
Mary Holder

Elmer Laudenslager
Dot Pegram
Joanne Piper
Don Richards
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please remember the shut-ins with cards, visits, and phone calls throughout the year whenever possible.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - December 9, 2012	161
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	198
Contribution for December 9, 2012	\$5,665
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	39
Chapters Read:	675
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	
Wednesday Evening: December 12, 2012	115

Lord's Day Appointments - December 23, 2012

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- Trent Thomas	Morning - Jody Everett	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Trent Thomas
Song Leader	- Don Minor	Evening - Tommy Ridings	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Mark Minor
Prayer	- Neal Harper		Wed. - Gene S. & Waye A.	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>December:</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning -	Robin Hauser	Morning -	Mary Anne Allen	Gene & Gaye Ruark
Evening -	Debbie Southern	Evening -	Jessica Lay	Zone 4

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	- December 23	Frank Shepard
Wednesday:	- December 26	Frank Shepard

**Sewing this Week: December 16, 2012*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer	a.m. - Steve Martin	Scripture Reader	a.m. - Al Lawson
Scripture: Robbie Santiago		p.m. - Adam Warner		p.m. - Allen Cooper
Song: Paul Kirkpatrick	Song Leaders:	a.m. - Gene Southern	Nursery #1:	a.m. - Jean Rose
Prayer: Michael Cooper		p.m. - Clayton Workman		p.m. - Jeannie Moore
		Wed. - Tim Allen	Nursery #2:	a.m. - Gina Strickland
				p.m. - Nancy 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

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST 8999 LASATER ROAD

ELDERS

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor

Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason