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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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WHAT IS OUR BADGE OF DISCIPLESHIP!

There is no mistaking his identity! When an officer of the law steps out in full uniform, with a shield on his cap, and showing his badge, you know he is a cop! After seeing the uniform, if you are still in doubt, you can ask to see his badge, and that will further identify him, giving name or number, and the municipality which gives him his authority. Just as an officer of the law dons his uniform and wears the badge, so the Christian puts on Christ (Galatians 3:27), and accepts a badge that gives him an identity. The world is to readily recognize a Christian as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and the badge of discipleship must be plainly visible. He must stand out in a crowd as one who is apart from the world, and none should mistake his identity. It is vitally important that we know something about the badge of discipleship, and what it means!

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John. 13:35). The true disciple will reflect this love for his fellowman, and especially within the household of faith! For "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John. 14:20). Whether or not you are a true disciple of Jesus can be ascertained by grading your love toward the brethren!

—Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

Adultery Is Still Not Virtuous

My friend, purity is as purity does. Those who have sexual relationships prior to or outside of the marriage bed are not pure. When a married person has such relationships with someone who is not their mate, they are adulterers and fornicators. Our text, Matt. 14:1-12 is an event recorded for us some time after it had occurred. John, the baptizer, is already dead. His death was the result of his preaching the truth on the subject of adultery. He had in particular angered Herodias with his preaching. It was she who precipitated his death.

I read somewhere that the last census revealed that 25% of American “couples” were living together without marriage. Virtually no television sitcom has family situations with everyone married. Even insurance companies in our nation have been pressured to grant family status to “partners” without the benefit of marriage. The present ungodly conditions have even altered our language. Many have learned to not assume the person you are living with is your husband or wife, but a “partner.” There is no longer any embarrassment when it is known that a person is sleeping with someone outside of marriage. Unlawful divorce (in the eyes of God) is rampant and the divorced have no problem jumping in bed with someone else when the desire arises. We could go on. This is a brief lesson. It took John only one sentence and he did not have to explain himself. He said, “It is not lawful ...”

It is still not lawful. Despite those who hate God, despite those who hate godliness and purity, despite those who call the concept of adultery old-fashioned or outdated or prudish, it is still not lawful. It is not lawful if one who is divorced for a reason other than fornication (Mt. 19:1-9) is remarried. It is not lawful for an unmarried person to sleep with a married person. If most people completely ignored marriage and decided to “shack up,” it still is not lawful.

If any one reading this finds themselves in the category of being in an unlawful marriage state, there is good news for you. One can be forgiven – but not while you continue to commit adultery. As Jesus told the woman in Jn. 8:1-11, “...go and sin no more.”

Mike Glenn

****Sewing this Week: March 25, 2012***

Devotions:

Opening Prayer a.m. - David Moore

Scripture Reader a.m. - Mark Minor

Scripture: Jake Thomason

p.m. - John Allen

p.m. - Robbie Santiago

Song: Jason Allen

Song Leaders: a.m. - Clayton Workman

Nursery #1:

a.m. - Robin Hauser

Prayer: Shawn Thomason

p.m. - Wayne Allen

p.m. - Debbie Southern

Wed. - Roger Allen

Nursery #2:

a.m. - Mary Anne Allen

p.m. - Jessica Lay

OUR SICK

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Curtis Doss is doing much better and is able to be back with us. We are thankful he is doing so well. —Curtis's sister, **Grace Meyers**, is in the ICU in Salem, Virginia, with internal bleeding at this time.

Holly Hauser has been suffering with strep throat this past week.

D.J. Harrison would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concerns during her recent surgery. She is having some difficulties at this time following the recent surgery so please keep her in your prayers.

It was reported Wednesday evening that the **Cravy family** has been having some health problems this past week.

Please remember Elmer Laudenslager's mother, who fell recently in a nursing home where she presently resides.

Ellen Wingo's father, **Ernest Kirkland**, has received some disturbing news about the cancer that he has been fighting. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. His address is 428 Muskegon Ave., Valparaiso, FL 32580.

Joe Byrd's partner's mother, **Jamesanna Lee**, fell. She is in the ICU Baptist hospital with a head injury. She is also Kathleen Warner's aunt.

Prayers have been requested for David & Jeannie Moore's friend, **Bill Shay**, who was scheduled to undergo a biopsy this past Friday.

~Response~

We commend **Jeff Potts** who came forward this past Wednesday confessing error in his life and requesting the prayers of the congregation. He is a member at the S. Stokes church of Christ.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Tib Hoots and family in the death of her sister, Louise Eisenhower, who passed away on Tuesday, March 20th. The funeral was held at Abilene church of Christ on Saturday, March 24th.

Read the New Testament in 2012

March 26 - Luke 3	March 30 - Luke 5:17-39
March 27 - Luke 4:1-30	March 31 - Luke 6:1-26
March 28 - Luke 4:31-44	April 1 - Luke 6:27-49
March 29 - Luke 5:1-16	

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 REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED BY THE ZONE 4.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

- Mar. 25** - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 26** - Sewing for Nicaragua at 7 p.m. at the home of Lois Allen (sewing bears for the children). Please come and be with us.
- Mar. 27** - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua in Annex at 9 a.m.
- Mar. 29** - The 50 & Over Bible Study group will meet at 10:30 a.m.
- April 21** - Ladies Day at Warners Chapel - Topic: "Why would a Loving God Allow Pain and Suffering" Please invite one woman you know to attend with you.
- May 5** - Senior Rally - Please mark your calendar!

BIRTHDAY

Sister Gladys Harper will be 92 on March 29th. Her address is Clare Bridge of Winston-Salem Assisted Living, Room C6, 275 Peace Haven Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - <i>March 18, 2012</i>	171
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	210
Contribution for <i>March 18, 2012</i>	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	925
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	150
Wednesday Evening: <i>March 21, 2012</i>	135

Lord's Day Appointments - April 1, 2012

Randy Warner	Jason Allen
Tommy Rose	Mike Cooper
Keith Warner	Jody Everett
Andy Santiago	Gene Southern
Mark Minor	Shawn Thomason