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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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YOUNG PEOPLE

By Kevin V. Rutherford

It was just yesterday that I was a teenager - fit, strong, happy, and full of the exuberance of youth. I'm still happy, but much has changed in me. Some of the most enjoyably and exciting days of my life occurred when I was in my teens and early twenties. God has blessed me now, and I don't want to go back in time, but I do recognize the special time in our lives sometimes referred to as "youth". Paul said, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12).

Older people need to be careful about their attitudes toward youth. It is possible for those who are older to develop such a negative attitude toward the young that they drive the young from them. When that is done, the older cannot help the younger. Sometimes it seems some older people have forgotten that they were young once. On the other hand, the younger must make sure that they respect the older, and that they behave in such a way as to earn the respect of the older. How can the young earn the respect of others? They can do so by following 1 Timothy 4:12. When young people implant this passage in their hearts they will become examples to others, both young and old.

Young people can be respected when they are examples to believes in word. Those who are young can teach others what the Bible says. They can encourage other people with good words. When they use their tongues wisely they can be a great source of strength, encouragements, and example to others. However, those young people who want to fill their mouths with foul language, dirty jokes, or crude remarks are going to have a difficult time earning the respect of the respectable. If they are rude, and "smart-alec" in their response to others (especially adults) they will not be examples to others. In fact, they will find out very quickly that they are making life more difficult for themselves.

Young people can earn the respect of the old by being good examples in conduct also. The young can choose to do good with their time, lives, and actions. Young people can decide to follow the Lord, participate in church work, and help others. Or, they can choose to spend their time behaving arrogantly, foolishly, and immorally. Those who want to be respected by others, and who want to please the Lord will set themselves forth as examples in good conduct.

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Young people must also be examples in love. Sometimes our culture puts pressure upon the young to resist having a loving heart. Some believe that loving people are weak people. However, those who are the most loving, are often the most loved. We all need love. We all need others to help us. To decide to shut ourselves up in a world void of any true affection and love is to choose to hurt ourselves. We will hurt ourselves both now and in the future. Young people must behave in a loving manner.

Young people must also be examples in spirit. This has to do with attitude. In some circles young people give the impression that they will be more accepted by others their age if they have a bad attitude. The individual that is very laid back, lazy, and has an “I don’t care” spirit about him is considered as one who has everything under control. The reality of life is that such an attitude will retard the spiritual, emotional, and intellectual development of the young person. Energetic, active, and involved children are happier.

Paul also told Timothy to be an example in faith. Faith comes from the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Our youth need to be taught the Word of God. The Bible needs to be implanted deeply within their hearts. They must choose to read, study, and apply the truth. Furthermore, adults must spend much time in teaching them. Many have observed the terrible rate at which young people are leaving the church. Some have concluded they are leaving the church because the church didn’t provide enough entertainment for them. The reality is that they are leaving the church because they have never known enough Bible to be truly convicted of the truth. When the young drink freely and frequently from the Word of God, they will be examples in faith.

In order for young people to be good examples to others, they must also be those who are pure. There are so many impure influences placed upon the old and the young in our culture. The influence of impurity and immorality is in the movies, music, and T.V. shows, and cartoons that are targeted toward the young. The immoral influence upon the young is seen in the unchaste pictures of men and women that are found in nearly every store. The young are influenced by evil on the internet, and sin in their friends. In all of these ways and more the devil has brought a full frontal assault against the innocence of youth. Young people must work very hard to focus on those things that are pure (Philippians 4:8). Parents can help them in this by knowing what music, movies, etc., they are listening to or watching. Parents must then set firm limits and reinforce those limits. The hearts of our children are at stake.

Youth is a wonderful time of life. It can be a time of joy, hope, and eager anticipation for the future. Or, youth can be a miserable disaster with choices made that will adversely affect the future. May the young strive hard to implant and apply the principles of 1 Timothy 4:12. May the old encourage them in that endeavor, by example, teaching, and active involvement in the lives of the young. May God bless our youth.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017



July 3 - Acts 12
July 4 - Acts 13:1-25
July 5 - Acts 13:26-52
July 6 - Acts 14

July 7 - Acts 15:1-21
July 8 - Acts 15:22-41
July 9 - Acts 16:1-21



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, & Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Emily Hinson in your prayers.

Please pray for **Dot Pegram**. She fell and broke her wrist this past week. She is in considerable pain at this time.

Doris Cooper was scheduled to have surgery this past Saturday at the Baptist Hospital. An overnight stay was expected if all went well.

Roger Allen will be having a spinal procedure on August 7th to deaden nerves. Prayers are requested.

Please pray for Cannon Harper's nephew, **Will Boyer**, who had a stroke last week and is in the hospital. No visits please, just prayers. Thank you.

Merry Best, Jim and D.J.'s Harrison's granddaughter, was scheduled to have surgery this past Friday to remove part of her left kidney. Prayers requested.

Tammy Rogers, Bonnie Landreth's daughter, was scheduled to undergo knee surgery this past Friday at the Baptist Hospital. She will be in the hospital for 3-4 days and in Rehab for some time. Please pray for her speedy recovery.

Frank and Jane and their family left this past Wednesday for their new home in Mississippi. Please continue to pray for them.

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



SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)

Warners Chapel Members:

Please check the birthday listings for your family located on the credenza in the foyer. This listing will be in the 2017 Workbook. Today will be the last opportunity to make these additions and corrections.



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:

July 8 - (Saturday) NCSBS Graduation at 5:00 p.m. Meal immediately following the graduation. Graduates: Alfred Huff & Joni Huff. Everyone is invited.

July 15 - Everyone is invited to the Roy's house on **July 15th (rescheduled)** for Saturday Night Singing. We will spend the evening singing and maybe even learn some new songs. Please bring a lawn chair and finger foods. If you have any questions, see Mark, Tammy or Tara Roy.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be open once in July and once in August while school is out. The suggested items for July is canned vegetables (corn, beans, peas, mixed vegetables).

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - June 25, 2017	132
Sunday Worship Service	174
Contribution for June 25, 2017	\$6,051
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	509
Sunday Evening Worship Service	135
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6-28-17	112

Lord's Day Appointments For July, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For July:

Steve Martin

Alfred Huff Mark Roy
Walter Cruz Robbie Santiago
Marie Harper
David Moore
Clayton Workman

Preparing Communion for July:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - July 9, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Shawn Thomason	Morning - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Shawn Thomason
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Sherrill Stewart	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Jack Piper		Wed. - Gene Southern	

Greeters for July:

D.C. & Ingrid Mock

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - July 9 ~

Wednesday: - July 12 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - July 2, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Rodney Brown	Morning - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Michael Cooper	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Clayton Workman
Prayer - Steve Martin		Wed. - Don Minor	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - July 2 - ~ Mark Minor

Wednesday: - July 5 - ~ Mark Minor

Greeters for July:

D.C. & Ingrid Mock

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

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