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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 23, 2018

BLIND AND PREJUDICED

Guillermo Gonzalez earned his PhD in Astronomy from the University of Washington. He has authored 68 peer-reviewed scientific papers. These papers have been published in some of the world's most respected science journals. Dr. Gonzalez co-authored a college textbook entitled *Observational Astronomy* which was published by Cambridge Press.

Dr. Gonzalez is currently a professor at Iowa State University. Recently he applied for tenure but was denied. He had fulfilled all of the qualifications for tenure, and had actually gone far beyond those qualifications. Despite his qualifications, he was denied. Ninety-one percent of the professors who applied for tenure the same year at Iowa State were successful. Dr. Guillermo Gonzalez appealed the ruling. In June, the president of the university denied his appeal. Why wasn't this professor given tenure?

As it turns out he was denied tenure because he has written a book entitled *The Privileged Planet*. In this book, he argues "There is evidence for intelligent design in the universe." This book presents scientific fact as evidence of intelligent design. Two of the professors who rejected his bid for tenure specifically said that Gonzalez's belief in intelligent design played a role in his rejection.

While man science departments are working hard to keep their professors from suggesting there is evidence of intelligent design within the universe, more and more scientists are coming to that very conclusion. Recently the Discovery Institute compiled a list of over 700 scientists who signed a statement that includes the following sentence: "We are skeptical of claims for the ability of random mutation and natural selection to account for the complexity of life."

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Despite the efforts of evolutionists such as those at Iowa State University, the intelligent design movement among professors and scientists continues to grow. Truly “the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows His handiwork” (Psalm 19:1).

~By Kevin V. Rutherford

Sources:

1. *Academia's Assault on Intelligent Design*, in St. Louis Metro Voice, August 2007, by Ken Conner.
2. *The Case for a Creator*, DVD

CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER

The church cripples itself unnecessarily because it does not pray frequently and fervently enough. James said, “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much” (James 5:16). If our prayer is fervent and our lives are righteous the prayers will be effective. Do we believe what James has said?

John wrote about his strong confidence in prayer. “Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him” (1 John 5:14, 15). Notice that John says these things must be asked according to God’s Will. If we are asking according to the will of God then we **know** God will listen to us and give us what we want (cf. James 4:3).

Just think of the possibilities! God, who created the universe listens to what we say in our prayers, and He will give us what we ask for. We can ask God for great and wonderful spiritual blessings such as wisdom, knowledge, patience, love, kindness, tenderness, compassion, and boldness. We can ask God for His blessings upon the congregation where we are and upon the church as a whole. We can ask him to help the elders and other Christians. We pray that God will help us to be a congregation that pleases Him. We can pray for those that are suffering. We can pray about the work of the church. We can ask for all of these great spiritual blessings and more and have the full confidence that God will answer our prayers.

God will bless the congregation whose members pray fervently, in accordance with His will, and who pray frequently. “Pray without ceasing (2 Thessalonians 5:17).

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

December 24 - Revelation 15
December 25 - Revelation 16
December 26 - Revelation 17
December 27 - Revelation 18



December 28 - Revelation 19
December 29 - Revelation 20
December 30 - Revelation 21
December 31 - Revelation 22



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Di-Ann Moser is now at home under the care of Hospice. Please call before visiting.

Nita Kirkland She is hoping to be released tomorrow, December 21st. She is doing much better. Please continue to pray for her.

Wayne Hutchins went into surgery late Wednesday evening and the surgery went well. He was released from the hospital this past Thursday and seems to be doing well at this time.

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

Mary Seal came home Friday, December 14th from the hospital. She is doing better at this time.

Sandy Smith has been released from the hospital and is in the Walnut Cove Health & Rehab Center for 3 weeks. The address of the center is 511 Windmill St., Walnut Cover, NC 27052.

Rhonda Hardister's husband, **Toby**, was released from The hospital on Friday, December 14th. He is doing well in his recovery from a heart attack.

Renee Morgan, Madelene Holbrook's niece is having a difficult time undergoing both chemo and radiation treatments - she has had 15 treatments and has 15 more to go. She is very weak and unable to eat. Please keep 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.

Please pray for one of Nancy Minor's students - Harper, who is in the hospital with an pharyngeal abscess and may need surgery (a serious infection deep in the neck located behind the throat).

Please pray for **Ken Proctor**, a member at the Shallotte church of Christ. He is on a kidney transplant list.

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



~In Sympathy~

Our sympathy goes out to Rick Clemmons and family in the death of his father, **Guy Clemmons**, who passed away recently. The funeral was held last week in Texas.



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:

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

247 items were delivered to the Southwest Elementary Food Pantry this past week which makes a total of 2,247 items so far for the year 2018. Thank you for your part in this good work of helping those less fortunate.

The suggested items for the month of **January, 2019**

Peanut Butter/Jelly (plastic containers)

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers



FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - December 16, 2018	139
Sunday Worship Service	171
Contribution for December 16, 2018	\$9,381
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	43
Chapters Read:	741
Sunday Evening Worship Service	133
Wednesday Evening Bible study - 12-19-18	125

Lord's Day Appointments For December , 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For December, 2018

Sherrill Stewart

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 30, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Walter Cruz	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Tommy Rose
Song Leader - Jason Allen	Evening - Jody Everett	P.M. - Youth Lead Service	P.M. - Keith Warner
Prayer - Shawn Thomason		Wed. - Allen Cooper	

Greeters for December:

Atha Clark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 30 ~ Mark Minor
Wednesday: - January 2 ~ Mark Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - December 16, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Gene Ruark	Morning - Al Lawson	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Jim Harrison
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Ian Quinn	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - Neal Harper		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Don M.	

Opening and Closing Building

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

Greeter for December:

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
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury