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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

DECEMBER 4, 2022

What Is My Purpose In Life?

Have you ever asked yourself this question, "Why am I here?" If you have, it is awesome to know that our loving God has given us the answer to this question. It is loving for God to do this so that we don't have to worry about our lives wondering if we have fulfilled our lives or have wasted our lives. In the Bible, we are told a 2 fold purpose of living: To fear God so that we can go to Heaven to be with Him and to glorify God with others. But why is this the case? It is because God was gracious and loving enough to create us and give us everything that we need and it is only reasonable for us to give our lives to Him (Rom. 12:2). Should we not be thankful and express that thankfulness to Him? Let's take a look at 2 particular passages for this study.

Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NKJV) — 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.

It is so amazing that God would give us, in a very specific, simplistic fashion, what our purpose in life is. If we do this, then it will lead to the second part of our purpose. He first states that we need to fear God. Fearing God is having respect and acknowledgment of WHO God is and THE POWER that God possesses. Once we realize WHO God is, then we will learn our place concerning Him. Once we realize that He is the RULER and CREATOR of us all, then we realize that we are not the ones who are in control or is the superior being. We are the ones who need to respond

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to and listen to the One Who is superior to us. Now we will do this when we ultimately realize and acknowledge the power that He has. When we comprehend that the One Who is superior to us can control our lives in every respect and will ultimately send us to our eternal destination, we will then be inclined to listen to Him and do what He says. But how do we fear Him? By keeping His commands. This is how we show Him that we fear Him. This is not a different concept in the Old Testament and the New Testament, but the same thing. We read in **1 John 2:3** “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.” It is all about knowing God that we respond in a way that listens to what He says and does what He says to do. When we do this, we become what God wants us to become and this will lead to the next purpose of our lives.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) — 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The second purpose for our lives is to GLORIFY THE FATHER by ourselves and lead others to do the same. We need to glorify the Father because of all that He has done for us: He made us, He sustains us, and He gave us His Son so that we can be with Him for all eternity. After knowing all of this, why would we not want to glorify God? It just doesn't make sense. But here is how we do this. We live our lives in the commandments of God so that we can become God-like (godliness) in nature. Once we have grown into this mindset and we show others, through our lives, how to do this, then others will do the same. God gave us an influence that cannot be hidden. So when we live in a godly way, others will then mimic us, and then others will mimic them. But it all started with us.

**We are to glorify God in our bodies so that others will be led to glorify God in theirs.
How are we doing?**

- Wes Garland

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

December 4 - 1 John 3
December 5 - 1 John 4
December 6 - 1 John 5



December 7 - 2 John
December 8 - 3 John
December 9 - Jude

OUR SICK
Please Remember Your Prayers

Elizabeth Warner, Roger Warner, Gene Ruark, Natalie a (friend of Kathleen), Tish Clarke, Holly Tatum, LaDonna Gordon, Erica Stewart's Father, Rosemary Clemmons, Mickey Parsons, Toni Lucas, Roger Allen's mother, D.J. Harrison, *Cleave Binkley, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

Roger Allen's surgery has been moved to December 15th. Please keep Roger in your prayers that he will be able to be feeling better in the near future.

Edith Allen, Roger's mother, has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Please pray for her also.

Bobby Childress has been having problems with his lungs. I apologize for being wrong about his being in the hospital. Please pray for him.

Emilia Allen, a daughter of Jason & Katerina has been sick with the flu. Prayers are requested.

Clayton, Jr. is Betty Cloud's brother, who is having blood clots. Please pray for him. Aldine Cloud has some issues and request prayers.

Polly Tatum has had some surgery which did not go well. She will go back to Duke on the 29th to get a port put in, the first chemo treatment will be on November 30th. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jim Harrison's Great Grandson, Preston, has been in the hospital but was reported that he has been able to be at home for some time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Terri Thomason's mother, Diane Barger had her cancer come back again. There is no update at this time, but please keep her in your prayers.

Rick Maiers, Teresa Glenn's brother-in-law, has begun treatments for cancer on November 20th. Rick is not a Christian. Please pray for him for recovery of the cancer and will become a Christian following his recovery from the cancer.

Susan Huey, Mike Huey's wife, had hip surgery. recently. Please pray for a quick recovery.

Ingrid Mock's daughter, Sharon York, has underwent double mastectomy and more cancer has been found. She will have to have another surgery and treatments. Please pray for her and her family.

~ **IN SYMPATHY** ~

Our sympathy goes out to Betty Cloud & family for the loss of her father, Clayton, Sr. Recently. We pray for all of the families of the Father Clayton Sr.

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.

WARNER'S CHAPEL EVENTS:

January 9, 2023 - The third quarter of NCSBS will begin on the 9th of January, 2023.

WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS:

Stephanie Sparks
9490 Helsabeck Rd.
Rural Hall, NC 27045
Tel. # 336-618-0227

Virginia Mcleod
2464 Stratford Crossing Dr.
Winston-Salem, NC 27103
Tel. # 407-705-9478

Please welcome Stephanie and Virginia!!

EVEN ONE IS IMPORTANT

There is much comfort in the fact that the Lord does not judge us concerning the number of people who listen to us. He does not grant special blessings to the man who may preach to a thousand above a person who talks to one. Neither does He judge us on the of those whom we try to teach. He will judge us on our faithfulness in teaching others each time we have an opportunity. The number of listeners and how the respond will remain in His hands.

If one soul listens and we are able to convert him we have made it possible for him to have something worth more than the whole world . . . We cannot afford to forget the one.

...Selected

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

December, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: BRAD HOOTS

COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER: DAVID MOORE

DEVOTIONS FOR: DECEMBER

SCRIPTURE

December 4 - Rodney Brown
December 11 - Randy Warner
December 18 - Gene Ruark
December 25 - Al Lawson

SONG LEADER

Wayne Allen
David Shoaf
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Minor
Mike Glenn
Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR: DECEMBER

SUNDAY A.M.

December 4 - Allen Knight
December 11 - D. C. Mock
December 18 - Carl Cooper
December 25 - Johnny Spillman

SUNDAY P.M.

Bob Tesh
Wes Garland
Mike Lundgren
David Shoaf

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 7 - Adam Warner
Dec. 14 - Gene Southern
Dec. 21 - Bill Carothers
Dec. 28 - Tim Allen

SECURITY AND GREETING: JIM HARRISON AND GENE RUARK

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR : NOVEMBER

SUNDAY A.M.

December 4 - Clayton Workman
December 11 - David Shoaf
December 18 - Roger Allen
December 25 - Steve Tesh

SUNDAY P.M.

David Shoaf
Gene Southern
Wayne Allen
Youth Led Svc
(Coordinator: Gene S.)

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 7 - Clayton Workman
Dec. 14 - Clayton Workman
Dec. 21 - Wayne Allen
Dec. 28 - Roger Allen

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“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

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner