

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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CROWN OF REJOICING

What is your hope? Perhaps you have hopes for your family and friends. You might even carry within your heart the hope of an eternal home in heaven with God.

What is your joy? Do you have joy in that which is pure and good and holy? Do you have joy in the sight of Christian families raising their children to love the Lord?

Paul wrote, "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)." Paul's crown of rejoicing would be seeing his beloved fellow Christians in the presence of Jesus Christ as His coming. Let us rejoice not only in our own salvation, but also in the salvation of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This powerful statement from Paul expressed a deep love for brethren. There is no doubt he wrote these words in sincerity and conviction. What do suppose could bring Paul to have such strong love and concern for fellow Christians? Is it just that God commands us to love our brethren (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10)? No doubt that is part of it, but that love become deeper, stronger, more devoted and more committed when we pray for our brethren, fellowship our brethren, and in particular when we serve our brethren.

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Paul poured himself out in his service to fellow Christians (1 Thessalonians 2:14-18). Paul came to the people of Thessalonica with sincerity, with the truth, without seeking glory, and without making demands. He served these people with gentleness and affection all while exhorting, comforting and charging them as a father does his own children. This kind of dedicated service to fellow Christians increased the depth of Paul's love and devotion to them. The more we learn to serve others, the more we will love them.

Let us grow in the strength of our love for one another by serving one another. Let us look for ways to lift one another up and push each other forward. Let us be able to say with heart-felt conviction that our hope, joy, and crown of rejoicing at the coming of Christ will be to see our Christian brothers and sisters with the Lord. May God bless you! To God be the glory!



~Kevin V. Rutherford

Wings Like Eagles

An eagle knows when the storm is approaching long before it breaks. It will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, it is soaring above it.

The eagle does not escape the storm, it simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rides on the winds that bring the storm.

Isaiah compares people to eagles. He says, in the words of God, that we are blessed with that gift from God that enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it's how we handle them.

When the storms of life come upon us, and all of us will experience them, we can rise above them by setting our mind and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. Isaiah said, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Jesus put it another way when he encouraged us to build our faith, our strength, on a solid foundation—His word (*Matthew 7:24-27*).

It's not that we wouldn't be affected by the storm. We will not only be affected, we will be in it. It is just that we will use the storm to grow spiritually. Job did, Joseph did, and so can we.

So let's be encouraged by Isaiah's words. Let us never allow our hope to fade, our faith to weaken. Let us use God's power to "mount up with wings as eagles". (Isaiah 40:30-31).

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

February 17 - Matthew 28 February 18 - Mark 1:1-22

February 19 - Mark 1:23-45

February 20 - Mark 2



February 21 - Mark 3:1-19 February 22 - Mark 3:20-35

February 23 - Mark 4:1-20

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kim Matthews is worse with her Huntington Disease. Please pray for her.

Roger Allen has nerved damage in his index finger and some loss of feeling. Update: Roger had two more epidurals on Thursday for his back pain and now on bed rest. As for his finger, looks like no surgery option but will have permanent nerve and tissue damage.

Carolyn Minor (shut-in) has an abdominal wound that isn't healing and a new issue, one foot causing pain and she cannot stand. She will likely need surgery to have some toes removed due to poor circulation and diabetes.

Bonnie Landreth is feeling some better but has not been given any information regarding her health condition as yet. She has an appointment with her neurologist on Feb. 14th to hopefully learn what the diagnosis is for the heart problem she is experiencing.

Thank you for your continued prayers on behalf of my brother, **Eric Drews.** He continues to have health issues related from the severity of his injuries. We are hoping that the Shepard Center in Atlanta, Georgia, will accept him as a patient.

Please pray for **Jerry Matthews.** She had open heart surgery in October and returned to the hospital for insertion of a heart stent for another blockage. She was discharged home this past Tuesday. Pray for Jerry and Stan Matthews.

Please pray for pray for **Rose Whitt**, Andy Santiago's sister. She is going for a biopsy on February 20th. She had breast cancer a few years ago.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull D. J. Harrison Ernestine Martin Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

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





SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of February:

Canned Fruit

*Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, and soap would be greatly appreciated at any time.



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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY NEXT DOOR IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>Feb. 16</u> - Monthly Fellowship Meal in the Annex following this morning's worship service. Everyone welcome. Visitors will be our honored guests.

<u>Feb. 18</u> - Sewing for missions will meet on Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

 $\frac{\text{Feb. }18}{7 \text{ p.m.}}$ - Tuesday Evening Bible Class will meet at $\frac{1}{7}$ p.m. in the Annex.

Mar. 7 - Warners Chapel Ladies Day Speaker: Katonya Smith from the Eastside Congregation. Theme: "Diversity in Unity" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 "How each member of the body works together in Christ"

AREA EVENTS:

March 6-7 - Personal Evangelism Seminar at the Linville church of Christ. The speakers will be Rob and Nicole Whitacre. See bulletin board for flyer for times and topics.

March 14 - LADIES DAY! At the South Stokes church of Christ. 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Theme: Spiritual Accessory Check, Speaker: Heather Smith. See bulletin board.

March 14 - (Saturday) Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Rd. church of Christ. Time: 9a.m.-3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheet in foyer for those who would like to take the bus.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 9, 2020	148
Sunday Worship Service:	182
Contributions for February 9, 2020	
Daily Bible Readers:	61
Chapters Read:	652
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	90
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, February 11, 2020	120

Lord's Day Appointments For February, 2020

Serving the Lord's Table For February:

Walter Cruz Robert Tesh Jim Harrison Vicky Rutherford Caleb Rutherford Clayton Workman

Preparing Communion for February: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - February 23, 2020

OPENING PRAYER: DEVOTIONS:

SONG LEADER

SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Justin Little Song Leader- Wayne Allen Prayer - Carl Cooper

Morning -Steve Tesh Evening -Jason Allen

A.M. Tim Allen P.M. Youth Led Service Wed. Song Request Serv. Roger A. & Wayne A.

A.M. - Dwight Barringer P.M. - Tommy Rose

Greeters for February: Jim and D.J. Harrison

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: February 23 Shawn Thomason **Tuesday:** February 26 Shawn Thomason

Lord's Day Appointments - February 16, 2020

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER:

SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Randy Warner Song Leader Clayton Warner **Tommy Ridings Prayer**

Morning - Gene Southern **Evening** - Wayne Allen

A.M. -Wayne Allen P.M. -Steve Tesh Wed. -Tim Allen

A.M. - John Allen P.M. - Michael Cooper

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - February 16 John Allen **Greeters for February:** Jim and D.J. Harrison

- February 19 John Allen Wednesday:

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 Randy Warner **Gene Southern** Keith Warner **Shawn Thomason Todd Hinson** Steve Tesh Andy Santiago Mark Roy Adam Warner **Mark Minor** Jason Allen **Jody Everett** Jacob Woodbury