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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

November 7, 2021

Invite Your Enemies

One hundred and twenty thousand people lived in the city of Nineveh in the days of Jonah (Jonah 4:11). The Bible, archaeology, and history show us this was a great city at that time (Jonah 1:2). Beautiful parks and buildings well laid out are just a few of the things that made Nineveh a great city. However, the people of Nineveh served Ishtar, the goddess of war and passion. As a result, they had become very wicked (Jonah 1:2). They were going to have to change or God was going to destroy them (Jonah 3:4).

God commanded Jonah to go to Nineveh and warn them of the coming condemnation and destruction (Jonah 1:1-2; 3:1-4). If Nineveh would repent then God would relent (Jonah 3:10). Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh. We don't have to guess as to the reason why he didn't want to go. The text makes it all very clear (Jonah 3:10-4:4). Jonah didn't want to go and preach to the people of Nineveh because he didn't want them to be spared. He wanted them to be destroyed. He was concerned they might listen to God's message, repent, and then be saved. It isn't often a prophet of God would rather see people condemned.

Jonah chose to run away from his responsibility to preach to the people of Nineveh. He had made his plans and boarded the boat bound for Tarshish (Jonah 1:3). He was trying to get as far away from Nineveh as he could, but along the way to Tarshish he learned it is not possible to hide from God. A terrible storm hit Jonah's ship while it was headed west on the Mediterranean Sea. Jonah told the sailors he served the God of heaven who made land and sea, and that he needed to be thrown overboard because he was attempting to run from God. The sailors did not want to do this to Jonah and tried to row to shore. Failing in this effort they finally decided to throw him overboard, though they did so with much remorse (Jonah 1:14-15).

God had a special fish waiting for Jonah (Jonah 1:17). This one was particularly prepared for the occasion. It was one by which Jonah could be swallowed, and in which Jonah could survive

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for a few days. Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the fish. During this time he prayed fervently to God (Jonah 2:1-2). Jonah describes the sensation of the deep closing around him as he was tangled up in seaweed. He felt as though he were going down to the moorings of the mountains and the earth was closing him up behind bars forever (Jonah 2:3-6). Jonah's soul fainted inside of him and his prayer went up to God (John 2:7). He had been humbled by God. Whenever God humbles someone it is painful. In answer to Jonah's prayers, the LORD spoke to the fish and it vomited Jonah out onto dry land. One can only imagine the slime, stench, and filth that surrounded Jonah. How relieved he must have been to breath fresh air, feel firm ground beneath him, and to see the sky again.

God told Jonah again to go and preach to Nineveh. Jonah went, and much to his discouragement the people actually listened. He wanted them to be destroyed. That is why he tried to run from God. But the Bible says, "the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sack-cloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them (Jonah 3:5)." God chose not to send disaster upon this city as a response to their repentance (Jonah 3:10). Jonah was angry and asked God to kill him because he would rather die than see the people of Nineveh spared (Jonah 4:1-3).

Jonah decided to set up a shelter outside the city and watch to see what might happen to it (John 4:5). God prepared a plant to grow up over Jonah's shelter to provide him with some much needed shade. Jonah had been miserable in the heat and sun, so the shade from the plant was much appreciated. The very next day, God caused the plant to wither and prepared a strong east wind on a hot sunny day causing Jonah to feel very weak. Jonah once again pitched a tantrum and told God he would rather die. God then questioned Jonah about his anger over the loss of the shade plant, and said Jonah had pity on a plant, but would not take pity on a city of more than one hundred and twenty thousand people (Jonah 4:6-11).

Jonah seemed to really hate his enemies. He did not want them to be spared so he didn't want to preach to them. We must love our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). Loving our enemies may provide opportunities for us to introduce them to the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Jesus died for His enemies. Perhaps we can give our enemies the opportunity to hear the Gospel. Invite your friends and relatives to the Gospel meeting this week, and if you have any enemies, consider inviting them too.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

Nov. 8 - Heb. 5
Nov. 9 - Heb. 6
Nov. 10 - Heb. 7
Nov. 11 - Heb. 8



Nov. 12 - Heb. 9
Nov. 13 - Heb. 10:1-18
Nov. 14 - Heb. 10:19-39

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nikki Santiago, Francis McBrayer, Jeff Chrysson, Diane Barger, \ Sandy Smith, D.J. Harrison, Nikki Santiago, Ronnie Knost, Sandy Smith, Johnny Allen, Elwood Flinchum, Eddie Manor and his wife and son, Jack Piper, Mary Ellen Dull, Kim Matthews, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson.

Jack Piper has been having a great deal of pain in his back and leg lately which has affected his ability to stand and walk. He had an MRI of his spine last week, but nothing was shown to have caused his health problem. He will have another MRI on his hip to check that out next week. He has a wheel chair that he can use at home to avoid falling. Please keep Jack in your prayers that he may get help to be able to recover from his health problem.

Johnny Allen Update: Johnny Allen has built some of his strength back and they are now trying to wean him off the ventilator again. They will do a few hours a day off the ventilator then gradually go longer until he is off the ventilator altogether again as long as his vitals stay stable - Roger and Grace.

Eddie Manor has been sent to rehab in Charlotte. They are able to better handle him there.. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tony Minor is doing better in his recovery. He was able to attend the Wednesday night Bible Study this past week.

David Queen underwent surgery on his fractured ankle this past Tuesday. He is at home and doing well in recovery.

Carl Cooper cousin's wife, **Diane**, was diagnosed with lung cancer, and while in the hospital had a heart attack. She had a 90% blockage in three of her arteries. She had had a chemo treatment recently which caused her blood pressure to dropped quite low. She is now scheduled to return on Nov. 16, 17 and 18th for chemo therapy. She will be seeing a heart doctor to learn about her blockage of the three arteries. Please remember her in your prayers.

Sandy Smith Update: Sandy has been moved back to Winston-Salem. She continues to need prayers, cards, and visits Monday - Friday, one person at a time for 20 minutes. An appointment with a social worker is required for a visit. The number is 336-724-2821. Sandra's address is Room 220, The Citadel at Winston-Salem, 1900 West 1st Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104 Please keep her in your prayers.

Joe Byrd requests prayers for their neighbor, **Terrie & Melanie Williams**. They were involved in a car wreck and Melanie is in the hospital. Their address is 314 Ray Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C., 27107.

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

November 7-10 - Gospel Meeting. Speaker: BJ Clarke - Theme: God's Answers to Men's Questions About End Times"

- Sunday a.m. Bible Study - Will Jesus Establish an Earthly Kingdom?
- Sunday a.m. Worship - Will There Be a Rapture?
- Sunday p.m. Worship - What Does Revelation Reveal?
- Monday - 7 p.m. - Will There Be Any Signs?
- Tuesday - 7 p.m. - What Will Happen?
- Wednesday - 7 p.m. - Are You Ready?

B. J. Clarke began full time preaching in 1983. Brother Clarke taught at the East Tennessee School of Preaching from 1989-1990. In 2006, he became a member of the faculty at the Memphis School of Preaching, where he served as instructor and Dean of Admissions until 2012. In 2013 he became Director of the Memphis School of Preaching. Brother Clarke is also the Director of Foundations, a weeklong annual training camp for young men (13-19 years old).

December 3-5 - Youth Rally

Speaker: Eric Lyons - Theme: "Scripture, Science and Common Sense: Three votes for God"

Adults are encouraged to attend!

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	October 31, 2021	
SUNDAY WORSHIP -A.M.	October 31, 2021	- 144
SUNDAY WORSHIP -P.M.	October 31, 2021	-
WED. BIBLE STUDY	November 3, 2021	- 94

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

NOVEMBER, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: BRAD HOOTS

COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER: MARK ROY

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Nov. 7 - Bill Carothers
Nov. 14 - Randy Warner
Nov. 21 - Shawn Thomason
Nov. 28 - Allen Cooper

SONG LEADER

Charley Belch
Clayton Workman
Wayne Allen
Nathan Roy

PRAYER

Tim Allen
Andy Santiago
Carl Cooper
D.C. Mock

OPENING PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Nov. 7 - David Moore
Nov. 14 - Allen Knight
Nov. 21 - R.J. Landry
Nov. 28 - Bradley Byrd

SUNDAY P.M.

Nov. 7 - Clayton Workman
Nov. 14 - David Shoaf
Nov. 21 - Wayne Allen
Nov. 28 - Liam Allen

WEDNESDAY

Nov. 3 - Adam Warner
Nov. 10 - Mike Lundgren
Nov. 17 - Tim Allen
Nov. 24 - Nathan Roy

SECURITY AND GREETING: JOE BYRD AND BRIAN BYRD

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.

Nov. 7 - Justin Little
Nov. 14 - Wayne Allen
Nov. 21 - Nathan Roy
Nov. 28 - Gene Southern

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WEDNESDAY

Nov. 3 - Gene Southern
Nov. 10 - Charley Belch
Nov. 17 - Clayton Workman
Nov. 24 - Roger Allen

“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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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