

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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KEEP TRYING

By Kevin Rutherford

Sorrow, pain, suffering, and temptation all come our way. Each of these exists in this world because of Satan, sin, and man's free-will. They are a fact of life. When sorrow, pain, suffering, and temptation come to us occasionally and in small doses, we usually do not find it too difficult to endure. However, when we are suddenly struck with overwhelming grief, or pain, or temptation the battle to remain faithful becomes intense. But we must keep trying

For the Christians addressed by *The Letter to the Hebrews*, life had become difficult. For these Jewish Christians there was the constant draw of the Old Law. They had been born into the Law of Moses. They had been reared with the teachings of the Law of Moses. It was all they knew. The writer of *Hebrews* worked diligently to show these Christians that the Law of Christ was far superior to the Law of Moses. The writer was concerned that these brethren would develop within themselves a heart of unbelief that would cause them to give up (Hebrews 2:12, 13). The inspired author then writes, "For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end..." (Hebrews 2:14). We must take to heart the same admonition. We must keep trying. We must remain steadfast to the end.

The emphasis on staying faithful to God through whatever this life may bring is found throughout the book of Hebrews. Speaking of our eternal rest in our heavenly home this book says, "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience." (Hebrews 4:11). Those who had succumbed to sin were told to "...come boldly before the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16). Hebrews 6:11, 12 says, "And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience, inherit the promises." The writer later tells us to hold fast to our faith without wavering, to encourage one another to remain faithful and active, and to make sure that we faithfully assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:23-25). In the same chapter we are told, "For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise." (Hebrews 10:36). In

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chapter twelve we are told to "...run with endurance the race that is set before us..." and we are to "...consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls." (Hebrews 12:1-3).

The point of all of this is that we must keep trying. No matter who may seek to pull us away from the truth, we must keep trying. No matter what temptations may come our way, we must keep trying. No matter how much grief, pain, and sorrow may enter into our lives, we must keep trying. Let us keep trying because the great reward that waits is worth whatever we must endure on this earth. (Matthew 5:12).



A Thank You Note to Warners Chapel Church of Christ

We are so grateful for the tremendous role you play in helping us feed Southwest Elementary kids and their families. Your financial support, food and miscellaneous donations and prayers have made such a difference in so many lives. Knowing we have a partner like your church working with us makes our job much easier. Please know how grateful we are for your church as a whole and for the individuals who make it possible for us to do what we do.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Howell For the Southwest Elementary PTA Food Pantry Volunteers

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

January 22 - Matt. 14:22-36 January 23 - Matt. 15:1-20

January 24 - Matt. 15:21-39

January 25 - Matt. 16



January 26 - Matt. 17

January 27 - Matt. 18:1-20

January 28 - Matt. 18:21-35



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember Jeannie Moore, D. J. Harrison, Bob and Carolyn Plunk, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, Mary Ellen Dull and Dot Pegram in your prayers. Dot remains at Bermuda Commons at this time.

Bonnie Landreth was reported sick last Lord's Day with a virus. Her recovery from knee surgery is reportedly going well.

Allen Womack (past member of Warners Chapel) underwent surgery recently and had a large malignant mass removed along with the entire upper lobe of his lung. He has other spots that Dr.'s believe can be treated with oral chemotherapy. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please remember Madelene's niece, **Renee Morgan** in your prayers. She was scheduled to have further surgery for cancer on January 19th. For those who would like to send her a card, her address is 174 Lonely Pines Trail, Dobson, NC 27017.

Sandra Church's daughter, **Mikala**, was scheduled to have a CAT Scan this past week. Please remember her.

Please continue to pray for **Maribel Gil** (Andy's cousin). She has developed an infection in a lung. She is doing okay for now.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Lutrelle Chipman Ernestine Martin Kim Matthews

Di-Ann Moser Dot Pegram Bob Plunk

Please continue to keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

David and Krystal Warner on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Alta Warner, who was born Thursday evening, weighing 10.4 oz. and 20 inches long. They are doing well and Krystal will probably be released from the hospital on Sunday. Also congratulations to the grandparents, Randy and Linda Warner.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested food for January, 2018:

Peanut butter/Jelly (plastic containers)



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.

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

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>Jan. 21</u> - Congregational Fellowship Potluck Meal today in annex following morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

<u>Jan. 21</u> - Lord's Helpers Meeting this evening following evening services.

<u>Jan. 27</u> - Youth Devo at the Rutherford's home at 6 p.m.

<u>Feb. 17</u> - A Valentine's Banquet is scheduled. More details to follow.

<u>Mar. 24</u> - Ladies Day at Warners Chapel. The speaker will be Brenda Rutherford. The topic: "How do I Worship An Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent God?" - "God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him" (Psalms 89:7)

AREA EVENTS:

Feb. 24 - Ladies Day at the Cary church of Christ from, 9-12 Noon with lunch to follow. The theme is "Spring Cleaning for the Heart & Soul" The speaker will be Kathy Pollard.

*New House to House publication available on the credenza in the foyer. Please take a copy for you and a friend.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Jan. 14, 2018	124
Sunday Worship Service	163
Contribution for Jan. 14, 2018	\$9,156
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	614
Sunday Evening Worship Service	114

Wed. Evening Bible Study - Jan. 17, 2018 (cancelled)

Lord's Day Appointments For January, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For January:

Preparing Communion for January: Making Announcements on Sunday: Roger Allen

Allen Cooper Mark Clemmons

Rodney Brown Gaye Ruark Clayton Workman

Making Announcements on Wednesday: Mark Roy

Lord's Day Appointments - January 28, 2018

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Robby Landry Morning - Jim Harrison A.M. - Wayne Allen A.M. - Michael Cooper Song Leader- Steve Tesh Evening - Wayne Allen P.M. - Gene Southern P.M. - Gene Ruark

Prayer - Al Lawson Wed. - Song Req.

Roger Allen -Tim Allen

Greeters for January:

Brad and Betty Hoots

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - January 28 ~ Todd Hinson Wednesday: - January 31 ~ Todd Hinson

Lord's Day Appointments - January 21, 2018

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Mark Minor Morning - David Moore A.M. - Roger Allen A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Tommy Rose Evening - John Allen P.M. - Nathan Roy P.M. - Shawn Thomason

Prayer - Andy Śantiago Wed. - Walter Cruz

Opening and Closing Building <u>Greeters for January:</u>

Sunday: - Jan. 21 ~ Mark Roy Brad and Betty Hoots Wednesday: - Jan. 24 ~ Mark Roy

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