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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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BLASPHEMY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (Pt. 3 of 4)

This theory [“can’t sin today” view] presents some strange implications to the atonement of Jesus. The sins of those who died before the death of Christ on the cross who were obedient to God were pretermitted, i.e., passed along or postponed until the ultimate atoning sacrifice was offered. If these Pharisees were guilty of blaspheming the Holy Spirit and were later present on the day of Pentecost and heard Peter’s sermon, Peter’s words would not include them. *“Repent, and let every one [that is, except those who have blasphemed the Holy Spirit. pek] of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.* Another implication is that Jesus blood was limited [or one may say selective] in its scope of redemptive power. This would certainly weaken John’s statement concerning atonement and advocacy: *“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”* (1 John 2:2), the whole world, that is, except for those who have blasphemed the Holy Spirit.

This theory also has implications concerning John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”* Does this “whoever” also exclude those who have blasphemed the Holy Spirit? Could there have been any at Ephesus who had blasphemed the Holy Spirit before the death of Christ? If so, they would be excluded by Paul’s statement, *“(Eph 1:7) In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”* How inclusive is the term “all?” Would those who had committed the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit be forgiven from “all” [cf. 1Jn. 5:17; 1:9] unrighteousness? These proponents of this erroneous theory would have to answer “no, they would not.” To blaspheme means to “speak against” or “reject.” Man can, and does blaspheme the Holy Spirit today.

Paul

Elders Corner:

OUR NEW MINISTER

Of highest priority to the life of a congregation of God's people is that we follow the instruction of our Lord. Certainly near the top of that list of priorities is the unity of his people. The search to find another minister for this church has required a great deal of prayer, thought and consideration.

August 2007 was probably the point where it became clear that there was a need for more help here. A preaching school requires an enormous amount of time set aside for recruitment, development, administration, and public relations. The elders decided to include a competitive salary for another minister in the 2008 budget. The names of several candidates came to mind, but the one selected must be unique. I had talked to several about the work here but it takes a man with a heart dedicated to a servant-attitude to work with another in the same congregation. These two men must be able to put aside pride, selfishness, resentment, covetousness and all other feelings and emotions that would limit their effectiveness in serving this church. This was the main criteria for the position that the elders were to fill: someone who could work in close contact with the pulpit preacher in a support role. The ideal candidate would be someone that I could trust and depend on without reservation. I have every confidence in Frank Shepard.

Frank and I have maintained a close friendship for twenty-five years. I know him very well and we have shared hundreds of conversations about our work. If he started a sentence, I could probably finish it. Frank is a diligent student of God's word and is well read in other areas. He has a compassionate personality and has been a great friend to me in listening to the cares of my world. Frank has worked in two churches in the capacity that he will work here. He knows his role and the work required of him.

Jane, Frank's wife, has always been a warm and hospitable person. She has been supportive of her husband and has a quiet spirit.

Frank is preparing to move to our area. He must sell his house there, and is diligently working toward a quick sale. I have already assigned him subjects for Vacation Bible School and he is currently working on a class to teach for the Fall Quarter 2008 at NCSBS.

I am excited for him to get settled in and I want to introduce him to all of you. I know that you will come to know and love him as I do. —Paul Kirkpatrick

Read the New Testament in the Year

2008

May 5 - Luke 23:1-25
May 6 - Luke 23:26-56
May 7 - Luke 24:1-35
May 8 - Luke 24:36-53



May 9 - John 1:1-28
May 10 - John 1:29-51
May 11 - John 2



Johnsie Moser entered the Forsyth Hospital on Wednesday and underwent surgery on Thursday to have her big toe removed because of infection. She is presently in Room 9445.

Dot Pegram fell this past week and broke her left arm just above her wrist. She is in considerable pain at this time and will not be able to drive for six weeks.

Don Richards has been having difficulty with an infection and is at home after another stay in the hospital for eight days. He is recovering slowly but is very weak at this time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tommy Rose has been experiencing back problems and is taking a medication that affects his immune system so he is unable to be out among people at this time.

Todd Hinson's mother has been experiencing frequent falls lately and has injured her hip. She is presently in Room 9447 at the Forsyth Medical Center for treatment. Please remember Todd's parents in your prayers.

Carolyn Minor's aunt, **Mary Smith**, is in Palliative Care at the Forsyth Medical Center in critical condition. Mrs. Smith is 87 years old and has pneumonia along with several other health issues.

Juanita Doub (wife of Harold Doub) underwent extensive heart surgery this past Wednesday. She is in the ICU at the Forsyth Medical Center and is recovering satisfactorily at this time.



David Sisson (Randy Warner's brother-in-law), **Tim Stanley** (friend of the Cooper family), **Barry Sheets**, Keri Woodbury's uncle, **Bahnson & Nellie Kathryn Dorse**, **Don Jackson**, **Mary Rackley**, **Meredith Everett**, **Elwood Flinchum**, **Kelly Haynes** (Karen Clemmons' cousin), **Michael Koerth** (Rick Clemmons' uncle), **Sonia Vizcaino's mother**, **Stella Ybarra** (Jennifer Robinson's grandmother), **Cindy Byrd** (Joe Byrd's mother), **Gladys Bobbitt** (Emily Workman's Grandmother), **Lois Watkins**, **Libby Bryant** (Lorie Rose's friend's mother), **Ed Matthews** (Carolyn Minor's cousin), **Ronnie Seats** (Kenny Brown's stepfather), **Ray Wood**, **Jim and Gladys Harper**, **Nita Kirkland** (Ellen Wingo's mother), **Jim Warner**, **Elmer Laudenslager**, **Dot Reeves**, **Johnsie Moser**, **Nelle Harper**, **Nora Holder**, **Hilda Hauser**, **Earl Knost**, **Sonja Meals**.

*Also:
* the leaders of our country and all those who serve.*



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 REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL TO BE HELD IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL IS PROVIDED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 1.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

~**May 6 - Sewing for Nicaragua** - 9 a.m.

~**May 6 - Youth Devotional.**

~**May 8 - Senior High Devotional** at the Allen's home at 7 p.m.

~**May 10 - Abilene Door Knocking** (7th grade & up)

~**May 10 - Baby Shower** for Megan Clemmons from 3-5 p.m. Registered at Target and WalMart.

~**May 17-18 - Senior Rally** - see bulletin board for details.

AREA EVENTS

~**May 3 - Rutherford church of Christ 3rd Annual Lectureship** See bulletin board for further information regarding the above listed area events.

~**May 4 - Gospel Meeting** at the Corinth church of Christ in Woodleaf, NC. See bulletin board.

Please Note:

Designated envelopes are available in the foyer to give to the 2008 Medical/Evangelism Campaign for Nicaragua - June 6-14.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday - April 27, 2008

Sunday Bible Study 162

Sunday Morning Worship 202

Contribution for April 27, 2008 \$5,098

Daily Adult Bible Readers: 28

Chapters Read: 619

Daily Children Bible Readers:

Chapters Read: 6

Sunday Evening 144

Wed. Evening Bible Study 4-30-08 113

LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS - MAY 11, 2008

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture Hunter Brown
Song Leader Jason Cravy
Prayer Bobby Hoots, Sr.

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning Steve Martin
Evening Brian Downs

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Clayton Workman
P.M. - Tim Allen
Wed. - David Moore

SCRIPTURE READERS:

A.M. -Rodney Brown
P.M. -Andy Santiago

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):

Morning Gina Harper
Evening Carmen Parker

NURSERY (2 1/2-4):

Morning Betty Hoots
Evening Rhonda Hardister

TAPE MONITOR:

Mark Roy

FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Zone 2

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday - May 11
Wednesday - May 14

Rick Clemmons
 Rick Clemmons



BIRTHDAYS - May 5-11, 2008

Kenny Brown - May 11

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

- *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

Warners Chapel Website: <http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org>.

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ELDERS

Steve Martin
 David Moore
 Tim Allen
 Joe Everett

DEACONS

Steve Tesh
 Randy Warner
 Tommy Rose
 Keith Warner

Andy Santiago
 Mark Minor
 Todd Hinson