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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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EZEKIEL’S COMMISSION

Ezekiel was commissioned as prophet of God to speak to the rebellious Jews living in Babylonian captivity. Though these Jews had been punished by God for their wickedness, they still refused to repent. God’s longsuffering nature is evident in the fact that even after He had sent them into captivity as punishment for their sin, He continued to give them opportunities to repent and come back to Him. These opportunities came through the many sermons preached by the dynamic prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel chapter one begins with a life-changing, awe-inspiring vision given by God to Ezekiel. This vision is a symbolic portrayal of God riding on the top of a wheeled storm. It is a vision that speaks of God’s majestic power, and sovereign authority. It is a vision designed to impact the prophet Ezekiel in such a way as to prepare him for the difficult job of preaching to a stubborn and rebellious people.

In Ezekiel chapter two we see the specific commission given by God to the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel is told by God that he is being sent to “a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. For they are impudent and stubborn children” (Ezekiel 2:3-4). Later, God says to Ezekiel, “the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted” (Ezekiel 3:7). This was not an encouraging way to describe the mission Ezekiel would be sent on, and yet it was realistic, fair, and honest portrayal of the people to whom Ezekiel would preach. But what I find most interesting is that even though God knew the people were stubborn, rebellious, and impudent, God still wanted His prophet to preach the truth to them.

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Ezekiel's commission from God is very clear. Ezekiel is to preach God's Word to a stubborn people. A compromising message from man that would have blamed someone else for the Jewish captivity, and that would have excused the sins that actually led to the captivity would have been an easy message to preach. But that message would be a lie. That message would be from man. That message would not save a single soul. Ezekiel is told to preach "Thus says the Lord God" (Ezekiel 2:4). In other words, Ezekiel is not to preach a message that originates with man, but rather he is to preach the very words God would give him. Later in the text this is brought out again as God tells Ezekiel, "you shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious" (Ezekiel 2:7). It would not do the captive Jews a bit of good for Ezekiel to tell them what they wanted to hear. For the good of all involved the truth needs to be told.

The truth in this case is hard. God through Ezekiel says these Jews of the southern tribes in Judah are worse than the Jews of the northern tribes who were punished long ago. Beyond that, the people to whom Ezekiel is preaching are worse than the people of Sodom (Ezekiel 16:46-52). God says, "Samaria did not commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified our sisters by all the abominations which you have done. You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you" (Ezekiel 16:51-52).

What of this applies to God's people in the twenty-first century? First, God's people, the church must never become like God's people, the Jews. The Jews mixed Judaism with pagan religions and the desire to do whatever felt good to them. The result was a faith whose primary purpose was to justify sin, wickedness, nastiness, immortality, vulgarity, lewdness, filth, and violence. The church today must not take the errors of denominationalism and blend them in with the Word of God. The church today must never seek doctrines that excuse sin.

Another lesson we can learn from this passage is that the truth must be preached whether it is popular or not. Let us always preach and practice what the Lord God says.

~Kevin Rutherford
(10-2018)

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

June 27 - Acts 8:26-40
June 28 - Acts 9:1-21
June 29 - Acts 9:22-43
June 30 - Acts 10:1-23



July 1 - Acts 10:24-45
July 2 - Acts 11
July 3 - Acts 12

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Leslie and Lori Greeson, Sharon York, Bob Wilson's Uncle Mike, Curt Sams, Tammy Rogers, Rick Clemmons, Hope Turnmire Keller, Gene & Debbie Southern, Bob and Manchel Tesh, Bobby Childress, Cleave Binkley, D.J. Harrison, Leander Thomason, Trooper Josh Church, Don Bowles, Ronnie Knost, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

D.J. Harrison underwent a procedure this past Monday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Doris Cooper tested positive for COVID-19 on Sat., June 18th. **Carl** has now come down with the Covid virus. We will quarantine until it is clear.

Gale and David Queen both now have the COVID virus. Prayers are requested.

Emily Workman is not feeling well and has tested positive for COVID. Clayton & Austin are now sick. So far, Jonah is ok. Prayers for the Workman family.

Abby Little will have surgery on June 15th on both of her knees. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sherrill's sister, **Virginia Bodsford** fell and broke her hip. She is 88 years old but doing well. Would appreciate putting her on the prayer list.—Sherrill

Roger Allen's mother, is back in the hospital. Please pray for her.

Ashley's dad is in the Davie Hospital. Please pray for him.

Prayer request for Lauren Krell: I would like to ask for prayers for Laurel Krell. Lauren is the 21 year old daughter of a friend of mine and has been in a terrible accident. Thank you. —Gina Strickland

Jennifer Harris, a friend of John & Mary Anne Allen has cancer and will have Chemo and radiation. Please pray for her.

Buddy Strickland will have hernia surgery on June 22nd. **Avery Strickland** will have her wisdom teeth removed on June 24th. We will pray for the both of you.

Todd Neal recently had surgery to remove part of his colon. His wife, **Crystal Neal** was rushed to the hospital with a life threatening illness. Crystal is home now but they are struggling at this point. Please send cards.

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

Steve & Cindy Davis are the proud grandparents of Charlotte Elizabeth Davis born to Sarah and Ryan on June 21st at 2 a.m. in Nashville, TN. Luke is excited to be a big brother.

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:

JUNE 26-30 - Warners' Chapel VBS.

***It would be helpful if a family would bring two - two Liter bottles of drinks.**

***There will be a sign-up sheet for those who would like to bring cupcakes for VBS.**

Sunday Evening - Finger Foods Night
Wednesday Evening - Cupcake Night

To the Members at Warners Chapel !

A few months ago when Kevin told the elders he was leaving we immediately started a search for a replacement knowing how long it took the last time and the fact that so many congregations in our area were also looking. We contacted a number of preachers to get the word out. We contacted Tri-Cities and Southeastern schools and posted ads where we could including social media and through a large outreach from a resource that sponsors CYC events.

The elders received 12 responses in the last few weeks and we have been reviewing resumes and watching online sermons and classes from these candidates as a way of filtering out those that we did not want to bring in who did not meet our requirements.

*Two weeks ago we brought in **Wes Garland** from Saraland, AL. The elders met with him for several hours on Saturday and the elders wives spent time with his wife and their children. On Sunday, the elders were flooded with comments to please hire him. After further discussion and additional meeting with Wes, we have extended an offer to him and he has accepted.*

The Garlands were overwhelmed with the welcome they received from the congregation and extremely excited to work with us. At this time they tentatively will be here July 30th.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

JUNE, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR JUNE: JIM HARRISON

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

June 5 - Rodney Brown
June 12 - Randy Warner
June 19 - Gene Ruark
June 26 - Al Lawson

SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman
David Shoaf
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Minor
Mike Glenn
Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JUNE:

SUNDAY A.M.

June 5 - Andy Santiago
June 12 - Steve Tesh
June 19 - Brad Byrd
June 26 - Robbie Landry

SUNDAY P.M.

June 5 - Adam Warner
June 12 - Justin Little
June 19 - David Queen
June 26 - Colin Robinson

WEDNESDAY

June 8 - Don Minor
June 15 - Will Lucas
June 22 - D. C. Mock
June 29 - David Moore

SECURITY AND GREETING: JODY EVERETT & ED O'SHIELDS

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

SONG LEADERS FOR JUNE:

SUNDAY A.M.

June 5 - Roger Allen
June 12 - Wayne Allen
June 19 - Clayton Workman
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WEDNESDAY

June 1 - Gene Southern
June 8 - Justin Little
June 15 - Roger Allen
June 22 - Wayne Allen
June 29 - Clayton Workman

"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

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