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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

MARCH 17, 2019

HOW LONG

The souls of the martyred saints in the book of Revelation "cried with a loud voice, saying, "how long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:10) Their plea for revenge was legitimate. The book of Revelation shows us that God would soon avenge those martyred saints (Revelation 1:1-3; 22:6-10, 20).

Many Christians today are crying out "How Long!" They are not asking how long it will be until persecuted Christians are avenged. They are asking how long it will be until the sermon is over. Perhaps the pew is too uncomfortable, or maybe they just think they have better things to do than worship God. Perhaps they are hungry and want to go eat. Jesus put off the partaking of physical food for the sake of spiritual food (John 4). But, I suppose that is too much for us to do.

I have preached in six different countries. In most overseas congregations where I have worshipped, the length of the sermon has never been an issue. Christians travel for miles in order to worship God and fully intend to get as much as they can when they get there. I have seen our African brethren sit on concrete slabs listening to preachers take turns preaching. This often goes on for hours before someone will decide it is time to get something to eat. But our brethren in America cry "how long" when the preacher goes past 35 minutes. We sit in a movie theatre for two hours, sit at a ball game for three hours, but can't sit in worship for one hour.

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Don't get me wrong. I am not for artificially extending the worship service or a sermon just to prove something about being more pious than other people. The Lord condemned such artificial extensions (Mark 12:40). I have written in my preacher's training book concerning the importance of "saying as much as you can with as few words as possible." I don't believe in flabby sermons that contain more information than is necessary. Furthermore, I seldom preach more than thirty minutes and often just a little over twenty minutes. I also believe in preachers following time limits when they are on a lectureship program or something similar. I am a firm believer in the idea that it is better to stop when they are hungry for more, than it is to go on when they wish you would have quit minutes ago.

And yet, there are subjects which take more than twenty minutes to develop. There are preachers who can hold people's attention for more than thirty minutes. Also, there are appropriate times for preaching longer. Many times our visiting preachers need 45 minutes to properly develop the material. How shallow, weak, and sad when Christians today cry out. "how long," when an excellent and powerful sermon has taken 45 minutes to develop. What a contrast with those who cried out "how long" will the church continue to be persecuted (Revelation 6:10).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



HOW CAN I MAKE MY FAITH STRONGER

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," - Romans 10:17

If I am not present when the word is being preached, will my faith grow? If I only attend Sunday morning worship services and don't take advantage of the Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes that are offered and the Sunday evening services, am I afraid that I will "over indulge spiritually?" If we really want to grow spiritually, we will make the extra effort needed to take advantage of all the opportunities that come our way to learn more about God's Word including personal Bible study.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

March 18 - Mark 15:26-47
March 19 - Mark 16
March 20 - Luke 1:1-20
March 21 - Luke 1:21-38



March 22 - Luke 1:39-56
March 23 - Luke 1:57-80
March 24 - Luke 2:1-24



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Di-Ann Moser, Wayne and Cathy Hutchins, and Elwood Flinchum.**

Fred Holder was moved from the hospital to Novant's Rehab., Room 136 for a short time.

Charlie Parker thank you for prayers, calls, and cards during his recent heart ablation.

It was reported that **Mary Tesh** has bronchitis and an ear infection this past week.

Please pray for the **Woodbury family.** They are continuing to fight sickness. **Samuel Woodbury** will be having testing done at Brenner's Children's Hospital on March 28th. Prayers are requested.

It was reported that **Darlene Masterson,** sister to Donna Duncan, is doing well in her recovery from recent surgery.

Robin Gau reports her friend, **Erica Wiley,** had the flu that developed into pneumonia and she sadly passed away March 8th leaving behind a son. Prayers are requested for the family.

Thank you for the prayers for **Charles Walker** (Andy Santiago's uncle). His back surgery was this past Monday and it went well. Please continue to pray for a speedy recovery.

Please continue to pray for **Brian Curry and his wife, Bette Anne.** The doctors are trying to get Brian stable enough to be MEDI-VACed home to Indiana from Houston, TX. Hospice has been called and basically there is nothing else medical science can do for him.

Terry Joe Kee, Emily Workman's father, will be meeting with a neurosurgeon to discuss possible upcoming surgery. Please pray for the doctors and for my dad as he waits for the appointment.

Diane Barger, Terrie Thomason's mom, is back in ICU with a blood clot in her lung. Please keep her in your prayers.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **MARCH:**
Cereal, Oatmeal/Grits

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Carolyn Plunk's new address is: 7430 Shadowridge Drive, Lewisville, NC 27023. Home Ph. 336-946-6510 Cell: 336-409-1319.



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 GUEST!

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

March 17 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in the annex following the morning worship service.

March 17 - Bundling of House to House following evening worship service.

March 19 - Sewing for missions on Tuesday from 9-12 in the annex. This year we will be sewing for girls in Guyana and Panama.

March 19 - Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

March 23 - Warners Chapel Ladies Day. Vicky Rutherford will be the guest speaker. Topic: "A Gentle and Quiet Spirit" - 1 Peter 3:4. Registration: 8:30 a.m. (Light breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. in Annex.) Program will begin at 9 a.m. with lunch provided at 12 noon. House to House copies are available with our Ladies Day Event on the back page along with flyers on the credenza You may wish to use to invite friends and neighbors.

AREA EVENTS:

March 30 - Ladies Day at North Main St. church of Christ in Mocksville, NC. Guest Speaker: Sheila Butt - Theme: "If The Shoe Fits".

April 13 - Ladies Day at the Lexington church of Christ. Guest Speaker - Dr. Cynthia Guy from Myrtle Beach church of Christ. Theme: "Staying Anchored in a Drifting World"

May 24 - Ladies Day at the Northwest church of Christ. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Theme: "Am I My Sister's Keeper?" Speaker: Melissa King, from the Lake Norman church of Christ. RSVP at nwchurchofchrist.com.

See Bulletin Board for more information

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - March 10, 2019	128
Sunday Worship Service	166
Contribution for March 10, 2019	\$6,879
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	43
Chapters Read:	562
Sunday Evening Worship Service	144
Wednesday Evening Bible study - 3-13-19	124

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

Charley Belch

Wayne Allen Mark Clemmons
Jim Harrison
Tammy Roy
Tim Allen
Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for March:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - March 31, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Walter Cruz	Morning - Roger Allen	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Song Leader - Jason Allen	Evening - Steve Tesh	P.M. - <u>Youth Lead Service</u>	P.M. - Jacob Woodbury
Prayer - Shawn Thomason		Wed. -	

Greeters for April:
Rodney and Teresa Brown

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - March 31 ~ Mark Minor
Wednesday: - April 3 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - March 24, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Gene Ruark	Morning - Joe Everett	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Jason Allen	P.M. - Charley Belch	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Neal Harper		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Clayton W.	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - March 24 ~ Randy Warner
Wednesday: - March 27 ~ Randy Warner

Greeter for March:
Richard & Karen Clemmons

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
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury