

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

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God's Promises to Christians

The radio preacher says God has made promises in the Bible and you can choose the one you want. Just claim that promise as your own and it is yours. The radio preacher says the promise you choose is like a blank check, and all you have to do is sign it by claiming it for yourself. The radio preacher's message is foolish. All of the promises God has made available to all Christians are available to all Christians. God will never fail to fulfill all of His promises (2 Peter 3:9). Promises made to Christians are conditioned upon faithfulness, but as long as we remain faithful to God we can count on the fulfillment of those promises with all confidence. Let's take a look at four of God's promises to faithful Christians.

- 1. God has promised eternal life to Christians. John writes, "and this is the promise that He has promised us eternal life" (1 John 2:25). John also says, "these things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13). Eternal life is an unearned, undeserved gift of God's grace to faithful Christians (Romans 6:23). In the context of Romans 6 we see this promise is made to those who have been baptized into Christ, who have chosen to be God's slaves by obedience to God, and who obeyed from the heart the form of doctrine delivered to them. This shows us that even though eternal life is a gift, we must still obey God in order to receive the gift. Eternal life is a promise made to those who believe in Jesus Christ (John 3:15-16), but Biblical belief is not merely accepting the facts about Jesus. Biblical faith includes humble submission to the will of God in obedience to His word (Matthew 7:21-29; James 2:14-26). Paul tells the church at Rome that on the day of judgment God "will render to each one according to his deeds: eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality" (Romans 2:6-7).
- 2. <u>God has promised a home in heaven to Christians.</u> Heaven is where the promise of eternal life will be fulfilled. Paul says, "our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). Paul also teaches us our hope is laid up for us in heaven (Colossians 1:5). But that hope is conditioned

upon "if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (Colossians 1:23). Peter says God has "begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4).

- 3. God has promised a new and glorious body to Christians. In the context of 1 Corinthians chapter five Paul speaks of a time when Christians will be given a new body (habitation) from heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1-8). Paul says, this new body is "eternal in the heavens" (2 Corinthians 5:1). Paul reminds the church at Philippi, our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself. Therefore, my beloved and longed for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord beloved" (Philippians 3:20-4:1). Then in discussing the great day of resurrection the apostle Paul tells us our corruptible and mortal bodies shall be changed into bodies that are incorruptible and immortal (1 Corinthians 15:50-58). As John speaks of the promise of a new and glorious body he writes, "Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2).
- 4. God has promised to hear the prayers of Christians. James tells, "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16). Peter says, "the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers" (1 Peter 3:12). Paul tells his beloved brethren in Philippi, "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7). John says, "this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" (1 John 5:14-15).

God has promised eternal life, a home in heaven, and an immortal body to all faithful Christians. While we are here on this earth living in anticipation of the fulfillment of those promises at the last day, we continue to pray unto God knowing He has promised to hear our prayers. All of the promises made available to all faithful Christians will be received by all faithful Christians. Let us allow joy, peace, contentment, and hope to flood and fill our hearts because of the "exceedingly great and precious promises" made by God (2 Peter 1:2-4).

~Kevin Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

August 9 - Romans 10 August 10 - Romans 11:1-18 August 11 - Romans 11:19-36

August 12 - Romans 12



August 13 - Romans 13 August 14 - Romans 14 August 15 - Romans 15:1-13

OUR SICKPlease Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Allen and his mother, Eddie Manor and his son Bradley, Nancy Warner, Steve Martin, Hope Turnmire, Mozzeta Dobbins, Jack Piper, Neal Harper, Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Bryan Byrd, Mary Ellen Dull, Kim Matthews, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Darren McBrayer has requested the prayers of the church for spiritual strength. Thank you. Please pray for Darren.

David Moore has been having difficulty with back pain. He has seen a doctor for help. Please keep him in your prayers.

Nancy Warner has been moved to Clemmons Village II. She is in the first building on the left and her Room is #20. The address 6441 Holder Road, Clemmons, NC 27012. She will be happy to see visitors.

Mattie Pharr was scheduled to have surgery this past Wednesday, August 4th. She was having the surgery to relieve her of the pain she had been having. If you wish to prepare a meal for Mattie, please contact Mindy Santiago.

BAPTISM

We are happy to welcome **Bradley Byrd** into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. He was baptized this past Wednesday (Aug. 4th) following VBS by his grandfather, Gene Southern. He is the son of Joe and Christa Byrd.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Steve Weeks**, who passed away on the week of July 25th and the funeral was held July 31st. Steve Weeks was the husband of Gene Southern's sister, Peggy Weeks. Please remember the families in your prayers.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Johnny Bruce** who passed away recently. He was the husband of Darrell Hauser's cousin, Gretta Miller Bruce. The funeral was held this past Sunday. Please remember the families in your prayers.

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	Aug. 1, 2021	- 98
SUNDAY WORSHIP -A.M.	Aug. 1, 2021	- 130
SUNDAY WORSHIP -P.M.	Aug. 1, 2021	- 109
WED. VBS	Aug. 4, 2021	- 131



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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>Carolina Bible Camp</u> - If you are planning on attending the Carolina Bible camp this summer, it is recommended that you sign up for weeks 3, 4, or 7.

Sunday Morning Bible Study has resumed at 10 a.m We will have classes to start with: 0--Kindergarten, 1st—5th Grade, 6th—12th Grade, and Adult Classes.

<u>Sept. 12</u> - There will be a bridal shower for Bethany and Nathan Roy on Sunday, Sept. 12th, from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. They are registered at Target and at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

AREA EVENTS:

<u>August 16-20</u> - Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC, will hold a Visual Gospel Meeting entitled: "God Bless Our Family" at 7 p.m. each evening on Northwest Church of Christ <u>Facebook Page.</u> Bryan McAlister, Billy Smith, Dana Slingluff, David Pharr, and Jeff Jenkins.

Vacation Bible School

Warners Chapel Vacation Bible School has one more evening left of VBS-2021, beginning at 7 p.m. The Theme: "The Flood"

August 11 - "The Flood"

Adult Class - Guest Speakers: August 11 - Jeff Greene

7:00 pm - In auditorium for welcome comments

7:10 pm - Children & Teachers dismissed to classes

7:40 pm - First Bell

7:45 pm - Second Bell

7:50 pm - All in the auditorium for brief review

8:00 pm - All dismissed - Refreshments and activities

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS AUGUST, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR AUGUST: ALDINE CLOUD

DEVOTIONS:

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	SONG LEADER	PRAYER
Aug. 8 - Bill Carothers	Charley Belch	Tim Allen
Aug. 15 - Randy Warner	Clayton Workman	Andy Santiago
Aug. 22 - Shawn Thomason	Wayne Allen	Carl Cooper
Aug. 29 - Allen Cooper	Nathan Roy	D. C. Mock

OPENING PRAYERS FOR AUGUST:

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	WEDNESDAY
Aug. 1 - Rodney Brown	Aug. 1 - Don Minor	Aug. 4 - Carl Cooper
Aug. 8 - Bob Tesh	Aug. 8 - Adam Warner	Aug. 11 - D.C. Mock
Aug. 15 - Charley Belch	Aug. 15 - Todd Hinson	Aug. 18 - David Queen
Aug. 22 - Mike Glenn	Aug. 22 - Gene Ruark	Aug. 25 - Andy Santiago
Aug. 29 - Jim Harrison	Aug. 29 - David Moore	

SECURITY AND GREETING: RICHARD HAMANN AND 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 AUGUST:

SUNDAY P.M.

Aug. 1 - Clayton Workman	Aug. 1 - Clayton Workman	Aug. 4 - Gene Southern
Aug. 8 - Steve Tesh	Aug. 8 - Steve Tesh	Aug. 11 - Charley Belch
Aug. 15 - Wayne Allen	Aug. 15 - Wayne Allen	Aug. 18 - Clayton Workman
Aug. 22 - Nathan Roy	Aug. 22 - Nathan Roy	Aug. 25 - Roger Allen
Aug 29 - Gene Southern	Aug 29 - Gene Southern	

WEDNESDAY

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

SUNDAY A.M.

"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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