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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2018**

## **SELFISH-AMBITION**

**By Kevin V. Rutherford**

I do believe that one of Satan's most effective and most divisive weapons against individual Christians, individual congregations, and the Lord's church around the world is the sin of selfish-ambition.

Selfish-ambition causes elders to seek authority above the other elders and to have their way no matter the cost. For this reason, we are told elders are not to be self-willed (Titus 1:7). Self-ambition causes preachers to become jealous of other preachers and works. Preachers with selfish-ambition view their jobs as a profession in which one must climb the ladder, rather than a way of life, to which one is wholly devoted. This is why Paul reminds us that preachers are to be considered servants of Christ and stewards of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 4:1-2). Selfish-ambition can cause men and women in the local congregation and in the church as a whole to bring about caustic, bitter, and divisive attitudes that destroy the unity of the church. That is why Paul tells all Christians, "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition ..." (Philippians 2:3). Nothing! Let nothing be done through selfish-ambition! Nothing!

The words "selfish ambition" in the NKJV translate the Greek word, "kenodoxia." This is a compound word made up of "keno" (vain or empty) and "doxa." *W.E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* defines "doxa" as "the honor resulting from a good opinion." *The New Thayer's Greek English Lexicon* defines "doxa" as "praise or honor coming to someone." The idea of self-ambition (kenodoxia) is the idea of someone seeking praise and honor which is empty. It is empty because it is of no value. Those who seek to be glorified and honored by men in the church are those who are guilty of "kenodoxia" (vain glory - **KJV**). Too many men and women in the Lord's church are seeking the empty glory and praise of men. They want to be viewed as big-shots in the local church, or important people among many brethren. They want to be looked up to and praised by other Christians and recognized to be something great. Such vain glory seekers are guilty of selfish ambition and are arrogant and foolish. These selfishly ambitious people inevitably hurt the church.

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Thayer says “kenodoxia” means, “groundless self-esteem and empty pride.” Zodiates defines it as a “desire for praise.” Such people want to be told they are so much more important than others. These individuals want to be elevated above fellow Christians. Those guilty of this sin, love the praise and glory of men. They are shallow. They are empty. They think they are big, but they are small. They think they are everything when they are nothing. They puff themselves up with power and influence then go about seeking to wield that influence, perhaps not realizing their actions are destructive to the unity of the Lord’s church, and endangering to their own souls.

Jesus spoke of those guilty of this sin when He said, “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward” (Matthew 6:2). And it is because of the very dangers this arrogant self-glorifying desire for the praise of men poses, that Paul says, “Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others” (1 Thessalonians 2:6). Paul had seen the Christ! Paul had established numerous congregations through the preaching of the Gospel! Paul was an apostle! But look! Paul says he did not seek glory from men! Why would some elder, preacher, deacon, teacher, or other member of the Lord’s church seek glory from men when Paul would not?

It is utter foolishness, and completely destructive to seek glory from anyone other than God. The glory we seek from Him is a glory we do not deserve, and yet it is a glory He will give us if we humbly go about doing His work. That is the glory of the new body, the resurrected body, the body that will be in heaven with God forever (Romans 8:18-25; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44; Philippians 3:8-21; 1 John 3:1-3)! That is the only glory we seek! The glory of men is pitiful, pathetic, and useless. It is indeed a vain, empty, and selfish glory. The undeserved reward God will give us if we humbly serve Him is immeasurably glorious!

And so, my beloved brethren, “let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:3-8).

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## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018**

Sept. 3 - 1 Cor. 14:1-20  
Sept. 4 - 1 Cor. 14:21-40  
Sept. 5 - 1 Cor. 15:1-28  
Sept. 6 - 1 Cor. 15:29-58



Sept. 7 - 1 Cor. 16  
Sept. 8 - 2 Cor. 1  
Sept. 9 - 2 Cor. 2



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Kim Sheets** is still in Room 5127. His condition is still the same. Prayers, calls, cards and short visits, please.

**Madelene Holbrook** feels she is making gains in getting back her strength. She still has some health issues but is feeling better and able to get some exercise in short walks.

Thank you for the prayers on behalf of **Charlie Parker**, even though the heart ablation was cancelled, the medication change was successful.

Please continue to pray for **Nita Kirkland**. She continues to have health issues. She appreciates all the prayers of the church family.

**Atha Clark** has requested our prayers in her behalf.

Carolyn Griffin has informed us that her mother, **Hazel Bailey**, is unresponsive and appears to have had a stroke. Carolyn has requested prayers for her mother and the family. Her mother is 102 years young.

Also, please keep **Kevin Rutherford** in your prayers. He has not been feeling well.

Please keep **Sherrill Stewart** in your prayers. He has been having some difficulty with extreme pain in his foot and is seeing a specialist to determine the problem.

**Emilia Allen** has been ill with a virus. She is improving, and is at home recovering.

**Roger Allen** is undergoing a great deal of pain from a damaged vertebrae and pinched nerve that requires him to be immobile as much as possible to reduce the inflammation. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Allyssa Southern** suffered heat exhaustion after two tennis matches this past Tuesday. She had to go to the ER and received fluids. Some kidney stress and muscle damage. These should correct in time. Prayers and cards, please. She is at home now.

Please pray for **Brandon Rowell**, the grandson of Sue Bostic. He was in a motorbike accident and is in serious condition.

**Ian Quinn**: Family member is struggling, please keep them in your prayers.

**David Nowlin**, an elder at the Waverly church of Christ in TN is home from the hospital. He still needs prayers.

Please continue to pray for Bill Knost's brother, **Earl Knost**. Earl has been battling health issues for several years and has made the decision to stop his dialysis and is now under hospice care at home to keep him comfortable. Earl is a Christian and feels he is ready to go "home". He lives in Florida and Kathy has driven Bill and Ronnie to FL to see Earl and have planned to drive back this past Thursday.

## ~BAPTISM~

We congratulate **Edward O'Shields** who was baptized into Christ on August 26th. We welcome him into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. Edward's address is 324-K S. Peacehaven Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27104. Telephone: 336-453-1423.



**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:

### Sept. 8 - Warners Chapel Youth Conference

Warners Chapel will be hosting a Youth Conference (new name from Youth Rally) at the building. Adult volunteers are needed for bringing food, picking up pre-ordered food, serving, cleanup and assisting with games. If you are helping with the event please also register so that you can get the event T-shirt. Please invite friends and family in the middle to high school age to this event.

## Area Events:

Aug. 1-29 - Summer Series "The Apostle Paul - Great Soldier of the Cross" at the Cary church of Christ on Wednesdays in August, at 7:30 PM.

Sept. 9-12 - Gospel Meeting at the Marion church of Christ. Brother Burt Jones will be the speaker.

Sept. 29 - Annual Youth Day at the Highland Acres church of Christ. RSVP - Sept. 15th.

*See Bulletin board for further information*

## SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **September**:

**"Cereal"**

## SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker**  
**Ernestine Martin**  
**Carolyn Minor**

**Kim Matthews**  
**Di-Ann Moser**

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

## FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - August 26, 2018	129
Sunday Worship Service	174
Contribution for August 26, 2018	\$17,804
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	42
Chapters Read:	542
Sunday Evening Worship Service	128
Wed. Evening Bible Study - August 29, 2018	110

## Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For September:

Al Lawson

Jim Harrison      Tim Harper

Mike Cooper

Mindy Santiago

Joe Everett

Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - September 9, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Brad Hoots	<b>Morning</b> - Don Minor	<b>A.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>A.M.</b> - Bill Carothers
<b>Song Leader</b> - Joe Everett	<b>Evening</b> - Steve Martin	<b>P.M.</b> - Clayton Workman	<b>P.M.</b> - Shawn Thomason
<b>Prayer</b> - Kevin Rutherford		<b>Wed.</b> - Roger Allen	

### Greeters for September:

Andy & Mindy Santiago

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - September 9 ~ Gene Ruark

**Wednesday:** - September 12 ~ Gene Ruark

## Lord's Day Appointments - September 2, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Daryl Cook	<b>Morning</b> - Carl Cooper	<b>A.M.</b> - Charley Belch	<b>A.M.</b> - Daryl Cook
<b>Song Leader</b> - Roger Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Bill Carothers	<b>P.M.</b> - Don Minor	<b>P.M.</b> - Gene Southern
<b>Prayer</b> - Todd Hinson		<b>Wed.</b> - Allen Cooper	

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - Sept. 2 ~ Al Lawson

**Wednesday:** - Sept. 5 ~ Al Lawson

### Greeters for September:

Andy & Mindy Santiago

## 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  
Joe Everett  
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