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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**December 6, 2020**

## **YOU CAN OVERCOME**

How many times have you been set back, knocked down, and defeated? How hard is it to keep getting up? Who does not face suffering, obstacles, complications, and frustrations in life? What Christian does not face a continual battle against Satan? Can you make it? Of your own strength and power apart from God? No. If your dedication is accompanied by God’s strength and power? Yes. Yes you can make it. Yes you can have the victory. You can overcome?

You can overcome even though you may have to travel through the most dire of circumstances in your life. Paul was burdened beyond measure on at least one occasion (2 Corinthians 1:8). Paul was a faithful Christian but God allowed him to be burdened beyond measure. Have you been burdened beyond measure? If so, you are not alone. Was there anything good that came from this heavy burden that Paul suffered under? Paul answers, “Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead” (2 Corinthians 1:9). Isn’t this what burdens teach us? We cannot trust in ourselves. Some matters are beyond our ability to control and correct. Sometimes we don’t have the ability in our own strength, intelligence, wisdom, and endurance to overcome. So, we are diligent, but we learn we must trust in God rather than in ourselves. We are very limited, but God’s power is unlimited. God can give you the strength to overcome.

Do you put all your hopes in this world? If so, you cannot overcome. The world will defeat you (1 John 2:15-17). Are you instead pressing “toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14)? If so, then you can overcome. You can overcome because of the strength you receive through Christ (Philippians 4:13). Do you know our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20)? Then you eagerly wait for Jesus to return and to transform your lowly body to be conformed to His glorious body (Philippians 3:21). You have a glorious body coming to you at the resurrection. It is glorious in that it will enable you to live in heaven with God forever. If this is your confidence, then you can overcome.

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We have enemies. Satan is an enemy (1 Peter 5:8-10). He wants to devour your soul and destroy your life. He wants to take the hope out of your heart and the joy of salvation out of your mind. He wants to shred and destroy your life. You must resist him. You must resist him steadfastly. You must resist him steadfastly in the faith. You cannot resist him apart from the faith, or outside the faith. You cannot resist him if you are not sober, vigilant, and steadfast. You must be diligent knowing that the brotherhood throughout the world suffers. You are not alone. You must be diligent know that God of all grace (beautiful expression), who called us to His eternal glory (beautiful hope) by Christ Jesus will help you. He will reward you. After you have suffered for a while He will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you! The God of all grace will help you to overcome.

Death is another enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26), It is an enemy because it hurts us when our loved ones leave this earth. Each soul, and each spirit is powerful, unique, and incredibly valuable. When our souls interconnect with the souls of others through love we establish bonds that cannot be fully explained and which are not fully appreciated until the spirit and soul of another is gone. Then there is loss. There is vacuum. There is void. There is emptiness. There is loneliness. And so it hurts. And so it is our enemy. But it will be destroyed. When Jesus Christ returns to this earth He will destroy death (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). He has conquered death through the resurrection, and He will destroy death for all on the great resurrection day. So, for the Christian, even death cannot defeat us. And so we say with Paul, “thanks to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:57-58). Victory will be ours. Death will not have the final victory (1 Corinthians 15:55)! You can overcome. With God’s help, you will overcome!

Let us pour out our hearts in fervent prayer to God (James 5:16). Let us trust in His power to strengthen us so that we might glorify Him in this life, and receive the glorified body in the life to come. Let us encourage, uplift, and strengthen our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ! Let us fight together. Let us help one another. And, let us tell the world of the hope, peace, joy, and victory that is to be had in Christ Jesus our Lord! We can overcome!

~Kevin Rutherford

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## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020**

December 7 - 2 John  
December 8 - 3 John  
December 9 - Jude  
December 10 - Revelation 1



December 11 - Revelation 2  
December 12 - Revelation 3  
December 13 - Revelation 4

## OUR SICK

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

*Elwood Flinchum, Abby Little, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lungren, Larry Hayes, Melvin Sapp, Caleb Massey, Terry Wood, Laurie Courtemanche, Edith Allen, Debbie & Gene Southern, Steve & Ernestine Martin, and Gaye Ruark.*

**Hunter Brown**, the son of Rodney and Teresa Brown, has contracted the Covid virus. Please keep him in your prayers.

Also, **Robbie Santiago**, has tested positive for the Covid Virus. So far he has only experienced minor symptoms. Please pray for him.

Please pray for my parents, **Terry and Martha Kee**, who have both tested positive for Covid-19. My Mom also has pneumonia and is dehydrated. She is currently hospitalized as they try to stabilize her condition. - Emily Workman

**Preston Best**, Jim and D.J.'s Great Grandson is having problems with Diabetes at this time.

Please pray for **Katie**, a friend of Mike and Teresa Glenn, who was to undergo surgery recently.

**Stan Matthews** has recovered from pneumonia and Covid-19 and is now at home.

Please pray for the Brothers and Sisters in Nicaragua. They have been hit hard by a hurricane. More information will be available when we know more.

### ~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to the families of **Scott Hancock**, who recently passed away. There will be no funeral service. Scott Hancock was Mary Seal's son-in-law and Karen Seal Hancock's husband. Her address is: 3120 Glenshire Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27127 should you wish to send her a sympathy card.*

*Our sympathy also goes out to Robin Hauser and family in the recent death of her mother, **Ruby Brewer**, who passed away on December 2nd due to the Covid Virus and pneumonia. The funeral was held at the Temple Baptist Church in Mt. Airy on Friday, December 4th at 2 p.m.*

**Wayne Jackson**, founder and contributing author of the Christian Courier passed away on December 2nd. He was 83 and had been suffering from a long-term illness. He passed away peaceably at his home in Jackson, TN.



**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.**

### WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT FOLLOWING JESUS

-Roger Campbell

Jesus gives hope —the hope of eternal life.

Unlike man people who stumble through life with no direction, Christians have a goal, and a way to accomplish that goal. Faithful saints know they are headed toward an incomparable destination, the eternal city of God! Jesus is their way to reach the goal — the only way to the Father in heaven (John 14:6), and He is our single hope (1 Timothy 1:1).

Jesus taught that eternal life is available in the world or age to come (Mark 10:30). We live "in hope of eternal life" (Titus 1:2). Stated another way, the Lord has begotten us unto a lively hope (1 Peter 1:3).

Unto what are we looking with desire, expectation, and anticipation? The very next verse has these words: "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." Simply put, our hope is to live forever in heaven. There is no other hope that compares to this one!

Here is the great thing: it is not limited to just a few people. All people everywhere are invited to come and share in the blessings that God has arranged in and through His Son (Matthew 11:28).

"Come and See" (John 1:39).

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# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR DECEMBER, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY -

CLOSING PRAYER TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU PRIOR TO SERVICE BEGINNING ALONG WITH MAKING SURE ALL MEN SCHEDULED ARE REMINDED OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER -

## OPENING PRAYERS:

### SUNDAY

December 6 -

December 13 -

December 20 -

December 27 -

### WEDNESDAY

December 2 -

December 9 -

December 16 -

December 23 -

December 30 -

SECURITY AND USHERS FOR MAIN BUILDING SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

NOTE: BE AT BUILDING BY 10:05 ON SUNDAY AND 6:25 ON WEDNESDAY TO SET OUT TABLES, THERMOMETERS, MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER EARLY. PEOPLE START ARRIVING ABOUT THAT TIME.

MAIN BUILDING:

ANNEX BUILDING:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME OF NEED

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS CALLED UPON, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE ABOVE ASSIGNMENTS  
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

(Please see Gene Southern if you can help - or call him @ 336-575-4233)

“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  
Jason Allen  
Jody Everett  
Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner  
Jacob Woodbury