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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

August 4, 2019

EYE FOR EYE

"Life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe" was a legal explanation used in the Old Testament for describing the just penalty that was to be imposed by a judge (Exodus 21:22-25). The context shows this was a legal issue and a judge was to be involved. This was not an excuse for individuals to seek vengeance. The Jews were expressly forbidden to take vengeance (Leviticus 19:18). The "eye for an eye" passage was a law allowing individuals to seek punishment for violent criminals through a judge.

There is no doubt Jesus did not want the first century Jews to abuse the law of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." He did not want them distorting and twisting any of the law. Perhaps that is all Jesus had in mind when He said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' but I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also (Matthew 5:38-39)." Or, perhaps He was telling them, that even though the law allows for just punishment as sentenced by a judge, maybe there are times when one should just take the hurt and let it go. A slap on the cheek is frustrating, but it illustrates a small hurt. Are there sometimes actions people take against us that we should just let go?

This passage does not negate the authority for one to defend his family against violent criminal attack. Don't miss the specificity and significance of the words, "violent criminal attack." Prior to the law, God approved Abraham's rescue of Lot and his family (Genesis 14). Abraham slaughtered Lot's captors as a way to save Lot, but not as a way to seek hateful revenge. Under the law one would not be charged with murder in the death of a thief who was

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entering their house (Exodus 22:2). Shortly before His arrest Jesus told His disciples to carry swords (Luke 22:36). In the New Testament, Abraham's rescue of Lot is spoken of in favorable terms as the writer of Hebrews speaks of Abraham being blessed by the "king of peace," following Abraham's "slaughter of the kings" (Hebrews 7:1-4).

While self-defense against violent criminal attack is an important discussion, let's not miss what Jesus was teaching in Matthew 5:38-39. Christians are to be a peaceful people. We are to be peaceful to the point of taking the wrong without seeking vengeance. We are to be peaceful to the point that even if we could seek legal recourse against someone who has hurt us we will consider carefully before we do. But, it is certainly the case that we are to be peaceful and longsuffering in our everyday relationships with people. If a friend hurts you, don't try to hurt them back. If a family member hurts you, don't try to hurt them back. Instead of seeking "an eye for an eye," from a grudge holding heart of vengeance, how about "turning the other cheek?"

But we must further consider that for Christians there may well be a situation that might involve hurts that are not so small as a slap across the cheek. The early church was required to show patience and peace when suffering persecution and tribulation for their faith (2 Thessalonians 1:4-5). The Christians were not to seek vengeance upon their persecutors, but rather were to leave that up to God (2 Thessalonians 1:6-12).

Paul said, "If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men (Romans 12:18). He said this in the context of warning Christians against seeking revenge, and giving instruction regarding the kind treatment of our enemies (Romans 12:17-21). This goes along with what Jesus said about loving our enemies (Matthew 5:43-48). "Bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you." Let's learn to be a peaceful people.

Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

August 5 - Romans 8:1-21
August 6 - Romans 8:22-39
August 7 - Romans 9:1-15
August 8 - Romans 9:16-33



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



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please keep **Mary Anne Allen** in your prayers. She underwent lumpectomy surgery this past Monday and is at home and doing well in her recovery.

Please keep **Lydia Wright** in your prayers. She will be undergoing surgery on August 29th.

Bonnie Landreth was in an car accident in Yadkinville last Monday and suffered bodily injuries, including her leg that had undergone knee replacement surgery about a year and a half ago. She also was severely bruised. Please remember her in your prayers.

Jennifer Cruise's daughter, **Skyler**, was diagnosed with Whooping Cough recently. Jennifer has requested prayers for Skyler and Hunter.

Jim Harrison has requested we continue to pray for his daughter Tammy who is in recovery and D.J. who has to have a stress test this week and wear a heart monitor for a week. Both still need our prayers at this time. Thank you! - Jim

"I ask for prayers for **Dave Jackson**, He is in the hospital in Melton, Florida, on dialysis and has been for 2 weeks. He is my brother-in-law. Thank you" - Mattie Pharr.

Please continue to pray for Emily Workman's grandmother, **Virginia Kee**. She is becoming increasingly weak and losing weight at an unhealthy rate.

Kevin grew up with Leigh Stokes in Tasmania, Australia. Leigh has a 22 year old son who has fought brain cancer for many years. They have run out of treatment options. Please pray for **Joshua Stokes**.

Please remember **Ruby Bradd**, a three year old with stage 4 cancer. Her father preaches for the church in Clinton, IL.

Please pray for the **Swimms Family**. This is also a preaching family. Their two year old son passed away in a pool accident.

Please pray for Karen Clemmons brother, **Eric Drews**. He will have to have a kidney transplant soon.

Please continue pray for Shannon Harper's nephew, **Adam Johnson**, who had surgery for cancer recently.

Please continue to pray for the mother of Melia and Chase Sheets and Debbie Southern's sister-in-law, **Teresa Jenkins**. Teresa is asking Warners Chapel to pray for her. She found out she has Leukemia and has an appointment with a bone marrow specialist on Aug. 8th.

Prayers are requested for **Margaret Curtis**, who is related to the Harper Family. She lives in Nashville, and was in a car accident recently. She is recovering and in physical therapy at this time.



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.

AREA EVENTS:

August 11-14 - Series of Gospel Lessons at the **Redland church of Christ**. Guest Speaker: **Phillip Thompson** from the Mt. Island church of Christ in Charlotte, NC.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

(Please Note: August is school supply month at the SW Food Pantry. There is a list of items needed on the desk in the foyer.)

355 items were delivered to the SW Food Pantry this past week which makes a total of **1,552 items** delivered in 2019 to date.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers



CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Sarah and Colin Robinson who now have a baby boy, Mason Arthur Robinson, born July 26, 2019, at 3:43 a.m. weighing 9 lbs. 10 oz. and 21 3/4 in. long.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - July 28, 2019:	158
Sunday Worship Service:	191
Contribution for July 28, 2019:	\$7,781
Daily Bible Readers:	28
Chapters Read:	628
Sunday (VBS) : July 28, 2019	169
Monday Evening (VBS) July 29, 2019	150
Tuesday Evening (VBS) July 30, 2019	165
Wednesday Evening (VBS) July 31, 2019	161

Lord's Day Appointments For August, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For July:

Preparing Communion for August:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Mark Roy

Jesse Power Ian Quinn

John Allen

Grace Allen

Roger Allen

Mark Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - August 11, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Clemmons	Morning - Andy Santiago	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Jim Harrison
Song Leader - Charley Belch	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Gene Southern
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Charley Belch	

Greeters for August:

Atha Clark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Aug. 11	~	Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - Aug. 14	~	Rick Clemmons

Lord's Day Appointments - August 4, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Bill Carothers	Morning - Jim Harrison	A.M. - Charley Belch	A.M. - Carl Cooper
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Shawn Thomason	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - Caleb Rutherford		Wed. - Roger Allen	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Aug. 4	~	Harry Picciuto
Wednesday: - Aug. 7	~	Harry Picciuto

Greeters for August:

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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