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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

April 23, 2017

BE PREPARED

By Kevin V. Rutherford

Those who study weather patterns and issue warnings about approaching storms might tell you to be prepared. Know where you will go during severe weather and have the appropriate supplies at hand. Those who work with our national defense might tell you to have a plan in mind, and be prepared for a terrorist attack. While it is impossible to be prepared for everything this life may send our way, it is very important we be prepared for the second coming of Christ.

The promise has been made concerning the return of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:11; John 14:1-6). However, the Bible doesn't tell us when He will return. Repeatedly the Scriptures tell us that we cannot know when Jesus is coming back (Matthew 24:36, 42, 44; 25:13; I Thessalonians 5:2, 3; 2 Peter 3:10). While we cannot know when Jesus is going to return, we can know that He is coming. Therefore we need to be prepared for this momentous occasion at all times.

Living in a state of constant preparation for the return of Jesus is the point of the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25:1-13). The five foolish virgins did not have enough oil in their lamps to wait for the bridegroom. They had to leave in order to get more oil. While they were gone the bridegroom came and they were shut out of the wedding. The five wise virgins had enough oil and thus were ready when the bridegroom came. Whether or not you are prepared for the second coming determines whether or not you are showing yourself to be wise or foolish.

The importance of being prepared for the return of our Lord is made clear in the picture He gave us of the judgment day (Matthew 25:31-46). To those who are not prepared Jesus will say,

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“Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41)” To those who are prepared, Jesus will say, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34).” At the end of this discussion of the judgment Jesus says, the wicked “. . . will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life (Matthew 25:46).”

While it is of extreme importance that we be prepared for the second coming of Jesus Christ and the judgment day, it is also important that we be prepared for the day we die. Every man will die (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Once a person dies he will be given no opportunity to change his spiritual condition (Luke 16:26). One simply waits in Hades for the judgment after he has died (Hebrews 9:27; Luke 15:19-31). Because we cannot change our spiritual condition after we have died, we need to make sure we are saved before we die. In other words, we must be prepared.

We do not know when Jesus is coming again. We do not know when we shall die. We must be prepared for those events. Are you?



SPECIAL NEEDS:

Jerry Sullins is going to Zambia in June to teach in the school in Zambia and Uganda for two weeks each. He will also have a seminar in Zambia for past graduates and present students. He will be taking suits and ties for the students of this latest intake. Approximately 45 for both schools. The students are taught to wear a suit and tie when they preach.

If any of you men have used suits, size 40 and under, that you would like to send to these students, see **Steve Martin** during the month of April. **Nothing over a size 40, no winter suits. Ties are welcome.**

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

April 24 - Luke 18:1-23
April 25 - Luke 18:24-43
April 26 - Luke 19:1-27
April 27 - Luke 19:28-48



April 28 - Luke 20:1-26
April 29 - Luke 20:27-47
April 30 - Luke 21:1-19



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Tesh, Bob Plunk, Charlie Parker, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins in your prayers.

Jane Shepard received a "cancer free" report with expectation of no further problems with bladder cancer. She will have follow-up appointments about every six months.

Gene Southern and Jim Harrison are also doing very well in recovering from their recent surgeries.



PLEASE ASSIST:

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to help Frank & Jane with food. Please prepare enough food for one meal and deliver at lunch time. Meals are needed Mon., Wed., & Fri.'s. No spicy foods or peppers, please.

Please contact Frank or Jane in regard to delivery a day in advance to check if the time is okay due to the possibility that they may have doctors appointments and would not be there at lunch time.

Thank you!

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

80 items plus children's treats were delivered to the SW Pantry this past Thursday for a total of 896 items this year.

The suggested items for April are laundry detergent, hand dish washing liquid and bath soap.



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:

April 25 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

April 27 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

May 20-21 - Senior Rally beginning at 8-9 am (Continental Breakfast) continuing through 11:50 am with lunch from 12-1 pm. Speaker: Kevin Rutherford. The topic is "Choices".

June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of God's Power. (Sunday through Wednesday).

LOCAL EVENTS:

April 23-26 - Gospel Meeting at the Lexington church of Christ. Theme: "Why You Should Be a Christian" presented by Brother Phil Sanders speaker for "In Search of the Lord's Way" a nationally broadcasted television ministry of the Edmond church of Christ.

April 23-26 - Gospel Meeting at the Taylorsville church of Christ - Jeff Cannon will be the speaker.

April 23-27 - Spring Gospel Meeting at the Rockhill church of Christ - Eddie Sanders speaker.

April 29 - Eastside church of Christ Annual Youth Rally - 8 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

April 30 - Friends and Family Day at the N. Elkin church of Christ at 145 Carter Mill Rd., Bible Study at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a Fellowship Meal. Gospel Singing.

See bulletin board for details

Please Note:

If you have any suits, sport coats or ties to send to the preacher school students in Zambia and Uganda, please bring them by Sunday night, April 30th. See Page 2 regarding sizes, etc. Thank you.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 16, 2017	112
Sunday Worship Service	151
Contribution for April 16, 2017	\$5,897
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	41
Chapters Read:	591
Sunday Evening Worship Service	95
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 4-19-17	95

Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Carl Cooper

Nathan Roy	Harry Picciuto
Rodney Brown	Mike Cooper
	Carolyn Plunk
	Joe Everett
	John Allen

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - April 30, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Andy Santiago	Morning - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - David Moore
Song Leader - Don Minor	Evening - Gene Southern	P.M. - Youth Led Service	P.M. - Jim Harrison
Prayer - Mark Minor		Wed. - Mark Roy	

Greeters for April:

Rodney and Teresa Brown

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 30	~	Todd Hinson
Wednesday: - May 3	~	Todd Hinson

Lord's Day Appointments - April 23, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Robby Landry	Morning - Mark Minor	A.M. - Jason Allen	A.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Song Leader - Steve Tesh	Evening - Jonathan Huff	P.M. - Don Minor	P.M. - Jacob Woodbury
Prayer - Al Lawson		Wed. - Song Req. Roger A. & Tim A.	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 23	~	Mark Roy
Wednesday: - April 126	~	Mark Roy

Greeters for April:

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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
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“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

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

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