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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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What Will I Do For a Brother In Covid Times?

1. I will attend all church services.

The elders here have been very cautious in making plans for the church during this viral outbreak. Their plan to use masks, temperature checks, social distancing, hand-cleaning, separate communion supplies, the Paperless Hymnal, etc., were coordinated with consultation with doctors.

Still, we fully understand the importance of allowing each individual to evaluate their own health in the light of the Covid-19 virus. We fully recognize some Christians have underlying health issues that may put them at risk when confronted with a virus like Covid-19. Such individuals must make their own choices in regard to their ability to come to church. Those who are able to come should be very patient, encouraging, and loving toward those who are not.

But, what about Christians who go on vacation, regularly go to the store, attend sporting events, and engage in many other activities around many other people, yet say that cannot go to church? Is there any inconsistency in this? Surely Covid-19 is separating wheat from chaff in this case.

Now, let's take another look at the title of the article. “What Will I Do For A Brother in Covid Times?” So, what does attending church services have to do with my brother? Hebrews 10:24-25 gives the answer. We want to be considerate of one another in such a way that encourages love and good works. We also want to exhort one another. These actions toward our brothers and sisters in Christ are connected with the opportunity to assemble with the saints for worship. I want to assemble to show reverence, love, gratitude and devotion to God in worship. But I also want to assemble to have an opportunity to exhort my brethren.

2. I will allow my temperature to be checked, and I will wear a mask for church services.

I am not comfortable wearing the mask. My glasses fog up, and I can't take in as much oxygen as I would like. Sometimes, the straps catch on my glasses, and one time I flicked my

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glasses onto the floor when removing my mask. But I still wear my mask in the church building around others. I do take the mask off to preach, but I am several feet away from people then. However, when I am not preaching I am wearing the mask.

So how does wearing a mask relate to the title of the article? No matter what my personal beliefs may be regarding the effectiveness of the masks, I am going to wear one at church so as to make my brethren feel comfortable around me. Especially those who would be nervous in being around a person who does not have on a mask.

Additionally, no matter what I may think about the political uses of the Covid-19 or the mask, I am going to wear my mask during church services so I do not offend a brother. In 1 Corinthians, chapter eight, the apostle Paul said he would never eat meat again if doing so would cause his brother to stumble. I don't want to cause a brother to stumble, so I wear a mask. How could not wearing a mask cause a brother to stumble? First, it might cause a brother to decide not to come to church services if he is concerned about being around those who are unmasked. Second, the elders have set up a Covid plan that involves wearing masks and I don't want to cause a brother to stumble by giving any indication that I am going to do what I want no matter what the elders say.

3. There are many other things we can do for one another during Covid.

We can make phone calls, send cards, write letters and keep each other encouraged. I know that many of you are doing just that, and I am impressed.

We can be patient with the elders as they do their best to understand Covid-19 and to make appropriate decisions for the church. This is an all new situation for them to face and figure out. Let's thank them for what they have done, and continue to be patient with them.

Let's be patient with our brethren. There are differences of opinion regarding the danger of the virus and the effectiveness of the masks. Are we really going to let something like this cause division in the church? How shallow and immature would that be? Don't let Satan use a matter such as this to cause strife and discord. Be patient with the view of your brothers and sisters in Christ, and cling to the common love we all have for God, His Word and people.

With all of the depression, discouragement, loneliness and loss associated with the year 2020, the last thing we need to do is allow the stress, pressure and different vies we may have about Covid-19 to come between us and our brothers and sisters. God's family is too important for that. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are too valuable for us to cause dissension over Covid-19 issues.

Let's love one another and draw closer together during difficult times. What will you do for a brother or sister during this time defined by Covid-19?

Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020

November 2 - Titus 3
November 3 - Philemon
November 4 - Hebrews 1
November 5 - Hebrews 2



November 6 - Hebrews 3
November 7 - Hebrews 4
November 8 - Hebrews 5

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

The last Warners Chapel bulletin was dated March 15, 2020.

The good news is that there have not been many e-mails from members reporting new illnesses in October.

For Warners Chapel Members who presently have health issues:

*Elwood Flinchum
Abby Little
Kathy and Wayne Hutchins
Steve and Ernestine Martin
Don Jackson
Sandy Smith
Mike and Dora Lungren
Ingrid Mock*

For Non-Members who have requested prayers:

*Larry Hayes
Melvin Sapp
Caleb Massey
Terry Wood
Laurie Courtemanche
Ruby Brewer*

Ingrid Mock is at home with a bad case of Shingles at this time.

Brother Melvin Sapp is waiting a lung transplant and is attempting to raise approximately \$30,000. Warners Chapel will be sending \$5,000 to his transplant fund. Private donations can be made at the Go-Fund Me page for Melvin Sapp.

Caleb Massey, a two year old cousin of Clayton Workman completed his first round of Chemo last week. He is now resting at home for 2 weeks before further treatment. Thanks for continued prayers.

Larry Hayes, Mary Anne Allen's father, has had a re-occurrence of cancer. More tests are being completed to discover the extent and treatment plans. Prayers are appreciated.

Ruby Brewer, Robin Hauser's mother has been moved to an assisted living facility in Mocksville.

Welcome

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Elders have decided to return to the Sunday Evening Worship Services to begin this evening at 6 p.m. It will be a somewhat an abbreviated service in the beginning.

Kim Matthews new address.

**Universal Health Care North Raleigh
5201 Clarks Fork Drive
Raleigh, NC 27616**

FOR A CONTENTED LIFE

HEALTH enough to make work a pleasure.

WEALTH enough to support your needs.

STRENGTH enough to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

GRACE enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

PATIENCE enough to toil until your goal is accomplished.

LOVING KINDNESS enough to see some good in everybody.

LOVE enough to move you to forget yourself.

FAITH enough to make the unseen things seem real to you.

HOPE enough to remove every fear that is within you.

Selected

A Moment for Him

We mutter and sputter
We fume and we spurt,
We mumble and grumble,
Our feelings get hurt.

We can't understand things,
Our vision grows dim,
When all that we need
Is a moment with HIM

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR NOVEMBER, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY - BRAD HOOTS

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 - D. C. MOCK

OPENING PRAYERS:

SUNDAY

November 1 - Gene Southern

November 8 - Carl Cooper

November 15 - Bob Tesh

November 22 - Charley Belch

November 29 - Nathan Roy

WEDNESDAY

November 4 - Andy Santiago

November 11 - Don Minor

November 18 - Mark Minor

November 25 - Jim Harrison

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:

Wayne Allen and Andy Santiago

ANNEX BUILDING:

Steve Tesh

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.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT GENE SOUTHERN @ 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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Steve Tesh
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Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
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Jacob Woodbury