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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Rulers

The lust for power and authority will ruin a person. A desire for self-glorification will destroy a soul. Individuals like this will forever be blinded by their arrogance, and they will not be able to see themselves as they are. They cannot understand what is happening around them. They only see what they want to see. They only see what justifies their sense of self-importance.

In our study of the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesday nights we have seen individuals who fit the description just given. Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were rulers among the Jews who, though powerful and wealthy, did not seem to be intoxicated with their power and wealth (John 3:1-2; 19:38-42; Mark 15:42-47). However, most of the rulers of the Jews in Jesus' day loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. They hated Jesus because He exposed their sin (John 7:7). They were envious of Jesus because the multitudes praised Him instead of them (Matthew 2:18).

Their arrogance led them to the point they chose to kill Jesus. Their lust and love of power, influence, wealth, authority, position, and the praise of men caused them to come to a point of extreme malice. Extreme enough to seek the most painful and shameful method of execution for the one who seemed to have more influence among the multitudes than they.

The target of their bitter hatred was the Divine Son of God. It was Jesus who had come in the flesh. Jesus lived a life of love, compassion, service, humility, and patience. He was good. Good in the sense that God is perfectly holy in every way. Those who wanted Him dead were evil. They were obsessed with the kind of evil that poisons a person's heart when he gives himself over to arrogance.

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Matthew chapter twenty-three records Jesus' condemnation of the scribes and Pharisees. Jesus said, "all their works they do to be seen by men" (Matthew 23:5). He called them "hypocrites," "fools," and "blind". Jesus said they were "serpents, a brood of vipers" (Matthew 23:33), and He rhetorically questioned whether or not they could escape the condemnation of hell. In contrast, consider the time the Lord washed the feet of the disciples (John 13). Jesus acted in such a way as to demonstrate timeless lessons of humility and service. God, on His knees to serve man was showing us the way to view ourselves in relation to others.

Consider also the fact that though the Creator has unlimited wisdom, knowledge, and power, He emptied Himself and became a man, then suffered and died on the cross (Philippians 2:5-11). Men scramble for glory, power, and praise, and when they receive "chief seats," they hold on to them at all costs. God gave up heaven, emptied Himself, became flesh, dwelt among man, served man, and died for man. The Creator allowed the creation to brutally torture Him and kill Him. The creation gladly did so out of a lust for power, from a heart of envy, and from the bitterness of hearts soaked in sin and enveloped in evil. Their lust for power, led them to lust for blood. Their arrogance brought them to dark places. But the Creator humbly died for His creation.

The Bible says, "nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God" (John 12:42-43). Those who do good deeds to receive the praise of men, have their reward in that praise (Matthew 6:2). Those who pray for show so as to look good before men, have their reward in the praise of men (Matthew 6:5). The hypocrites who wanted to disfigure their faces and look sad while fasting so as to receive praise from men, have their reward in the praise they receive from men (Matthew 6:16). What a shame it would be if all the reward one ever received was the praise of men, for the praise of men will mean nothing when the Lord returns in judgment upon all nations.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

Begin a Correspondence Ministry:

Many are sick or lonely or need encouraging words. Send notes, cards, texts - be creative.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

February 8 - Matthew 24:29-51
February 9 - Matthew 25:1-30
February 10 - Matthew 25:31-46
February 11 - Matthew 26:1-25



February 12 - Matthew 26:26-50
February 13 - Matthew 26:51-75
February 14 - Matthew 27:1-26

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 Lundgren, Mindy & Andy Santiago, D.J. Harrison, Tim and Lois Allen, Lisa Stuart, Edith Allen, Martha Kee.

Note from Abby Little: “Thank you for your continuous prayers and support for me and my family. I will be having a double mastectomy scheduled for February 9th. The recovery period of the surgery is about 4-6 weeks. Please continue to keep me and my kids in your thoughts and prayers as we enter the next step into my recovery. Thank you. —Abby Little

Please keep **Ernestine Martin** in your prayers. She is still in Accordius at Clemmons. She is weak and non-ambulatory at this time. **Steve Martin** had his second 3-month CT Scan recently and the Dr. said there is no cancer present at this time. Please pray that continues to be the case. Steve had an appointment this past Monday to see what could be done about his voice. He says he is walking and getting stronger and will be ready to plant tomatoes by Spring. Thank you for your continuous prayers. - Steve and Ernestine Martin.

Please continue to keep **Doris Cooper** in your prayers. She is feeling somewhat better but still recovering from several health issues.

Also, Please remember **Ronnie Knost** who broke her arm recently. She is doing well but suffering some pain in the healing process. Please keep her in your prayers.

Robin Hauser's aunt, **Claudine Goins**, had pneumonia and COVID-19 and has been in a special care facility. She has been able to return to her home but has not fully recovered from the pneumonia and is still on oxygen. Please pray for her.



Reminder:

All Valentines and participating kids collection boxes must be dropped off in the Annex no later than Friday, Feb. 12th. There is a labeled drop off box you can place these items in the hallway of the Annex.

Participating Children

Daisy Cruz
Henry Cooper
Beau Spillman
Luc Spillman
Mason Robinson
Eden Warner
Koston Warner

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.

February 5, 6, & 7 - Pictures will be taken in the Annex for a new directory. There is a schedule on the bulletin board for times scheduled for Feb. 5-7. Nancy Cruz will be taking the pictures. If you do not have a time slot for the February 5-7 scheduling, a time will be set up for you to have your pictures made at a later date.

Note from Ryan, Sarah, and Luke Davis,

We hope all of you are well and staying safe. You are very important to us, and we are so grateful for all of your love and support throughout our time on the mission field in Peru. We want to inform you of our family's recent decision to transition out of our work with the church in Cusco. After many months of conversations and prayer, we believe that the church is ready to begin working autonomously as they form a local leadership. This year the Cusco church will celebrate 11 years together as a congregation, and God has used many families to prepare this beautiful church for this moment. During 2021 we will continue to give weekly support to the ministers and local church leaders virtually during this transition, and we'll also be making some short, intensive trips this year and beyond. The elders of the Estes church of Christ in Henderson, TN, who have overseen our family's work throughout our time in Cusco, will continue to oversee the work of the Cusco church for many years to ensure continuity and guidance.

We are deeply sad and grieved to leave a place and a group of people we have grown to love so deeply, but we feel confident that this is the decision God has led our family to at this time. We know that the friendships God has allowed us and our little boy to form with these special brothers and sisters will remain for a lifetime. We are beginning a new work with the Bellevue church of Christ in Nashville, TN, and we are excited to see what God has in store for furthering His kingdom as we all seek to stay on mission sharing Christ with others.

We are in great need of your financial support for our family at this time as we resettle and “start from scratch” relocating internationally and making the transition from our life and home in Peru to the U.S. in the middle of the pandemic. We again want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all of the love and generosity that you have poured out on us over the last seven years as God blessed us to work in a foreign field. Because of you and other congregations throughout the U.S, there will be a faithful and passionately evangelistic family of the Lord's people in the city of Cusco, Peru, for generations to come.

In His service,

Ryan, Sarah and Luke Davis

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR February, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: ANDY SANTIAGO

COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY: JIM HARRISON

OPENING PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY - a.m.

February 7th - David Queen
February 14th - Tim Allen
February 21st - Robby Landry
February 28th - D. C. Mock

WEDNESDAY - p.m.

February 3rd - Bob Tesh
February 10th - Don Minor
February 17th - Kevin Rutherford
February 24th - Adam Warner

**BUILDING SECURITY: OPENING, SETTING UP FOR TEMPS, AND LOCKING BUILDING:
SUNDAY AM OPEN BY 10:10, PM BY 5:25, AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:25**

MAIN BUILDING: ED O'SHIELDS AND R.J. LANDRY

ANNEX: MARK MINOR

SONG LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY - a.m.

February 7th - Wayne Allen
February 14th - Clayton Workman
February 21st - Roger Allen
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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

“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