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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

APRIL 10, 2022

LOVE YOUR BROTHER

We certainly don't want to minimize the importance of loving those who are not Christians. However, the focus of this article is on the love that Christians ought to have for one another. The apostle John was very clear in his inspired message concerning the importance of Christians loving Christians. Let's take a brief walk through 1 John, and see what "the apostle of love," had to say about Christians loving Christians.

First, if Christians do not love their brothers and sisters in Christ, they are walking in darkness rather than walking in the light (1 John 2:7-11). Walking in darkness causes one to lose fellowship with God (1 John 1:6). Losing fellowship with God causes one to be lost.

Second, hating a fellow brother or sister in Christ is equivalent to murder in the way in which it affects our eternal salvation (1 John 3:10-15). John tells us Christians who do not love a brother are not of God, and have not passed from death to life. Then he says, "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him (1 John 3:15)."

Third, it is important for us to love our fellow Christians in the same manner in which Jesus Christ loved us (1 John 3:16-24). Jesus saw the need we had for salvation and He came and died for us. When we see a need a brother has, we must act in helping that brother. It is the kind of love that acts to help one another that pleases God, and by which we know that we are of the truth. God can see into our hearts and He knows if our hearts are filled with hatred toward a brother. If that is the case then our hearts will condemn us rather than assure us with God. When our hearts are in that condition God will not hear our prayers.

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Fourth, we should love one another because love is of God (1 John 4:7-8). God is the source of love. God is the originator of love. If we are going to be those who are of God, then we are going to love one another. If we do not love one another then we truly do not know God for God is love.

Fifth, we need to love our brothers and sisters in Christ with a love that enables us to see fellow Christians in the way God sees them (1 John 4:9-11). God's love is evident in the sacrifice He made of His Son. He loved us and so He sent His Son to become the appeasement of the wrath deserved for sin. If God loved us so much that He sent His son we must love one another. We should be able to see the value in each brother and sister as one who is loved by God with a deeply sacrificial love.

Sixth, if we say we love God and hate a brother we are liars (1 John 4:20-5:2). How can a Christian say He loves God whom he has not seen when he can't even find it within himself to love his brother? If we believe in Christ, if we are born of God, if we love God, then we will love our brethren. Loving God and keeping His commandments includes loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. If we do not love a brother or sister then we are not loving God and we are not obedient to God.

John tells us we can know that we have eternal life (1 John 5:13). We know that we have eternal life when we are living the message taught in 1 John and that includes loving our brothers and sisters in Christ. Every brother who hates another brother cannot say with all genuine confidence he knows he has eternal life. We walk in the light, we are of the truth, our prayers are heard by God, we show that we love God by the fact that we love our brethren. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7)."

~Kevin Rutherford

Little Gems to Think on

1. SpringGod's greeting card.
2. The greatest man in history was also the poorest.
3. The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.
4. A peaceful heart finds joy in all of life's simple pleasure.
5. A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition!

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

April 11 - Luke 11:1-28
April 12 - Luke 11:29-54
April 13 - Luke 12:1-31
April 14 - Luke 12:32-59



April 15 - Luke 13:1-22
April 16 - Luke 13:23-35
April 17 - Luke 14:1-24

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Ellen Meachum, Meredith, (Brenda, Ginger, Carolyn, and Walter Goff), Dr. Charles Gainor & Son Izac, Sandy Smith, D.J. Harrison, Nikki Santiago, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.



Brad Hoots was admitted to the Forsyth Hospital last Monday evening due to chest pains. After undergoing a heart catheterization on Tuesday, a 80-90% blockage was discovered in his primary artery. He was scheduled to have a stent inserted on Tuesday but once the doctors began, they discovered that the blockage would require bypass surgery. During the prep for the stent, he received a blood thinning medicine that takes 4-5 days to vacate his system. Because of this, the surgeon anticipates that bypass surgery will take place on Monday, April 11. Brad is in good spirits and continues to feel well. We are thankful that the problem was discovered while under medical care and did not present itself as a heart attack or stroke. Please continue to keep him and our family in your prayers. —Betty

Aldine Cloud is still recovering from his recent surgery, and had to have a procedure done a week ago to remove fluid from around the surgical site and was scheduled to have the procedure again this past week. Please keep him in your prayers.

Bonnie Landreth is also recovering from her surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.

Gina Harper's father, **Gary Harper** went to the hospital in Lexington a few days ago and they found he was dehydrated, had pneumonia and a bacterial infection in his blood. He has recovered and is now at home doing well.

Lou Ann Harper fell and broke her left hip recently and was transferred to the Forsyth Hospital and had a partial hip replacement. The surgery went well and she is expected to be several days before going to Rehab. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

My cousin, **Valeria Cloud Johnson**, has had a heart attack recently. She is stable on a breathing machine and sedated. She has been like this for a week. Valeria is a member of Carver Road Church of Christ. Please add her to your prayer list. — Aldine and Betty Cloud.

Sentence Sermons

If your problems are long-standing, or deep-seated, try kneeling.

Give God what's right, not what's left.

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

April 29th - Ladies' Lunch at the Jack Warren Shelter at 1:30 p.m. Bring your own lunch and it was mentioned that someone may wish to bring dessert. If you have any questions, Please see or call **Lois Allen** or **Mindy Santiago**.

May 14-15 - Senior Rally. The speaker: brother Wesley Simons - The theme:

"What we have Learned By Growing Older"

Saturday:

Lesson 1 - We Have Learned to Respect Authority

Lesson 2 - We Have Learned that it Pays to Serve God.

Lesson 3 - We Have Learned what our Two Major Problems are.

Sunday:

Sunday Morning Bible Class: We Have Learned Something About Child Rearing.

Sunday Morning Worship: We Have Learned How to Grow Spiritually.

AREA EVENTS:

April 8, 9, 10 - Youth Rally at the Lake Norman Church of Christ - David Price, the preacher from the Morehead City will be the speaker. Gene Southern will be taking his grandson, and others who may want to attend. They will come home each day from the Rally.

WELCOME TO 2 NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome two people who have recently placed their membership here at Warners Chapel. They are:

Debra Young
447 Society Road
Statesville, NC 28625
Tel.: 314-374-7020

Robert Wilson
6543 Gentry Circle
Clemmons, NC 27012
Tel.: 806-438-1522

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

April, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: MARK ROY

COMMUNION FOR APRIL: DAVID SHOAF

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

April 3 - Wayne Allen
April 10 - Mark Minor
April 17 - Andy Santiago
April 24 - Rodney Brown

SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
Wayne Allen

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Roy
Kevin Rutherford
David Shoaf

OPENING PRAYERS FOR APRIL:

SUNDAY A.M.

April 3 - Charley Belch
April 10 - Bob Tesh
April 17 - Rodney Brown
April 24 - Steve Tesh

SUNDAY P.M.

April 3 - Brad Hoots
April 10 - Mark Minor
April 17 - Adam Warner
April 24 - Carl Cooper

WEDNESDAY

April 6 - D.C. Mock
April 13 - Mike Lundgren
April 20 - Randy Warner
April 27 - David Moore

SECURITY AND GREETING: RICHARD HAMMAN & SHAWN THOMASON

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR APRIL:

SUNDAY A.M.

April 3 - Justin Little
April 10 - Roger Allen
April 17 - Wayne Allen
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PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

“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
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner