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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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IS PAGANISM BETTER FOR WOMEN?

True Christianity elevated women to a level they had not known before Christ. For example, it is the New Testament which says, "husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered (1 Peter 3:7)." In essence God has said that He will not even listen to a man's prayers if that man does not treat his wife respectfully. In addition, the Bible teaches husbands to love their wives so much that they would be willing to die for them, and to love their wives as they do their own bodies (Ephesians 5:25-33). Granted the Bible gives man the spiritual headship of the home (Ephesians :22), but different roles do not equate to greater value in the eyes of God. To illustrate this point we will look at Paul's comments in 1 Corinthians 11:3. "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God." God the Father has authority over the Son. Does this make the Son any less valuable? Does this make His role of lesser importance? What about the authority the husband has over the wife. Does this make him any more valuable to God than her? Absolutely not! Is he of more value in the home than she? No! By giving men and women different roles God did not indicate one was of greater value than the other. The pilot of an F-18 is no more valuable than the crew chief of that airplane. Without the crew chief the pilot can't fly.

The same is true with regard to the church. While the Bible does give man the spiritual headship of the church (1 Timothy 2, 3), the woman is considered of equal value in the church (Galatians 3:26-29). Man has a role and the woman has a role. Both roles are vital. True Christianity has elevated women by teaching that they are of equal value with men.

Christianity has also elevated women from being viewed as property and sex objects to being viewed as valued human beings whom God loves. The Bible encourages Christians to control themselves sexually (Galatians 5:19-23). The lust and lewdness of the pagans is

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replaced by love and self-discipline in true Christianity (Galatians 5:22, 23). The New Testament provides for a life-long, loving, and nourishing relationship to be the basis for any sexual activity between men and women (Hebrews 13:4). That committed and protective relationship is called “marriage.” Sex outside of this pure institution is not only dirty, but is dangerous. How many women have been hurt physically, emotionally, and spiritually by men who simply want to use them for their bodies? Further evidence of the Bible’s goal to elevate women above sex objects is found in the following statement made by Jesus Christ Himself: “...whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart (Matthew 5:28).” Jesus does not want His followers to view women as physical toys for the foolish and irresponsible fantasies of lustful men. Dan Brown’s book *The Da Vinci Code* suggests the early church, “...worked hard to demonize sex and recast sex as a disgusting and sinful act.” He hasn’t read the Bible he attacks. The Bible pictures sex as a pure and wonderful relationship designed for both the procreation and the pleasure of man, but only when that relationship exists in the stable and loving environment of marriage (Hebrews 13:4, Song of Solomon).

On the other hand, pagans belittle women by making them little more than sex objects to be lusted after. Paganism encourages fornication, and adultery. *The Da Vinci Code* speaks of a perverse, pagan, group, sexual rite that a murdered museum curator had participated in. The book tells us the pagan sexual ritual was about spirituality rather than sex. The book also teaches that men may communicate with the divine and “...achieve *gnosis* - knowledge of the divine” through the physical union with women. The hero of Brown’s book, tells the male college students in his class, “The next time you find yourself with a woman, look in your heart and see if you cannot approach sex as a mystical, spiritual act. Challenge yourself to find that spark of divinity that man can only achieve through sexual union with the sacred feminine.” Free sex is promoted by suggesting it is something spiritual or religious. This simply gives men one more opportunity to view women as little more than objects for their personal pleasure. This does not elevate women!

When we look at the pagan practices of the ancients we realize that paganism does not elevate women. While it is true that some pagans worshipped female deities, it is also true that their worship of such goddesses was very perverse and belittling to women. For example, it is a well-established historical fact, that the temple to Aphrodite was served by over one thousand temple prostitutes whose services were used in “worship.” Tell me how women can elevate themselves by selling their bodies in a religious act of “worship!” Paganism is the true enemy of women’s rights.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

June 4 - John 14
June 5 - John 15
June 6 - John 16
June 7 - John 17



June 8 - John 18:1-18
June 9 - John 18:19-40
June 10 - John 19:1-22



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for Mary Ellen Dull, DJ Harrison, Nita Kirkland, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Claude Pharr.

Nita Kirkland will undergo back surgery on June 7th and cataract surgery on June 21st. Please keep her in your prayers.

D. J. Harrison is having multiple mini-strokes and it is thought to possibly be caused by migraines. She received several injections to her head and neck recently to try to overcome the problems she is having at this time. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Wayne Hutchins' brother, Jarvis, is in Forsyth Mem. Hospital with shingles. They found cancer cells in three different locations. Please pray for him.

Renee Morgan (Madelene Holbrook's niece) will be having more surgery at the Duke Medical Center in the near future. Please remember her in prayer.

Also, please pray for our fellow Christian families in Nicaragua. Violence has erupted in most major cities including uncounted deaths. Please pray for a quick resolution.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Kim Matthews

Ernestine Martin
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

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



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

78 Items were delivered to the Food Pantry this past week which makes a total of 891 items delivered in 2018. Thank you!!

The suggested items for the month of JUNE is:
Oatmeal/Grits

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:

June 7 - The 50 and Over Class has been cancelled for the summer months.

June 9 - (Sat.) There will be a Youth Outing to Surge Trampoline Park. For those wanting to attend, a check needs to be filled out to Warners Chapel and **MUST** be given to Caleb by next Wed. (June 6th). A waiver must also be filled out. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth board with more information. If you need a waiver, and if you have any other questions, please see Caleb.

June 24 - There will be a celebration get-together and covered dish meal in honor of the Warners Chapel Graduates of 2018 in the Annex following the morning worship service. Those to be honored are: Emily Hinson, Holly Hauser, Andrew Hinson, Amber Minor, Tara Roy, Mary Tesh and Todd Hinson. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

June 22-23 - There will be a Youth Retreat at the home of Joe and Eva Everett. Just like last year, this will be open to everyone in the congregation. Although this is considered a youth event, everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. You will need to bring your own tents, sleeping bags, lawn chairs, hammocks, etc., if you plan on spending the night, or you can leave and come back the next morning. There will be a short meeting with the parents on Sunday, June 10th directly after the AM worship service. More details to follow.

Area Events:

June 17 - 20 - Gospel Meeting at the Capernaum church of Christ. Speaker: Bro. H. Clay Williams of the North Glenn Heights church of Christ

See Bulletin board for further information

Sentence Sermons:

"Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings."

"Forbidden fruit creates many jams."

"To belittle is to be little."

"If you do not want to reap the fruits of sin, stay out of the devils orchard."

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - May 27, 2018	135
Sunday Worship Service	163
Contribution for May 27, 2018	\$11,022
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	33
Chapters Read:	572
Sunday Evening Worship Service	118
Wed. Evening Bible Study - May 30, 2018	102

Lord's Day Appointments For June, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For June:

Caleb Rutherford

Bill Carothers Steve Martin
Jason Allen
Mary Anne Allen
Roger Allen
John Allen

Preparing Communion for June:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - June 10, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Brad Hoots	Morning - Carl Cooper	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Joe Everett	Evening - Steve Martin	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Clayton Workman
Prayer - Kevin Rutherford		Wed. - Roger Allen	

Greeters for June:

Rodney & Teresa Brown

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - June 10 ~ Gene Ruark
Wednesday: - June 13 ~ Gene Ruark

Lord's Day Appointments - June 3, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Daryl Cook	Morning - D. C. Mock	A.M. - Charley Belch	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Don Minor	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - Todd Hinson		Wed. - Allen Cooper	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - June 3 ~ Al Lawson
Wednesday: - June 6 ~ Al Lawson

Greeters for June:

Rodney & Teresa Brown

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

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