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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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GREAT CONFLICT AND STARK CONTRAST

The great spiritual conflict is the described in different ways in the Bible. It is the battle of the spiritually armored Christian against the cunning devil (Ephesians 6:10-18). It is the steadfast resistance of the Christian to the roaring lion who walks about looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8-9). It is all the conflict between the spirit and the flesh (Galatians 5:16-26).

The works of the flesh are listed as adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outburst of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries and such like (Galatians 5:19-21). Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God (Galatians 5:21). This list shows a darkness and a self-imposed depravity that comes upon people who give themselves over to the flesh. But perhaps one of the darkest aspects to the works of the flesh is that not only do they hurt the one who engages in them, but they are such behaviors as can hurt others as well. As such the works of the flesh are harmful to society. When a nation gives itself over to the works of the flesh it will digress toward less and less civility the great spiritual battle we face is that of the Spirit verses the flesh. Let us fight to walk according to the Spirit and to push away from the works of the flesh for our own good, for the good of those we love, for the good of those around us, and for the good of our society, culture and nation.

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Now the stark contrast. The fruit of the Spirit is listed as love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). This list shows a brightness glory, and light that can transform individuals and lift up nations. The fruit of the spirit is such that not only will it have a positive effect upon the person bearing these characteristics, but it will help all of those they know and love. Additionally, it is this kind of behavior and character that shines a positive, wonderful, and glowing light upon every situation in life. These are noble and high qualities. These are perfect and pure influences. These are the fruit we see in the lives of those who walk according to the Spirit.

This great conflict and stark contrast is discussed again in Colossians chapter three. Those attitudes and actions that must be put to death in our lives include fornication uncleanness, passion, evil desire, covetousness, anger, wrath, manic, blasphemy, filthy language and lying (Colossians 3:5-9). The contrasted attitudes and actions that are seen in the lives of those who have set their minds on things above include tender mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, forgiveness, and love. When these character traits are seen in us we will find the peace of God ruling in our hearts, and the word of God dwelling richly within us (Colossians 3:12-17).

There is a great conflict in our world between good and evil. There is a great conflict within individuals between giving themselves over to the Spirit, or giving themselves over to the flesh. The conflict is a spiritual one that will affect the eternal destiny of souls. The contrast between the character traits of those who give into the darkness of the lusts of the flesh verses those who peacefully lift and brighten society by the fruit of the Spirit is clear. Clear enough that one does not have to think too hard to realize which way is the better way.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

March 15 - Mark 14:1-26
March 16 - Mark 14:27-53
March 17 - Mark 14:54-72
March 18 - Mark 15:1-25



March 19 - Mark 15:26-47
March 20 - Mark 16
March 21 - Luke 1:1-20

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Abby Little, Sherrill Stewart, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lundgren, D.J. Harrison, Edith Allen.

Holly Hauser is reported to be doing well in recovering from her gallbladder surgery last Monday. If you would like to send her a card, please send it to her mother, Robin Hauser, 480 S. Peace Haven Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27103 and she will get them to her. Holly will be moving shortly and some mail may get lost with the change of address. Thank you.

Mark Minor had been exposed to someone who learned he had the COVID virus last week. Mark had the test for the virus which came out negative.

Please keep **Roger Allen** in your prayers. He has an appointment for a MRI to have surgery on his hand.

Steve Martin has an appointment with a doctor at the Baptist Hospital on March 18th to undergo an outpatient procedure on his throat to improve his natural speech pattern. He will be conscious during the procedure for monitoring. Please keep him in your prayers.

Debbie Southern's aunt, **Betty Johnson**, underwent hip surgery recently and is reported to be doing well in her recovery. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Please continue to keep Lauren Rutherford's friend, **Sandy**, in your prayers.

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to the families of **Eric Drews**, who passed away on March 6th. He was in a terrible automobile accident on December 4th, 2019, and has been through difficult surgeries and health problems as a result of all his injuries. He was Karen Clemmons' brother. There will be a private "Celebration of Life" for Eric Drews on Saturday, March 13th in Fayetteville, NC.*

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.

I would like to add my cousin, Mandy Bailey, to each of your prayer lists.

*Their family has struggled for the last two years as their 15 year old son **Parker** has fought leukemia. It is a long treatment process and has been very hard on him. If all goes well though, he will ring the bell next February 2022.*

*And then this past November, **Mandy** (Parker's Mom) was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was told after surgery that she would not have to take chemo treatments but was advised to have a double mastectomy. She had the surgery in December and had many complications after surgery.*

She was finally getting back on her feet and back at work. Then this past week she was told that testing from tumor tissue showed there was a high risk of re-occurrence without chemo.

She begins chemo this week for the next three months.

Mandy is in her early 40's and cancer has played havoc on their young family.

Feel free to send her cards - her address is:

**Mandy Bailey
121 Bentbrook Drive
Advance, NC 27006**

Thank you in advance for your prayers - Betty Hoots

Covid Vaccine Information:

If anyone would like a COVID-19 Vaccine and are having difficulty getting an appointment in the county you reside in, we have plenty in Yadkin County. If you would like an appointment please go to Yadkin County website www.yadkincountync.gov and register you will be called on the number that you register with for an appointment. - Lorie Rose

Call Someone and strengthen the church:

This week, make a list and call 5 people you don't normally call. Just touch base, ask after their welfare, tell them you care about them, see if they have a need with which we can help.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

MARCH, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR MARCH: DAVID MOORE

OPENING PRAYERS FOR MARCH:

SUNDAY - a.m.

March 7 - Gene Southern
March 14 - Jim Harrison
March 21 - Brad Hoots
March 28 - Andy Santiago

SUNDAY - p.m.

March 7 - Adam Warner
March 14 - Mark Minor
March 21 - Carl Cooper
March 28 - David Queen

WEDNESDAY

March 3 - Bob Tesh
March 10 - Tim Allen
March 17 - D.C. Mock
March 24 - Wayne Allen
March 31 - Johnny Spillman

**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: GENE SOUTHERN AND TIM ALLEN

SONG LEADERS FOR MARCH:

SUNDAY - a.m.

March 7 - Wayne Allen
March 14 - Clayton Workman
March 21 - Roger Allen
March 28 - Charley Belch

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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

<p>“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</p>
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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner	Gene Southern
Keith Warner	Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Jason Allen	Adam Warner
Jody Everett	Jacob Woodbury