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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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GETTING DRUNK

Excusing Sin

Almost everyone does it. Just about every adult drinks and many kids do too. Most denominations condone drinking as long as one doesn't get “too drunk”. Members of some denominational churches will even turn a blind eye to staggering around, falling down, all out intoxication. Some members of churches of Christ are beginning to turn away from the distinctive moral behavior that is to characterize Christians by encouraging or at least excusing the drinking of alcohol for recreational purposes. Ephesians 5:18 is conclusive and settles the matter.

Methusko is an Inceptive of Ingressive

“Methusko” (methuskesthe) is the Greek word translated as “drunk” in Ephesians 5:18, in the New Testament King James Version.⁽¹⁾ *The Expanded Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*,⁽²⁾ *A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament*,⁽³⁾ *A Cataegorical Alphabetical Bible Study*,⁽⁴⁾ and *Word Pictures in the New Testament*,⁽⁵⁾ are four sources that tell us the word “methusko” is an “inceptive verb”. An “inceptive verb” in the Greek is one that identifies the entire process. Definitions will be given below to prove this to be the case. In addition, “methusko” is identified as “ingressive” meaning the verb includes the whole process, but emphasizes the beginning of the process.

In the preceding paragraph four sources were given that identify “methusko” as an inceptive/ingressive verb. Definitions of the word “methusko” accompany the inceptive identification in three of those four sources. W. E. Vine says, “Methusko signifies to make drunk, or to grow drunk (an inceptive verb, marking the process of the state expressed in No. 1), to become intoxicated.”⁽⁶⁾ No. 1 is a reference to “methuo” which means “drunk”. Dr. E. W. Bullinger says “methusko” means “to grow drunk (marking the beginning of No. 1)”.⁽⁷⁾ No. 1 in Bullinger's work is also “methuo” which is defined as “drunk”. Dr. Terry Puett says, “It is an inceptive of ingressive verb marking the process of entering into the state of being drunk...”⁽⁸⁾

Definitions of Inceptive and Ingressive

1. “In verbs denoting a state or continuing action, the aorist may express the beginning of the action or the entrance into the state. This is called ingressive aorist (also inceptive or inchoative).”(9)
2. “Ingressive (Inchoative, Inceptive) Imperfect [*began doing*] The imperfect may be used to stress the beginning of an action”(10)
3. “Ingressive aorist - - an aorist that focuses on the beginning of an action”. (11)
4. “Ingressive aorist. The ingressive aorist expresses the action or event from its inception, from its beginning or entrance of the action or state.”(12)
5. “Ingressive (Inceptive, Inchoative) Aorist A. Definition The aorist tense may be used to stress the beginning of an action or the entrance into a state.” (13)
6. “The ingressive aorist places particular emphasis upon the moment in which the action began.”(14)
7. “Ingressive Aorist—The aorist often appears as the point of origin.”(15)

Summary in Plain and Simple English

In Ephesians 5:18 Paul is literally saying, “don’t even begin the process of getting drunk.” Moral distinctiveness among Christians must include abstinence from the drinking of alcohol for social or recreational purposes.

~Kevin Rutherford

Endnotes

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

October 30 - 2 Timothy 4
October 31 - Titus 1
November 1 - Titus 2
November 2 - Titus 3



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



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bob Plunk is still having his pain medication with his pain pump adjusted. He has been weaker this week and was scheduled to return to the doctor this past Friday for further pain medication assessment and adjustment. Please continue to pray for Bob and Carolyn.

Debbie Southern will be seeing a cardiologist on November 8th regarding her recent issue with a heart problem. Please remember her in your prayers.

Please remember **Bobby Sheets**, brother of the late Clarence Sheets and uncle of Kim Sheets and Debbie Southern. He is in Hospice Care in S.C. where his only daughter lives. He is sleeping all the time and in declining health.

Renee Morgan, Madelene Holbrook's niece, underwent major surgery this past Monday. She is doing well in recovery at the Duke Hospital. She will have a lengthy recovery time due to the seriousness of her surgery. Please continue to pray for her.

Please pray for D.J. Harrison's sister, **Linda Bateman**. She is to undergo major heart surgery at the end of this month.

Please pray for **Barbara Wilson** who has pancreatic cancer and **Louise Clement** who has bone cancer. They are members of the Rockhill church of Christ.

Please pray for Nancy Minor's co-worker's husband, **Seth Carter**, who will soon begin cancer treatments.

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



PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are very pleased to welcome **Mattie Pharr** into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. Mattie's address is: **3351 Cook Place Drive, Apt. 102, Clemmons, NC 27012**. Her telephone number is: **336-306-9750 - Cell: 704-880-6344**.

Please add this information to your 2017 phone book.

MOVED

Kim Matthews new address is: Room 110, Salem Terrace Assisted Living, 2609 Old Salisbury Rd., Winston-Salem, 27127. Her telephone number remains the same.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Ernestine Martin
Kim Matthews

Di-Ann Moser
Dot Pegram
Bob Plunk
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able to help. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in foyer)



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:

Nov. 4 - Warners Chapel Annual Chicken Stew at 6 p.m.

Nov. 5 - Daylight Saving Time ends. (set back 1 hr.)

Nov. 5-8 - Gospel Meeting - Speaker: Edwin Jones
Theme: Hidden in Plain Sight. See information on time & topics on flyers in the foyer. (Finger Food Fellowship in Annex following the evening service)

AREA EVENTS:

Oct. 29 - Gospel Meeting at the Rutherford church of Christ, in Rutherford, NC. Speaker: Jim Hobbs

See Bulletin Board For Details

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested food items for Nov. is: Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)

NCSBS 2017-2018 WINTER QUARTER

The classes for the Winter Quarter will begin on Tuesday, October 31st and Thursday November 2nd. The Tuesday class will be an Introduction to the New Testament taught by Kevin Rutherford from 6-9 p.m. The Thursday class will be Restoration History taught by Alan Martin from 6-9 p.m. The class schedule for the entire Winter Quarter is listed in the NCSBS catalog which can be seen by going to the church website, clicking on the link for the school, and accessing the catalog. The elders would like to encourage everyone who can to take advantage of these classes and invite your friends to attend as well. The classes for the Fall Quarter were well attended and we hope the Winter Quarter will be also. "Study to show thyself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Oct. 22, 2017	138
Sunday Worship Service	164
Contribution for Oct. 22, 2017	\$7,177
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	527
Sunday Evening Worship Service	117
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 10-25-17	85

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For November:

Carl Cooper

Harry Picciuto Mike Cooper
Jim Harrison
Betty Hoots
Todd Hinson
Andy Santiago

Preparing Communion for November:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - November 5, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Michael Cooper	Morning - D. C. Mock	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Roger Allen
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Jason Allen	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - John Allen
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Clayton Workman	

Greeters for November:

Shawn & Terri Thomason

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Nov. 5 ~ Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - Nov. 8 ~ Rick Clemmons

Lord's Day Appointments - October 29, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Andy Santiago	Morning - R. J. Landry	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - David Moore
Song Leader - Don Minor	Evening - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Youth Led Service	P.M. - Jim Harrison
Prayer - Mark Minor		Wed. - Nathan Roy	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Oct. 29 ~ Todd Hinson
Wednesday: - Nov. 1 ~ Todd Hinson

Greeters for October:

Gene & Gaye Ruark

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

“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

David Moore
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