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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

MAY 12, 2019

THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

(Ephesians 4:1-4)

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalm 133:1)! Satan will always seek to divide us. When we are divided, souls are lost and the work of the kingdom is held back. For this reason, Paul wrote, "Now I plead with you brethren, by the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" 1 Corinthians 1:10). If there are rifts, divisions, factions within the local congregation; it should be the goal of each member to do their part in helping to heal the rifts, mend the divisions, and erase the factions.

There are many reasons divisions occur within congregations. Divisions can occur because of race, age, or family. Sometimes the division comes over matters of doctrine; whereas at other times factions develop because of a self-willed attitude rooted in pride. Diotrephes is a New Testament example of one who was filled with a self-willed pride that caused him to desire the preeminence (3 John 9). That man spoke in hateful and harmful ways of good men, whom he thought to be a threat to his power (3 John 10). Such an individual is captured by the devil, deceived by the devil, and is used by the devil to hurt the unity of the church.

Paul told the church at Philippi they would make him happy "by being likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:2). He then told them how

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they could accomplish such unity. “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself” (Philippians 2:3). Humility and unity go hand in hand, even as pride and division are always co-workers

When Paul encouraged unity within the church at Ephesus, he tied it in with the idea of walking worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1-4). The call of the Gospel, the Way, the faith is a noble call. The life that results from a dedication to that calling is a beautiful life. It is also one in which there are specific efforts made to maintain unity within the church (not at the expense of truth, nor at the point of compromise). Those who endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace must examine their lives to make sure they have within them the qualities necessary for developing that unity. Those are “lowliness, gentleness, longsuffering, and bearing with one another in love” (Ephesians 6:2). In other words, we must be loving, patient, and humble.

The church at Corinth fought over many matters. Much of Paul’s first letter to that church focused on encouraging unity within the troubled congregation. This included his Holy Spirit inspired illustration of the body in chapter twelve. The church is the body. There is one body, but many members. We have all been baptized into the one body. Every member of the one body is important. There must be unity. It is at this point Paul tells them there is a more excellent way (1 Corinthians 12:31). It is even more excellent than miraculous gifts. The more excellent way is love. Love is an important component in Biblical unity. As Paul defines the godly, brotherly love that leads to unity, he tells us love “does not parade itself, is not puffed up, does not behave rudely, [and] does not seek its own,” among other things. Humility is a component of love, and love is necessary for unity.

Let’s be determined to fight the devil’s efforts to divide the local congregation. Let’s fight him off with self-examination, humility, love, and longsuffering. Let us seek to rise above the foolishness of selfish ambition, self-seeking, and the dangerous and damaging spirit of self-will. Encourage peace, unity, harmony, and love. Together we are stronger.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

May 13 - John 3:19-36
May 14 - John 4:1-30
May 15 - John 4:31-54
May 16 - John 5:1-24



May 17 - John 5:25-47
May 18 - John 6:1-21
May 19 - John 6:22-44



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Wayne and Cathy Hutchins, Elwood Flinchum, D.J. Harrison and Allen Womack.**

Danny Wingo underwent outpatient surgery on a vein in his leg this past Friday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for the **Quinn family.** Savannah's mother is having vertigo, Ian's grandmother fell and broke her wrist which needs surgery, Ian's grandfather is getting a shot for severe back pain and Ian's mother is having a procedure on May 15th.

Please pray for Mindy Santiago's sister, **Kathy Furches.** She just finished radiation on her brain. She also had exploratory surgery on her esophagus this past Thursday. She has lung and liver cancer and it has gotten into her bones.

Becky Allen underwent a back procedure this past Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Samuel Woodbury is running a fever again. Mom and Baby Noah are doing well.

Please pray for my daughter, **Sherrie**, who is in a very bad marriage. - David Shoaf.

Please remember **Barry Stewart** - related to the Minors and Sherrill Stewart's nephew. He was admitted to the Forsyth Hospital with a ruptured appendix this past Tuesday. The surgery has been delayed because of his recent by-pass surgery and he is now at home waiting the return to the hospital for appendix surgery.

Prayers are requested for **Don and Sheri Blackwell** who were in an accident on May 6th. and were taken to the hospital in Salem, VA., where Don was conducting a Gospel Meeting. The update on their condition is Sheri will recover from her injuries. Don likely will not, as his spinal cord was completely severed. It appears that he will be in a wheel chair the rest of his life. (Information was posted at Don's request). If you would like to send a card, you may send it to:

Don and Sheri Blackwell
c/o West Side church of Christ
1705 Starview Drive
Salem, VA 24153

IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to Don Minor and family in the death of his brother, **Bob Minor**, who passed away on May 3, 2019. A graveside funeral was held on May 8th at the Elbaville United Methodist Church Cemetery.*



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:

May 11-12 - Senior Rally. Brother Eddy Craft will be our guest speaker today.

May 14 - Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

June 8 - Baby Shower for Olivia Cooper on Sat., from 12-2 p.m. in the Annex. She is registered at Target, Walmart, and Buy Buy Baby (Bed Bath & Beyond). Olivia and Allen are having a boy.

July 28-July 31 - Warners Chapel VBS. Theme: Great Men Of The Old Testament. There will be classes all the way from the nursery to adults. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **May:**
Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)

Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, soap would be greatly appreciated at any time.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

Please Note: Some flowers from the graveyard were found in the grass. They are in the foyer. Check to see if they belong to you. Thank you!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - May 5, 2019	136
Sunday Worship Service	159
Contribution for May 5, 2019	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	661
Sunday Evening Worship Service	147
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - May 8, 2019	93

Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Al Lawson

Mike Lundgren Jacob Woodbury

Allen Cooper

Jo Ann Landry

Clayton Workman

John Allen

Preparing Communion for May:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - May 19, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Roger Allen	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Michael Cooper
Song Leader - Clayton Workman	Evening - Ian Quinn	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Tim Allen	

Greeters for May:

Randy and Linda Warner

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 19	~	John Allen
Wednesday: - May 22	~	John Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - May 12, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Clemmons	Morning - Caleb Rutherford	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - David Moore
Song Leader - Charley Belch	Evening - Daryl Cook	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Charley Belch	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 12	~	Gene Ruark
Wednesday: - May 15	~	Gene Ruark

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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

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury