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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Plucking the Strings of the Heart

We surely love the souls of those whom God loves. The Bible says, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of truth (2 Timothy 2:3-4).” The Bible also teaches us that God “is long-suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9).” The love of God for all people is implied in each of the above verses by the fact that God wants all people to be saved. But, in each verse there are qualifications given regarding that salvation. In 2 Timothy 2:3-4 we see that for one to be saved he must come to a knowledge of truth. In 2 Peter 3:9 we see that for one to be saved he must come to repentance. Repentance is a turning around, that is, a change in direction. We must change direction away from that which is not true, toward that which is true.

We love the souls of our denominational friends, family members, and neighbors just as God does. It is because of that love for them that we must continue to point them in the direction of truth. God is long-suffering toward them and we must be also. But God requires repentance in accordance with the truth and so we must tell the truth. We must encourage our friends and neighbors to consider pre-denominational Christianity. We must encourage them to look at the New Testament to see what Christianity was like before the development of so many different denominations. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and He has given us the New Testament as the standard of authority for Christianity (Colossians 1:14-18; Hebrews 9).

With that in mind let us consider an interesting change in worship that occurred as the Lord delivered His New Covenant for the church. There are, in fact, many changes between the worship of the Law and the Prophets and the worship of the New Testament church

But, perhaps the most distinct is the use of instruments in worship to God. This is not to suggest that instruments were always used in worship to God under the Law of Moses. However, the Psalms contains many references to the use of instruments for those living under the Law of Moses (Psalm 33:1-3; 81:1-2; 147:9; 150:1-6). Also, the priests sang and played on instruments in worship to God when the ark was brought into the temple (2 Chronicles 5:11-14).

It is important to question why there are examples and commands to sing with man-made instruments under the Law of Moses, but there are no examples or commands for Christians singing with man-made instruments in worship to God in the church here on earth. To answer this question let us briefly consider the use of the Greek word “psallo,” as it is found in the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament (The Septuagint, or. LXX), and the Greek New Testament. The Greek “psallo” is often used to translate the Hebrew, “zamar,” which is defined by Brown/Driver/Briggs’, *Hebrew ad English Lexicon of the Old Testament*, as “make music in praise to God.” At times “psallo” in the Septuagint translates “zamar” in the context of singing only, and at other times in the context of singing with an instrument. When an instrument is used “The Greek construction in each instance is psallo followed by the preposition en (‘with’ or ‘on’) and the name of the instrument (*Acapella Music, Everett Ferguson, p. 5*).” We see this grammatical structure in Ephesians 5:19 thus showing us that God “has specified the instrument on which the melody is to be made, namely the heart (Ferguson, 16).”

God is very specific in Ephesians 5:19. He is telling us to sing and He is telling us which instrument He wants us to use. The instrument He tells Christians to use in singing songs of praise is not one created by people, but rather one created by Him. It is the heart. The fact that God specifically tell us to use the heart as the instrument to accompany our singing eliminate all authority for the use of any other instrument. For this reason Christians should always sing without man-made instruments when worshipping God, and let us always sing with the God-created instrument specified in the text, that is, the heart.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020

November 16 - Hebrews 11:20-40
November 17 - Hebrews 12
November 18 - Hebrews 13
November 19 - James 1



November 20 - James 2
November 21 - James 3
November 22 - James 4

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

For Warners Chapel Members who presently have health issues:

Elwood Flinchum
Abby Little
Kathy & Wayne Hutchins
Steve & Ernestine Martin
Don Jackson
Sandy Smith
Mike & Dora Lungren
Ingrid Mock

For Non-Members who have requested prayers:

Larry Hayes
Melvin Sapp
Caleb Massey
Terry Wood
Laurie Courtemanche
Ruby Brewer

Ernestine Martin was admitted to the Novant Wound Center in Kernersville on Nov. 11th for a Septic infection. The address of the Novant Wound Center is 1750 Kernersville Medical Parkway, Kernersville, NC 27284-7156.

Sandy Smith has been in the hospital for over a month due to unexpected surgery. She has been moved to Accordius (Formerly the Brian Center) for recovery. The address is: Accordius Health at Winston-Salem, 4911 Brian Center Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-6423.

Please continue to remember **D.J. Harrison** in your prayers.

Meredith Southern has recently had surgery. She is reported to be recovering well at home. Please remember her in prayers.

Roger Allen's mother, **Edith Allen**, is still in the Cookeville Hospital waiting a placement in a mental health hospital but she now has tested positive for Covid-19. She will have to stay at the hospital until cleared of Covid-19 before she can be moved.

Mary Anne's father, **Larry Hayes**, had a Pet Scan and it did not show a cancer. He will continue with some treatments to be sure.

Jerry Whit, a member of Linville Forest fell off his roof this past Tuesday and landed on his head on concrete. He is at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in the ICU. His daughter, Mandy Burnette, is also a member at Linville and visits Warners Chapel from time to time.

Rose Whitt, Andy's sister, underwent surgery this past Monday. She is reported to be doing well.

Please pray for **Stan Matthews and wife, Jerry**. He is in the hospital with Covid-19 and pneumonia.

Please pray for **Mary Crump**, she is having foot problems. Mary has visited at Warners Chapel with Joann Landry.

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.

THANK YOU

"Dear Warner's Chapel Family,

I want to thank everyone for all the cards and well wishes. I do enjoy hearing from you all. I have currently completed 4 treatments of the 12 of this second type of chemo. I am doing better with this chemo as I have not had the nausea with these treatments. I still have 8 more treatments remaining.

Please continue to pray for me, Justin and Allison as we continue this journey. I miss everyone and can't wait to be able to see you all again. —Abby Little"



"Frances and I send this expression of thanks for your generous support of us as we pursue a double lung transplant for Melvin. With supporters like you, we are encouraged to face this journey with faith and anticipation. May God's richest blessings be extended to you for your generosity and support.

Please, keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours."

—The Melvin Sapp Family

THE ABBY MEAL TRAIN

If anyone would like to volunteer for next week or any week in the month of December, Please call Ashley Everett or Terrie Thomason. Thank You!

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR NOVEMBER, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY - BRAD HOOTS

CLOSING PRAYER TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU PRIOR TO SERVICE BEGINNING ALONG WITH MAKING SURE ALL MEN SCHEDULED ARE REMINDED OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER - D. C. MOCK

OPENING PRAYERS:

SUNDAY

November 1 - Gene Southern

November 8 - Carl Cooper

November 15 - Bob Tesh

November 22 - Charley Belch

November 29 - Nathan Roy

WEDNESDAY

November 4 - Andy Santiago

November 11 - Don Minor

November 18 - Mark Minor

November 25 - Jim Harrison

SECURITY AND USHERS FOR MAIN BUILDING SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

NOTE: BE AT BUILDING BY 10:05 ON SUNDAY AND 6:25 ON WEDNESDAY TO SET OUT TABLES, THERMOMETERS, MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER EARLY. PEOPLE START ARRIVING ABOUT THAT TIME.

MAIN BUILDING:

Wayne Allen and Andy Santiago

ANNEX BUILDING:

Steve Tesh

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME OF NEED

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS CALLED UPON, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT GENE SOUTHERN @ 336-575-4233

**“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
Jason Allen
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury