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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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"AS SOON AS THEY ARE BORN"

By Kevin Rutherford

David, King of Israel wrote many Psalms. These Psalms were set to music and sung by the Jews in ancient times. The Psalms are written in poetic form, and as such often contain exaggerations for the sake of emphasis. Consider Psalm 58:3 as an example. David wrote, "The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies." Since when are babies born speaking lies? A newborn baby cannot even speak. Clearly David is poetically emphasizing the wickedness of some men by exaggerating concerning their sin. They are so wicked it is just as if they have been lying from the time they are born.

When David was rebuked by Nathan for the adulterous affair with Bathsheba, David felt horrible. David became very grieved by the sin he had committed. In guilty agony over his sin and the terrible consequences of his sin, he wrote Psalm 51. It is in this Psalm that David begged for mercy from God. It is here that David exaggerated his sinful condition in order to emphasize the great remorse he felt. In the course of this Psalm David wrote, "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me." (Psalm 51:5) David is not saying that he was actually born with the guilt of sin inherited from his father. No such thing is said in the text. David is simply exaggerating the guilt he endured for the sin he had committed with Bathsheba. He felt so bad it was just as if he had been "brought forth in iniquity".

To give further evidence of the poetic and figurative nature of the text, take note of Psalm 51:8. There David refers to his bones as having been broken by God. God did not literally break David's bones, but that is the way David felt. David was emotionally broken down by the guilt of his sin. He was in agony over what he had done. In a context which is clearly poetic one should not be too hasty to take David's comments in verse five in a literal fashion.

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God did not create the spirits of babies to bear the guilt of their father's sins. In fact, God specifically said, "The son shall not bear the guilt of the father". (Ezekiel 18:20) To interpret Psalm 51:5 in such a way as to contradict this clear statement is to interpret that passage incorrectly. David was not born in sin. He did not bear the guilt of his father's sin. David was simply writing concerning the excruciating spiritual and emotional pain he felt over the sin which he committed as a grown man.

In Matthew 18:3 Jesus told us we must become as little children in order to enter the kingdom of God. One enters the kingdom of God when he is baptized (Acts 2:41-47); Galatians 3:27). When one is baptized his sins are taken away (Acts 22:16; Acts 2:38). We enter the kingdom without sin. In that condition we are like the little children. Little children are not born with sin. Sin is a transgression of God's law (1 John 3:4). What little baby has transgressed God's law while still in the womb so that he is born with sin? There is not one that has. Babies are innocent and pure.



South West Elementary School Supply List Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

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- Box of 24 crayons
- Glue sticks
- Pack of primary pencils
- Boxes of tissues
- Box of washable markers
- Book bag/back pack (no wheels)
- Solid colored 2-pocket folder
- Hand sanitizer (Purell/Dial/GermX)
- Box of zip-lock bags (quart/gallon) for flash cards, take home books, etc.)
- Pack of #2 pencils
- Erasers (pencil-top and others)
- Packs of loose leaf paper **(wide rule)**
- Pencil pouch/zippered or box
- Composition or spiral books **(wide rule)**
- Pocket folders
- 3-ring binders (1")
- Solid colored 2-pocket folders
- 5-subject spiral notebooks **(wide rule)** with tab dividers)
- Package of 3x5 index cards

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

Aug. 14 - Romans 14
Aug. 15 - Romans 15:1-13
Aug. 16 - Romans 15:14-33
Aug. 17 - Romans 16



Aug. 18 - I Cor. 1
Aug. 19 - I Cor. 2
Aug. 20 - I Cor. 3



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Dot Pegram, Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Emily Hinson in your prayers.

Dot Pegram fell this past Wednesday afternoon and was taken to the hospital to be checked for any injuries that she might have sustained. She returned later in the evening with no injuries detected. She has been in a great deal of pain over the past few years and continues to need our prayers in her behalf.

Both **Joyce Greenup** and **Madelene Holbrook** are doing well in their recovery from recent surgery last week.

Roger Allen underwent a spinal procedure on August 7th to deaden nerves in his back. He is reported to have some partial relief from pain but is in need of further surgery to alleviate all of the pain.

Please pray for **Alyssa & Tucker Southern**. They were both diagnosed by their doctor to have a very contagious virus.

Merry Best, the Harrison's granddaughter, was to be discharged from the hospital this past Wednesday.

Please remember **Denny Allen**, brother of Betty Hoots, who underwent a biopsy on August 2nd.

Please continue to remember **Brian Curry** (Nancy Minor's sister, Lori's, friend). His health condition continues to severely and quickly decline.

Nancy Minor's mother, **Nancy Burns**, was released from the hospital on Tuesday and is doing much better.

Michael Zimmerman has requested our prayers that he will be able to return to work on the railroad and that he will know God's will for him soon.

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



SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser**

**Dot Pegram
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. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the 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:

Aug. 13 - Congregational Meeting Sunday evening following the evening service.

Aug. 20 - Congregational Fellowship Meal following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

AREA EVENTS:

Aug. 10-13 - Gospel Meeting at the Northwest church of Christ. Theme: "Growing in Devotion to Jesus" Guest Speakers - David Galloway, Jeff Greene, Kevin Rutherford, and David Pharr.

Aug. 12 - Annual Ladies Day at the Centergrove Rd. church of Christ in Kannapolis 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Denise Taylor. Theme: "Witness Protection" Isaiah 43:10. RSVP by Aug. 3rd.

Aug. 13-17 - Series of Gospel Lessons at the Redland church of Christ. Andy Moss will be the Guest Speaker.

See bulletin board for details

FOOD PANTRY

197 school supply items were delivered to the Southwest Food Pantry this past week which is a total of 1,846 items delivered so far for the year 2017.

August is school supply month. Thank you for all that you do. See page 2 for list of school supplies requested.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Aug. 6, 2017	132
Sunday Worship Service	160
Contribution for Aug. 6, 2017	\$7,375
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	497
Sunday Evening Worship Service	122
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8-9-17	108

Lord's Day Appointments For August, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For August:

Clayton Workman

Shawn Thomason John Allen
 Bill Carothers Jody Everett
 Gina Harper
 Steve Tesh
 Shawn Thomason

Preparing Communion for August:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - August 20, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Michael Cooper
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don M.	
<u>Greeters for August:</u>			
Atha Clark			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Aug. 20 ~ John Allen
Wednesday: - Aug. 23 ~ John Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - August 13, 2017

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:		SONG LEADER		SCRIPTURE READERS	
Scripture	- John Allen	Morning	- Joe Everett	A.M.	- Clayton Workman	A.M.	- Bill Carothers
Song Leader	- Clayton Workman	Evening	- Mark Clemmons	P.M.	- Gene Southern	P.M.	- Shawn Thomason
Prayer	- Tommy Ridings			Wed.	- Nathan Roy		
Opening and Closing Building				<u>Greeters for August:</u>			
Sunday:	- Aug. 13	~	Justin Minor	Atha Clark			
Wednesday:	- Aug. 16	~	Justin Minor				

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	Randy Warner	Jody Everett
Tim Allen	Keith Warner	Gene Southern
Joe Everett	Andy Santiago	Shawn Thomason
Todd Hinson	Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Steve Tesh	Jason Allen	Adam Warner
	Mike Cooper	Jacob Woodbury