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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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HOPE - PART 2

By Kevin Rutherford

Satan is the enemy of hope. He has done all within his power to remove hope from the lives of every human being that has ever lived. He began in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3). There he removed all hope of man living in that beautiful garden forever. With the entrance of sin and death into the world, Satan brought despair, pain, and sorrow. Sin has wreaked havoc upon the hearts, minds, bodies, souls, and strength of people over the centuries. It leaves a path of desolation and destruction. It leaves in its wake the pain of death and the sorrow of regret (Galatians 6:7, 8; Romans 6:23).

The eternal consequences of sin are worse than the earthly. The lake of fire is the final resting place of those who give their lives over to sin (Revelation 21:8). It is the eternal abode of those who refuse to obey the Will of God (Matthew 25:46). It is described as a place of outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:30). That is the result of sin. That is where sin will send Satan and all who refuse to repent of following him (Matthew 25:41; Acts 17:30).

Sorrow and suffering have been brought into this world by sin. But in this world there is hope. There is hope that we shall one day escape this place of pain (Romans 8:18-26). While here we must groan in pain. While here we must suffer. But do not despair. “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18) Do not give up for we are “saved in this hope” (Romans 8:24). Do not live without hope for “...we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). We have hope of a home in heaven where there is no pain, sorrow, suffering or death (Revelation 21:8).

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That hope is in Christ (Ephesians 1:3). Meanwhile we must endure this painful life. But we can endure because Christ will give us the power to do so (Philippians 4:6-13).

Job said, “Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. He comes forth like a flower and fades away; He flees like a shadow and does not continue (Job 14:1,2). Life brings moments of joy and pleasure. But life also brings much pain and sorrow. Nonetheless, we must maintain an eternal perspective in all of this suffering. Let us realize that life is truly short (James 4:14). Let us understand that as faithful Christians we can look forward to a time of rest, and reward (Matthew 5:12; Philippians 1:19-26). John said, “Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, “Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.” (Revelation 14:13).

Don’t live in despair. Live with hope. Turn your life over to the Lord in humble obedience and you can have peace in pain and hope in agony. (Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 4:6,7).



“I Believe God . . .”

After Paul was seized by the mob in Jerusalem, he was taken into Roman custody. And because a Jewish plot to take his life was discovered, the Romans transferred him to Caesarea. While there, Paul had the opportunity to defend himself before governors Felix and Festus. And it was before Festus that Paul made his famous appeal to be taken before Caesar saying: “I stand at Caesar’s judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar” (Acts 25:10-11).

After assuring Paul that his request would be granted, Festus made provisions for him to be taken by ship to Rome. But that voyage, like most of Paul’s other experiences, was not to be without incident. In the midst of the long journey, a storm, so severe that “sailors were seeking to escape from the ship” (Acts 27:30), encompassed the vessel. Nevertheless, an angel assured Paul that he and all those present on the voyage would survive the impending wreck. Thus, Paul spoke: “Therefore take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told to me (Acts 27:25).

Paul’s words reflect the confidence that all Christians should have in God’s Word. He knew that if God had promised his safety, he would be safe indeed. No wonder Paul later wrote: “...I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day” (2 Timothy 1:12).

Chad Ramsey
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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

December 18 - Rev. 9
December 19 - Rev. 10
December 20 - Rev. 11
December 21 - Rev. 12



December 22 - Rev. 13
December 23 - Rev. 14
December 24 - Rev. 15



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember **Bob and Carolyn Plunk, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, Mary Ellen Dull and Dot Pegram** in your prayers.

Jack Piper received his second injection in his spine this past Thursday and believes it is helping him with his pain.

Bonnie Landreth underwent knee replacement surgery this past week and is at home and doing well.

Eva Nelle Sidden (Warners Chapel shut-in) fell Sunday evening, Dec. 10th. She underwent surgery Monday evening to repair several fractures in her neck. She did well with the surgery and is in the Forsyth Hospital.

DJ Harrison did have a slight heart attack a week ago. She will be undergoing a battery of tests this week. She is still very weak; please continue to pray for her.

Renee Morgan (Madelene's niece) will be having more surgery on January 19th at the Duke Hospital.

Clayton Workman's aunt, **Karen Massey**, had successful surgery this past Tuesday to remove a tumor on her colon. The surgeon believes all cancer was removed though more testing is still to come. Please continue to pray.

Emily Workman's student, **Anna Yasin**, will have surgery this week to remove a cancerous ovary. Please pray surgery alone is all that is needed to cure the cancer. Anna is 17 years old.

Please pray for Nancy Minor's co-worker's son, **Jacob Hall**, who will have surgery on his hand Dec. 14th.

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



Placed Membership

*We are very pleased that **Nita Kirkland** recently placed her membership here at Warners Chapel. We welcome her into the family of Christ that worships here. **Nita** is the mother of **Ellen Wingo**.
Nita's address is:*

Please add her to your directory.



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:

Dec. 24 - Change in evening service. Normal time for a.m. service - Bible Classes and worship. Evening service moved from **6 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

Dec. 31 - New Year's Fellowship

SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Ernestine Martin
Kim Matthews**

**Di-Ann Moser
Dot Pegram
Bob Plunk
Eva Nelle Sidden**

Please continue to keep the shut-ins in your prayers. There is a sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able to help.

DID YOU KNOW...

*God hears you even when you can barely hear yourself.
If you fear the fire of persecution, think about the fire of hell.
Kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back.
Never give the devil a ride, he will always want to drive!
Emotions are no substitute for actions.
A chip on the shoulder is one of life's heaviest burdens.
The best daily exercise is walking with the Lord.
Satan only needs an inch to become a ruler.*

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested food items for Dec. is: Canned Meat (chicken/tuna)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Dec. 10, 2017

Sunday Worship Service

Contribution for Dec. 10, 2017

\$6,304

Daily Adult Bible Readers:

Chapters Read:

Sunday Evening Worship Service

Wed. Evening Bible Study - Dec. 13, 2017

90

Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For December:

Tommy Rose

Wayne Allen Tim Harper
Gene Ruark
Ellen Wingo
Brad Hoots
Roger Allen

Preparing Communion for December :

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - December 24, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Walter Cruz	Morning - John Allen	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Jason Allen	Evening - Mike Cooper	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - Shawn Thomason		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Tim A.	
<u>Greeters for December:</u>			
Gene & Debbie Southern			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 24 ~ Mark Minor
Wednesday: - December 27 ~ Mark Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - December 17, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Tommy Rose
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Adam Warner	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Carl Cooper
Prayer - Neal Harper		Wed. - Steve Tesh	
Opening and Closing Building		<u>Greeters for December:</u>	
Sunday: - Dec. 17 ~ David Moore		Gene & Debbie Southern	
Wednesday: - Dec. 20 ~ David Moore			

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