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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

October 20, 2019

GOD

That we exist cannot be denied by any sensible person. That this material universe is a fact will not be denied by any thinking individual. That matter is not eternal is made clear by the evidence that shows us the universe is running down. Therefore, something caused this material universe to come into being. It would seem obvious the universe could not have simply come into existence without something causing it to do so, for if nothing existed then, nothing would exist now. That which would cause it to come into existence must be self-existent (Exodus 3:14; John 8:58). That which would cause it to come into existence must also be of a different nature than the material universe itself (John 4:24). The intelligent information found in the DNA of every human cell points to an intelligent source (Romans 1:20). That is the same intelligent source that is self-existent and caused this universe to come into existence (Genesis 1:1).

The question as to the identity of the self-existent cause is answered in the Bible. The Bible contains its own evidence and defense of its divine origin (1 Corinthians 2; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21). The process by which the Bible was created is of such a nature that only a being capable of living 1500 to 1600 years or more could have guided the writing. A divine origin for the Scriptures is also evidenced in the scientific foreknowledge of the Bible (Ecclesiastes 1) and the accuracy of Biblical prophecy (Deuteronomy 18).

The amount of evidence for a divine origin of this universe and a divine origin for the Bible is immense and overwhelming. It is enough to cause a deep, convicted faith in the hearts of those willing to examine the evidence with fairness, and without prejudice.

The Bible tells us that the self-existent cause of this material universe is a being who is loving, compassionate, merciful, and long-suffering. But, He is also a being with a perfect sense of justice. A sense of justice that allows men to suffer in this life from the consequences of their own choices whether those choices be sinful or simply foolish.

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It is suggested that the suffering that exists in this world is absolute proof that a loving God cannot exist. But, wouldn't we expect a loving God to allow men free-will? We understand that men are allowed free-will they sometimes choose evil. The choice to do those things which are wrong can bring suffering into the lives of those who have made those choices as well as others who may be affected by their decisions. This accounts for much of the suffering that we see in this world. With this in mind, we understand that suffering is exactly what we should expect in a world created by a loving God.

A loving God would most certainly communicate with those whom He has created. And He has. The Bible tells who we are, why we are here, who we need to be, and where we are going. The Bible gives us the keys to contented and focused living in this life, as well as the keys to eternal life. The Bible is a loving message from a divine God to those whom He has created. But it is more than that. It is an authoritative message which demands that those whom God has created follow the laws which God has legislated. God inherently holds all authority because man and the universe in which man lives are God's creation. The divine words of the Holy Bible are given by Him. They have the stamp of His authority. They are the ultimate, and absolute standard by which we must live and by which we shall be judged.

Understanding God's authority would prevent anyone of a humble nature from establishing his own church. Those who humbly respect, revere, and fear the holy authority of God meekly and gladly submit to His divine will regarding His church. We understand the church is not governed by what we want, but rather by what God wants. We recognize the importance of working and worshipping according to the New Testament pattern for the church. We understand that it is not our right or responsibility to violate God's law regarding baptism (Acts 2:38), instruments of music (Ephesians 5:19), women's role (1 Timothy 2), the qualifications of elders (1 Timothy 3; Titus 1), the requirements for God-sanctioned marriage (Matthew 19), etc.

The Bible also reveals God's plan for rewarding those who believe and obey (2Thessalonians 1:3-10). Those who humbly submit themselves to the will of God as revealed in the pages of the Holy Scriptures can expect a great reward in heaven (Matthew 5:10-12). Faithful servants of God can anticipate a glorious reward in the resurrected body (Romans 8:18ff; 1 Corinthians 15). There is a great day coming for those who love the Lord (John 14:15; 15:14). There is a sad day coming for the fool who says in his heart "there is no God" (Psalm 14:1; Acts 17:30-31).

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

October 21 - 1 Tim. 1
October 22 - 1 Tim. 2
October 23 - 1 Tim. 3
October 24 - 1 Tim. 4



October 25 - 1 Tim. 5
October 26 - 1 Tim. 6
October 27 - 2 Tim. 1



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Fred Holder is now essentially confined to his home and would appreciate visitors and cards.

D. J. Harrison has been in a great deal of pain this past week. She is feeling better at this time. Please keep her and Jim in your prayers.

Bill Knost remains in the Bermuda Commons Rehab., 316 NC Hwy 801 South, Advance, NC 27006. Room 213, Tel. #336-998-0240. His recovery has been slow but making progress. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for **Isaac Woodbury**. A small mass was found in his neck. He will be having surgery to remove it on October 23. Then it will be tested.

Prayers are requested for **Todd Hinson**. He has a mass on his kidney and is waiting for a call back from the doctor to schedule surgery to have the mass removed.

Don Jackson is slowly recovering at home from his recent surgeries and lengthy hospitalization and rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Update on Kim Matthews: Kim has been moved back to Salem Terrace. She is in a room on the Memory Unit Hall. Visitors are welcome. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please pray for the **Kee Family**. Emily Workman's great uncle Harold Kee passed away Wednesday morning. He was the brother of Emily's grandfather. He (Billy Joe Kee) could use extra prayers this month as he has lost his wife and now his only brother within a month.

Please continue to pray for **Andy Goodwin**, an elder at the Shelby church of Christ.

Please continue praying for **Stan and Jerry Matthews** as Jerry recovers following open heart surgery. She is at home now.

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



Sentence Sermons

Some people are more concerned about being politically correct than being religiously correct.

Bibles that are falling apart usually belong to people who aren't.

It takes courage to cross some bridges, and wisdom to know which ones to burn.

Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait.



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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY NEXT DOOR IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS

Oct. 20 - Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

Oct. 20 - Bundling of House to House following Sunday evening worship service - In Annex.

Nov. 2 - Warners Chapel Annual Chicken Stew.

Nov. 3-6 - Fall Gospel Meeting with Brother Doug Frazier, who many of you recall interned with us in 2005-2006.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY



Suggested Items for the month of October:

Instant potatoes/rice/macaroni & cheese

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

SHUT-INS

*Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison*

*Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor*

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Oct. 13, 2019	147
Sunday Worship Service:	183
Contributions for Oct. 6, 2019	\$9,064
Contributions for Oct. 13, 2019	\$7,377
Daily Bible Readers:	28
Chapters Read:	512
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	127
Wed. Evening Bible Study: Oct. 16, 2019	103

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Clayton Workman
Bill Carothers Dwight Barringer
Jody Everett
Kathleen Warner
Todd Hinson
Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - October 27, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Robby Landry	Morning - Al Lawson	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader - Steve Tesh	Evening - Ian Quinn	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Al Lawson		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & David S.	

Greeters for October:

Gene & Gaye Ruark

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - October 27 ~ Mark Roy

Wednesday: - October 30 ~ Mark Roy

Lord's Day Appointments - October 20, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Minor	Morning - Jacob Woodbury	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Clayton Workman
Song Leader - Tommy Rose	Evening - Brad Hoots	P.M. - Tim Allen	P.M. - Dwight Barringer
Prayer - Andy Santiago		Wed. - Clayton Workman	

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - October 20 ~ Brad Hoots

Wednesday: - October 23 ~ Brad Hoots

Greeters for October:

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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