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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

November 28, 2021

Appreciation and Thankfulness

It won't be long until we turn over a new year. Time flies. In the life in which we live, our attention is too often riveted upon the things that have gone wrong. We seem to feel most acutely the hurts in our life. Our minds dwell on the things that do not go right. Sometimes we can hear two or more people bragging about how the conditions in their lives are worse than anyone else they know. In the midst of the hurts and tragedies are blessings too numerous to mention. But they often go unheeded and unappreciated while we sooth our wounds. Appreciation is the feeling within us that leads to thankfulness. Thankfulness requires appreciation. Appreciation requires thoughtfulness and awareness.

Let's consider some of the things of which we truly need to be aware:

- (1) We need an awareness of how little control we have over our life.
- (2) We need awareness how truly great are the blessings that God bestows upon all mankind.
- (3) And the Christian should especially be aware of the great promises and providential care God extends toward his children.

First, we control so little of our lives. When God was addressing man's arrogance in his oaths, he pointed out that we are unable to make one hair white or black (and we are not talking about a dye job) in Matthew 5:36. When Jesus was encouraging us to lay up treasures in heaven instead of depending upon earthly treasures, he gently reminded us that we cannot, even with thought and effort, add anything to our stature (Matthew 6:27). Our life itself is just a vapor, here for a little while and then gone (James 4:14). Solomon pointed out that even in the plans we make for our lives, skill, intelligence and education do not always win. Rather, "time and chance happeneth to us all, (Ecclesiastes 9:11), Brethren, if we have so little control in our lives, we must be aware of how great are the blessings of God.

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The idolater and the thoughtless often do not stop to consider the greatness of God's blessings. This is part of Paul's lesson from Mars Hill in Acts 17. Our God does not need us, but we need him because he gives to us all life, breath and all other things. James 1:17 points out that every good and perfect gift comes from the Father. And even though some do not acknowledge Him, He testifies to his existence and power by the things that He gives us such as rain, fruitful seasons, food and gladness (Acts 14:17). Both the wicked and the righteous are blessed by God in His gifts of nature (Matthew 5:45). Of course the unrighteous are either unaware or unappreciative or both. However, God's children constantly count their blessings. We are acutely aware that every blessing in life and life itself are because "he upholds all things by the word of his power, (Hebrews 1:3).

As God's children, we are also aware of the great precious promises and blessings that are ours because we have received the adoption of sons. When we have a need we bow our heads to seek the help of our Father and we know that we will receive that which we requested (James 1:5; 1 John 5:14-15). Because we are His children, we walk every day in a continuous state of forgiveness (1 John 1:7; Romans 4:7-8). When a new day dawns, it is not just another day for the Christian. It is a day in which God believes some will come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9) and it challenges us to find those who are "white unto harvest." Christians are able to count as passing circumstances both the transient blessings and the transient tragedies. We seek a city whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:16). We focus on things that are above (Colossians 3:1-2) even while thankful for all He has done here below. We cast our cares upon Him Because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7).

I encourage you to be even more aware and thoughtful of our blessings. When we go to God in prayer, let it be with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6) for all He continues to do for us. Let's definitely not be like the 9 lepers who did not have enough appreciation to thank Jesus for their healing (Luke 17:11-19). Let us teach our children and each other of the great blessings of God. Let us contemplate the things we would not have without God. Let us stop and give God thanks for all we have and even for the strength that our troubles give us.

~Mike Glenn



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

Nov. 29 - 2 Peter 1
Nov. 30 - 2 Peter 2
Dec. 1 - 2 Peter 3
Dec. 2 - 1 John 1



Dec. 3 - 1 John 2
Dec. 4 - 1 John 3
Dec. 5 - 1 John 4

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Tony Minor, David Queen, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, Francis McBrayer, Jeff Chrysson, Diane Barger, \ D.J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kim Matthews, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson.

Jack Piper continues to have a great deal of pain. He was to begin his Physical Therapy this past week at his house. Please keep him in your prayers.

Nikki Santiago has begun her chemotherapy treatments and doing okay; but is having some difficulty sleeping, and experiencing muscle spasms. Please keep her in your prayers.

Carolyn Plunk is not feeling well at this time. It was thought she may have pneumonia but has not been informed yet. Please keep her in your prayers.

Bud Strickland underwent surgery this past week and it went well. He was scheduled to be released from the hospital this past Friday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Mindy's father, **Jim Furches**, has tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. Please pray for him.

Johnny Allen, is able to be off having dialysis and off the ventilator, and may be able to enter a rehab. facility in the near future. Keep him in your prayers.

Lauren Rutherford's friend, **Sandy**, had a good scan and the cancer treatments seem to be working. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Nancy Minor's **sister-in-law, Annie Burns**, has cancer and underwent surgery on November 16th. Please remember her in your prayers.

Joe Byrd requests prayers for their neighbor, **Terrie & Melanie Williams**. They were involved in a car wreck and Melanie is in the hospital. Their address is 314 Ray Drive, Winston-Salem, N.C., 27107. Please send them a card.

Allen and Jessica Knight's friend and co-worker, Stephen William's **wife** has ovarian cancer and in the hospital at this time. Stephen, his wife and 7 year old son all have tested positive for the Covid 19 virus. Please pray for this family.

Karen Clemmons father, **Eddie Drews**, will be moving to Clemmons and will be living with Karen and Richard. Mr. Drews is 92 years young. We welcome him to this area of N.C.

The Moving Assistance needed is cancelled. Karen Martin Moore's husband, Chuck has tested positive for Covid. Prayers requested for the whole family.

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

December 3-5 - Youth Rally

Speaker: Eric Lyons

Theme: "Scripture, Science and Common Sense: Three votes for God"

Adults are encouraged to attend!

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to Kara Spillman and family in the death of her mother, **Ellen Blankenship**. Mrs. Blankenship passed away early on November 20th. Please pray for this family.*

CONGRATULATIONS:

*to Kaylon & Caleb on the birth of **Hadley Rhae Rutherford**, who was born on Nov. 26, 2021, at 3:15 p.m. Hadley was born at 8.4 lbs. and 21 inches. Mother and daughter are well. Kevin & Vicky are the proud grand-parents.*

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

After the first murder which is recorded in Genesis 4:9, God asked Cain where his brother was and we all remember Cain's response, "Am I my brother's keeper?" One day those who were once faithful brethren and died spiritually by slipping back into the world will be judged. Just as God asked Cain about his brother, he will be asking us about our brethren that day. We all have the responsibility to encourage and even reprimand each other if necessary when we start slipping back into the world. Once in a personal work class a brother who had fallen away was mentioned. Another brother made this comment. "There's no use in talking to him, I've already 'jumped on him' and it didn't do any good." Such Action must always be done kindly with love and concern not hatefully or self-righteously as that brother did. Let's be watchful for one another's souls.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

DECEMBER, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER: MIKE GLENN

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Dec. 5 - Rodney Brown
Dec. 12 - Mark Minor
Dec. 19 - Gene Ruark
Dec. 26 - Al Lawson

SONG LEADER

Wayne Allen
Steve Tesh
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Kevin Rutherford
Mike Glenn
Jim Harrison

OPENING PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Dec. 5 - Allen Knight
Dec. 12 - Wayne Allen
Dec. 19 - Brian Byrd
Dec. 26 - Nathan Roy

SUNDAY P.M.

Dec. 5 - Bob Tesh
Dec. 12 - Justin Little
Dec. 19 - Carl Cooper
Dec. 26 - Clayton Workman

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 1 - D.C. Mock
Dec. 8 - Rodney Brown
Dec. 15 - Charley Belch
Dec. 22 - David Shoaf
Dec. 29 - Mike Lundgren

SECURITY AND GREETING: ED O'SHIELDS AND RICHARD HAMANN

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

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Dec. 15 - Nathan Roy
Dec. 22 - Roger Allen
Dec. 29 - Gene Southern

“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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Tim Allen
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Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner