

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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ACTING LIKE BABIES

By Kevin Rutherford

The Christians in the church at Corinth were divided over a number of issues (1 Corinthians 1:11). Paul addresses the attitudes behind the infighting and calls these Christians "babes in Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:1). He also makes it clear that they are worldly minded (carnal). Worldly minded babies are still found in the church today.

In the church today we have ignorant and arrogant men who are willing to fight over just about anything if they don't get their way. The church has women who gossip and backbite. There are Christians who pitch tantrums if they don't get their way. They behave in shameful ways and embarrass themselves and the church. Many Christians act just like spoiled little children. These childish little spats are usually over issues that are matters of opinion.

This kind of immature behavior is pleasing to the Devil. It brings him great joy and delight to see Christians angry with one another. He knows when Christians are fighting with each other they are not going to get much work done. Read the words of James. "Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But

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the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (James 3:13-18).

Paul encouraged the church at Ephesus to treat one another appropriately. "And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be but away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 1:20-32)

Sometimes members of the church act as if they hate one another. Surely that is not the case, but the behavior points in that direction. But, do not forget the words of John. By inspiration of the holy Spirit John wrote, "Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." (1 John 2:15) We cannot treat one another badly and still expect to be saved. (1 John 3:16-23) Members of the church of Christ must behave in a mature, kind, Christian, and godly fashion toward one another.

Please don't read this and think about another brother to whom this may apply. Honestly examine yourself and see if the application might be to you. Your soul may just depend upon you doing so.



Sentence Sermons:

- The devil is the author of religious differences and religious indifference.
- An old-timer is one who can remember people aiming to get to Heaven instead of the moon.
- Even the best family tree has its sap.
- Watch your step. Everyone else does.
- Hem the day at each end with prayer and it's not so likely to unravel in the middle.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

July 17 - Acts 20:17-38

July 18 - Acts 21:1-17

July 19 - Acts 21:18-40

July 20 - Acts 22



July 21 - Acts 23:1-15

July 22 - Acts 23:16-35

July 23 - Acts 24



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.**

Madelene Holbrook will have a heart procedure at the Forsyth Hospital on August 3rd. Prayers are requested.

Roger Allen will be having a spinal procedure on August 7th to deaden nerves. Prayers are requested.

Cathy Hutchins was reported Wednesday evening to have pneumonia and is presently on medication to clear it up.

Jennifer Cruise has requested prayers for a friend at work who has a child that has special needs. Please pray for this child who has several health problems.

Gina Strickland was scheduled to have surgery on Friday, July 14th and remain overnight. Prayers have been requested.

Ellen Wingo's mother had a fall. Please pray for her.

Thank you for all the prayers and cards for our granddaughter **Merry Best.** She is doing better but has a long way to go to regain her health. Please continue to pray for her.

Thank you for all the prayers for the **Landry Family** while on air trips. We saw many bears in Alaska and was not attacked or eaten as four others in the first four days we were there, were. **Thank you all!**

Please pray for **Robert Campbell** who is Joann's uncle. He is having complications from colon surgery this past Monday. Thank you.

Frank & Jane Shephard's new address is: Apartment 108, 1325 McInvale Rd., Hernanda, Mississippi 38632. Their telephone number remains the same.

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 in 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)



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 IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS!

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>July 16</u> - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

<u>AREA EVENTS:</u>

<u>July 22</u> - FROG (Fully Rely on God) YOUTH DAY at the West Innes St. church of Christ in Salisbury. <u>Time 2 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</u> Ages K-12 are invited. (Younger children may be accompanied by a parent) Join us for a great afternoon full of activities to fit all ages, lessons, and dinner to follow. If you can attend, please call or message Jeff Cannon at <u>919-841-8886</u>. The address of the church is 2925 W. Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry will be open once in July and once in August while school is out. The suggested items for July is canned vegetables (corn, beans, peas, mixed vegetables.

FOR THE RECORD

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472
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78

Lord's Day Appointments For July, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For July:

Steve Martin

Alfred Huff Mark Roy
Walter Cruz Robbie Santiago

Marie Harper David Moore Clayton Workman

Preparing Communion for July: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - July 23, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Robby Landry Morning - D. C. Mock A.M. - Nathan Roy A.M. - David Moore Song Leader - Steve Tesh Evening - Jim Harrison P.M. - Don Minor P.M. - Bill Carothers

Prayer - Al Lawson Wed. - Song Req. Service Roger A. & Tim A.

Greeters for July:

D.C. & Ingrid Mock

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - July 23 ~ Mark Roy Wednesday: - July 26 ~ Mark Roy

Lord's Day Appointments - July 16, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Mark Minor Morning - Mark Minor A.M. - Steve Tesh Song Leader - Tommy Rose Evening - Jacob Woodbury P.M. - Roger Allen Wed. - Tim Allen

A.M. - Gene Ruark P.M. - Sherrill Stewart Wed. - Tim Allen

Opening and Closing Building Greeters for July:

Sunday: - July 16 ~ Brad Hoots D.C. & Ingrid Mock

Wednesday: - July 19 ~ Brad Hoots

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