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"and upon this rock I will build my church,"

Matt. 16:18

"But now are they many members, yet but one body."

I Corinthians 12:20

"and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

Ephesians 1:22-23

"THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST SALUTE YOU"

Romans 16:16

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Services Sunday

10:00 A. M. - - - - - Bible Study
11:00 A. M. - - - - - Worship

(Services Sunday Nights and Wednesday Nights temporarily discontinued while Brother Johnson is in Greensboro.)

A WONDERFULL MEETING

Last Sunday Night concluded our meeting, a meeting said by many to be the best we have ever had. Ten confessed their faith in Christ and were buried with their Lord in baptism (Acts 2: 38, Col. 2: 12). They were: Mary Ellen Harper, Johnnie Petree, Dolly Ridings, Iris Goins, Dorothy Ann Moser, Joanne Harper, Katie Harper, Virginia Bodsford, Dora Harper, and Carrie Messick.

We extend our thanks to Brother J. T. Marlin and Brother Johnson for the wonderful work they did. We were also glad to have Brother and Sister W.W. Tynes and Brother and Sister Derryberry and family with us throughout the greater part of the meeting. Also the many other visitors from many places.

WELCOME BACK

We are glad to have Brother J. W. Warner and Sister E. J. Harper, who have missed services because of illness, back with us again.

If we even approximate the service that we want to render, we must have help from the Lord, to obtain which we must live close to Him. You and I are too mechanical in our supposed worship. The most scoffing denunciation that Jesus ever spoke to his contemporaneous preachers was for the lack of spirituality in their lives.--- We must cultivate those finer qualities of heart and character that make men real men.--- Most of the trouble in the church within my lifetime has been because preachers and other leaders did not have that spirit. More than by any other one thing, the church today is afflicted by the lack of that spirit. The result is dwarfed hearts, jealousy, enmities, strife, and divisions.

The beginning point of the way out, and up, to better living is the altar of prayer. Our Lord said:

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet: and, when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetition, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be ye not therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which is in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." etc. -----

How many here this morning took time out for prayer before coming? How many missed breakfast in order to arrive on time? How many had breakfast but did not pray? How many spend a fourth as much time praying as you do eating?

And if you prayed this morning, for what did you pray? Did you pray earnestly and ardently for a profitable period of worship, or that lost people may be saved today? Did you pray for me in my preaching responsibilities? The Lord's apostles depended on the prayers of Christian people to bring strength to them and to add power to their sermons. Have our prayers of this morning made sure of those blessings to the present preaching effort? Did we pray that prejudice may be removed and that all of us might reap a harvest of strength for the coming week days? Have we prayed for the grace to be useful unto others this week? It would warm any heart to know that God is saying, "There is one of the most useful men I have on the earth." Do our daily prayers include a petition for the grace to be so regarded by Him? Prayer occupied a very large place in the life of the Lord and in the Church of the first century. The eleventh chapter of Matthew closes with the Lord's invitation: "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," but before giving that invitation he prayed...

In the seventeenth chapter of the book of John, Jesus delivered the last sermon that he ever preached on the earth, and it was to his disciples in the upper room. He closed that sermon with a prayer -- the most beautiful in all literature. Go home and read it. Out in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus, in the hour of trial prayed; but he prayed not for the victory of his personal desire, nor for the punishment of Judas. --- After his resurrection, he prepared a breakfast for his disconsolate disciples, ---but before they ate he offered thanks to God. And the last thing that Jesus ever did on the earth, after he had commissioned the disciples to go and evangelize the whole world, was to lift his hands toward heaven and pray for them. Yes, Jesus prayed.

Condensed from a sermon by Rev. J. W. ...