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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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When Men Hate You

If you are a faithful Christian who teaches and lives the Word of God you will find there are times when men will hate you for your faith. Jesus lets us know people will hate us, exclude us, revile us, and cast out our names as evil (Luke 6:22). What should we do when people hate us like this?

1. Rejoice

It is easy to become discouraged by the hatred received from others in response to the love we have for God, the Bible, Christians, and those who hate us. However, Jesus says we are blessed when men hate us and we should rejoice when that happens (Luke 6:22-23). Jesus says we should "rejoice in that day and leap for joy!" Why should we rejoice? "For indeed your reward is great in heaven."

2. Love

Jesus says, "love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you" (Luke 6:27-28). They hate us but we love them. They want to do evil against us, but we will do good to them. They curse us, but we bless them. They spitefully use us, but we pray for them. Doing good for your enemies even while you bless them and pray for them is the evidence of the love you have for them. The love we have for our enemies is one in which we will treat them the way we want to be treated by them (Luke 6:31), and this will include being merciful toward them (Luke 6:36). Perhaps this loving response will help them to change, but whether it does or not, we must still love them.

3. Forgive

Those who are our enemies will likely hurt us. We must forgive them. Those who are our enemies will not judge us fairly, but we will be careful of any judgment we may show toward

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them. Being harsh and hypocritical in our response to our enemies is not the answer (Luke 6:37-42). Showing forgiveness toward our enemies is an act of love and liberation. Love toward our enemies and liberation for us from the damaging effects of vengeful judgment and condemnation. Bitterness will not help anyone, but forgiveness will help us whether or not it helps those who hate us.

4. Plant

Plant good seeds in your heart so that when men hate you the positive and peaceful response will be ready. Jesus says, “a good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks” (Luke 6:45). If you are planting the Gospel of peace within your heart then you will be more likely to respond to your enemies with love and forgiveness. However, if you are not planting the Gospel of peace within your heart it will be very easy for your heart to become dark and bitter, causing you to respond inappropriately to those who hate you.

5. Obey

Even when men hate us for “the Son of Man’s sake,” we must continue to obey God. It may not be easy to obey God when God says, “love your enemies,” but we must be those who both hear and do what God says (Luke 6:46-49). God says, love and forgive your enemies. If we do not, we may find our lives crumbling around us just as the man who built his house on the sand saw the great collapse and ruin of his house. Bitterness and hatred as a response to enemies cannot produce anything other than more pain and sorrow. But, if we can learn to love our enemies and forgive them we will find our hearts liberated by love rather than imprisoned by hate.

Men will hate us for following the Lord. However, we will rejoice when they do because we know the prophets were hated and we know we have an eternal reward. When men hate us we will love them and we will forgive them. We will do this out of hearts that are filled with the Gospel of peace, even as we continue to obey our Lord and Savior. Hatred from others should not stop us, but rather when men hate us we are given an opportunity to shine the Light of the Lord on the darkness by responding to them in the manner the Lord told us we should.

~Kevin Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

June 7 - John 17
June 8 - John 18:1-18
June 9 - John 18:19-40
June 10 - John 19:1-22



June 11 - John 19:23-42
June 12 - John 20
June 13 - John 21

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

D.C. Mock, Jaunita Doub, Kevin Fortner, Shannon Harper, Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Harold & Juanita Doub, Scott Cranfill, Joseph Campbell, Thurmond Bennett, Boy named Nathan, Bryan Byrd, Bonnie Landreth, Becky Allen, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Mandy & Parker Bailey, Jeff Chrysson, Jack Piper, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins, Steve Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Steve Martin continues to have fluid build-up in his lungs and will be undergoing more tests to determine where it is coming from. Please keep him in your prayers.

Neal Harper was scheduled for a heart procedure on June 3rd, but was postponed to a later date. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please pray for **Meredith Southern** as she goes through testing for her heart.

Bonnie Landreth continues to have a lot of pain in her right shoulder and was to have surgery scheduled this month, but will need to delay it for the time being. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Roger Allen is still having severe pain, swelling and inflammation during his recovery at home following his most recent surgery. Please keep him in your prayers. Also, please keep Roger's mother in your prayers. She is having difficulties with getting the right meds for her bipolar disorder. **If you would like to participate in providing meals for Roger and Grace, please see Mindy Santiago.**

Allison Dyson, a friend of Atha Clark, was scheduled for surgery on her shoulder on June 1st. The address of Atha's friend, has been posted on the bulletin board should you wish to send her a Get Well card.

Lauren Rutherford has a friend "**Sandy**" who has begun a new Chemo Treatment for cancer recently. Please keep her in your prayers. Lauren is requesting that we send cards of encouragement to Sandy and give them to Lauren who will see that she receives them.

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP –A.M.	May 30	- 122
SUNDAY WORSHIP –P.M.	May 30	- 76
WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	June 2	- 95

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:

Reminder: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. there is a Sunday Youth Class that meets in the Annex.

Vacation Bible School

Warners Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held on 5 Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The Theme: "The Flood". The dates are:

July 14 - "The World"
July 21 - "The Man"
July 28 - "The Ark"
Aug. 4 - "The Animals"
Aug. 11 - "The Flood"

Please begin to think of friends and neighbors you would like to invite to attend our VBS.

They Were All Wrong!

A good many years ago a preacher went into a town where there was no New Testament church. He preached in a house of worship and then in the main street of the city. Soon all of the religious leaders of the city heard of him and invited him to address them. They thought if his religious claims seemed meritorious to them, they would fellowship him. But to their dismay and confusion, he preached that they were all wrong and he was right; and their worship was not acceptable to the God of heaven!

He preached that the church to which he belonged was the only true church of the living God. Such a preacher! Don't you know he hurt their feelings? Evidently they were sincere. Surely he could have made them a nice talk and got away without causing discord! Who was this preacher? His name was Paul and he preached this sermon in Athens. It did cause some stir. It did not please those religious leaders at all. They got up and left him before he was through with the sermon. But this sermon did please God.

Would you care to read this sermon? If so, open your Bible to the seventeenth chapter of Acts.

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SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

June, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: STEVE TESH

COMMUNION FOR MAY: MARK ROY

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JUNE:

SUNDAY A.M.

June 6 - Charley Belch
June 13 - Andy Santiago
June 20 - Carl Cooper
June 27 - Joe Byrd

SUNDAY P.M.

June 6 - Sherrill Stewart
June 13 - Wayne Allen
June 20 - Bob Tesh
June 27 - D.C. Mock

WEDNESDAY

June 2 - Rodney Brown
June 9 - Brad Hoots
June 16 - Clayton Workman
June 23 - Mike Lundgrun
June 30 - Johnny Spillman

SECURITY AND GREETING: GENE RUARK AND ED O'SHIELDS

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

SONG LEADERS FOR MAY:

SUNDAY A.M.

June 6 - Wayne Allen
June 13 - Clayton Workman
June 20 - Gene Southern
June 27 - Charley Belch

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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

<p>“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</p>

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner	Gene Southern
Keith Warner	Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Jody Everett	Adam Warner
	Jacob Woodbury