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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

APRIL 21, 2019

DESIRE MILK SO YOU CAN GROW

While I was teaching the adult class one Wednesday night, a small baby was listening very intently to what I was saying. Her eyes were laser-focused on my eyes, and no matter which way she was turned she had to twist and turn so that she could see the teacher. I have no idea what a child her age could learn from what I was saying, but I know she was learning that going to Bible class is just a natural and normal part of what her family does. This in and of itself is a powerful and valuable lesson. As we were later talking about this beautiful and tiny little person's intense concentration, someone mentioned 2 Peter 2:2. Indeed this does make for a wonderful reminder of 2 Peter 2:2. No doubt, that little child desires milk when she is hungry, but it surely seemed like she was also desiring "the pure milk of the word" that night too.

Whatever it was that baby was thinking when she was paying such close attention in the Bible class, all Christians must desire the pure milk of the word so that we can grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:2). It is the word that produced the faith in our hearts that lead to our conversion to Christ (Romans 10:14-17), and it is the word of God that helps to continue to grow in that faith (2 Peter 2:2). Without our constant studying of the Word of God we cannot develop, grow, and mature as Christians.

In the context of 1 Peter 2:2, we are told there are certain sinful qualities we must put away from ourselves before we will properly desire the pure milk of the word (1 Peter 2:1). We must cast aside all malice and desire the word. Malice involves a hatred that seeks to harm the object of the hatred. Christians are to harbor no such hatred within their hearts, and doing so will prevent us from properly desiring the milk of the word and growing. As long as any person is filled with malice there will be no growth and maturing. First put away malice, then desire the word and after that expect the growth.

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Christians are also to put away all deceit as a pre-requisite for desiring the pure milk of the word and growing (1 Peter 2:1). There is no deceit in the milk of God's Word. His Word is pure, or sincere. It is free of deceit. Therefore, deceitful people are not likely to desire it. People who live on lies, live for lies, and manipulate others with lies are not going to grow until they are willing to give up the deceit. One must give up the lies and desire the truth before they will be able to grow.

Peter also said we must give up hypocrisy and desire the word (2 Peter 2:1). One is not a hypocrite who is sincerely seeking to serve the Savior, but occasionally falls, or has some growing and maturing to do. One is a hypocrite who wants to appear to be faithful even while continuing to mold and shape his faith in such a way as to please himself rather than God. A hypocrite is one who wants to look faithful to others even while finding excuse to engage in sin and violate the will of God. The hypocrite is never going to desire the sincere milk of the word until he genuinely repents.

To reach the point of desiring the pure milk of the word so that we may grow, we must also put away envy. *The New Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*, shows us that "envy" is a good translation here. Mirriam-Webster.com defines the word "envy" as, "painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage." Do we envy our neighbor's house, do we envy a brother's car, do we envy someone's authority, do we envy someone's influence, do we envy someone's looks, or clothes, or money, etc.? If so, then we are going to have a hard time desiring the word and growing. We have got to get envy out of our lives so we can mature as Christians.

The last requirement listed in the text is that we put away all evil speaking (2 Peter 2:1). If a person is to desire the word of God and grow as a Christian, that person must put away all evil speaking. Gossip is evil speaking. Cursing is evil speaking. Telling dirty jokes is evil speaking. Teaching false doctrine is evil speaking. Seeking to destroy another person's reputation through gossip and lies is evil speaking. Evil speaking includes every conceivable way in which a person could sin with the tongue. Let's put this away from us and do our best to exercise as much discipline as possible over the tongue, for we must do this before we can desire the pure milk of the word and grow.

There are no people purer, more beautiful, more amazing, and more wonderful than babies. Those perfect little people desire milk when they are hungry. Just as they desire that milk so they can grow, so we must desire the Word of God so that we may grow. Keep reading, keep studying, keep applying the Word of God even as you make sure to put away those things from your life which will prevent you from desiring the Word and growing. The Word of God is glorious and powerful. Love it and live it.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

April 22 - Luke 17:1-19
April 23 - Luke 17:20-37
April 24 - Luke 18:1-23
April 25 - Luke 18:24-43



April 26 - Luke 19:1-27
April 27 - Luke 19:28-48
April 28 - Luke 20:1-26



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Wayne and Cathy Hutchins**, and **Elwood Flinchum**.

Please pray for **D.J. Harrison**. She has been experiencing pain from her heart lately.

Ellen Wingo underwent some tests recently and has been given a good report.

Also, **Cannon Harper** underwent tests recently and received a good report.

Please keep Ian Quinn's mother, **Connie**, in your prayers. She had surgery this past Tuesday and is recovering well. She still has some tests that are being run so please keep her in prayer during this time.

Please continue to pray for Todd Hinson's father, **Harold**, who underwent surgery for kidney cancer recently.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers.

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



Ladies' Day Follow-up Survey

The ladies' Day Follow-up Surveys are on the credenza in the foyer. If you attended, please fill one out and return to the box provided by May 1st.

For a Contented Life

HEALTH enough to make work a pleasure.

WEALTH enough to support your needs.

STRENGTH to battle with difficulties and overcome them.

GRACE enough to confess your sins and forsake them.

PATIENCE enough to toil until your goal is accomplished.

LOVING KINDNESS enough to see some good in everybody.

LOVE enough to move you to forget yourself.

FAITH enough to make the unseen things seem real to you.

HOPE enough to remove every fear that is within you.



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:

April 23 - Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

May 11-12 - Senior Rally. The speaker will be **Eddy Craft** from the Tri-Cities School of Preaching in Elizabethton, TN. The Theme: **"Growing Old Gracefully"** Classes for ages 55 and above.

Please note: There will not be a Congregational Meal this month due to the Easter Holiday.

AREA EVENTS:

May 4 - Ladies Day at the Northwest church of Christ. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Theme: **"Am I My Sister's Keeper?"** Speaker: **Melissa King**, from the Lake Norman church of Christ. **RSVP** at nwchurchofchrist.com.

May 5-9 Spring Gospel Meeting at West Jefferson church of Christ. Guest Speaker will be **Jeff Cannon**.

See Bulletin Board for more information



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **April**:

Instant potatoes/rice/macaroni & cheese

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

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 14, 2019	130
Sunday Worship Service	175
Contribution for April 14, 2019	\$8,441
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	41
Chapters Read:	629
Sunday Evening Worship Service	135
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 4-17-19	105

Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Brad Hoots

Bob Tesh Shawn Thomason
Walter Cruz
Doris Cooper
Todd Hinson
Jim Harrison

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - April 28, 2019

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

Greeters for April:
Rodney & Teresa Brown

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 28 ~ Harry Picciuto
Wednesday: - May 1 ~ Harry Picciuto

Lord's Day Appointments - April 14, 2019

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

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 21 ~ Mark Roy
Wednesday: - April 24 ~ Mark Roy

Greeter for April:
Rodney & Teresa Brown

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