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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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THE BEGINNING OF SIN

By Kevin Rutherford

The word sin means "to miss the mark". The mark we have failed to hit is God's ultimate standard of righteousness. That is, moral and obedient perfection. Sin is a transgression of the Law of God (1 John 3:4). When we do that which is contrary to what God desires, or when we fail to do what God requires we have sinned. All of those who are capable of sin have sinned (Romans 3:9, 23). We can now look all around and see the terrible effects of sin. Violence and immorality abound and destroy. There is no utopia or paradise here on this earth. One cannot create perfect places for people with monasteries, convents, or communes. Sin slips into communities, slides between cracks in the walls, and slithers into the hearts of every man and woman. But where did this all begin?

It all began in paradise. A wonderful place called The Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-15). A loving God created a beautiful existence for the man and woman whom He cherished. Eden was a place where all of man's needs could be fulfilled, where man lived in innocence, and where God and man spoke directly to one another. However, this paradise would not last. God had clearly created man with free-will. This is made evident by the fact that God gave man a simple command and the man had the ability to choose whether or not to obey that command (Genesis 2:16, 17). It was then inevitable that sooner or later man would exercise his free will to go against the Law of God. To sin.

Genesis 3 records for us that dark occasion when the serpent, the devil, Satan, the fallen angel deceived Eve, the mother of all living. God said don't eat of the tree in the midst of the garden. Satan said it was okay. Eve ate, Eve sinned. Eve offered, Adam sinned. Sin had slipped into the perfect paradise of Eden and very quickly destroyed it. Man's relationship with God changed (Isaiah 59:1, 2; 1 John 1:3-7). Man felt guilt and shame. Man became dishonest as he sought to pass the blame for his sin on to others. Man was kicked out of the Garden of

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Eden and thrust away from the tree of life. That was the tree that would have enabled man to live forever. Adam and Eve began dying from that day forward. Now they, and all who would follow them (excepting Enoch and Elijah) would suffer death, because they committed sin (Romans 5:12).

Left to suffer in our own sins we would all face a bleak future of eternal death, an eternal separation from God (Revelation 21:8). But the God who created man also loves man, and made it possible for man to be saved from his sins. Jesus told us that the truth can make us free from our sins (John 8:31-36). The Word of God is truth (John 17:17). What does the truth say about salvation from the eternal consequences of sin? The truth tells us that there is power in the precious blood of Jesus Christ to take our sins away (Hebrews 9:22; Revelation 1:5). Because we sinned, Christ died and shed His blood for the remission of our sins and the reconciliation of man to God (Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:6-11).

Sin began in the Garden of Eden, and sin still exists everywhere and all around us on this earth. But God has given us hope for salvation from sin through the sacrifice of His dear Son (John 3:16).



TEACHING?

Parents, listen up:

- The average American family has the TV on 49 hours a week, with each family member viewing from 25 to 30 hours per week.
- By age 65 an individual has watched 3,000 24 hour days of TV; that's 9 full years
- Each evening between 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. a child can view 113 shootings, 92 stabbings, 168 beatings, 9 strangulations, and 179 more violent acts.
- By high school graduation a child will have seen some 18,000 TV murders.
- Television portrays a violent act every 16.9 minutes; a killing every 93.8 minutes.

Long ago God told His people, "These words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

Mom, Dad ...who is doing the teaching at your house—you or the television? Think about it.

From housetohouse.com

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

Sept. 4 - I Cor. 14:21-40
Sept. 5 - I Cor. 15:1-28
Sept. 6 - I Cor. 15:29-58
Sept. 7 - I Cor. 16



Sept. 8 - 2 Cor. 1
Sept. 9 - 2 Cor. 2
Sept. 10 - 2 Cor. 3



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bob Plunk underwent another pain blocker treatment this past Wednesday. Please keep him in your prayers and that this blocker will be one that he will be able to continue with to control his pain.

Please continue to keep **Shannon Harper** in your prayers as she undergoes tests to find out what is causing her severe pain.

Jeannie Moore was reported to be ill with pneumonia this past Wednesday evening. Also, **David** was not feeling well and left the church building Wednesday evening to go to the ER to get checked out. It was felt that it could possibly be a heart issue.

Pat McBrayer has requested prayers for **Sarah Korentz**, who is fighting cancer. She is to have a bone scan soon to determine if a spot found on a vertebrae is cancer. Sarah is a faithful member of North Main church of Christ in Mocksville.

A relative of the Harper family, Lois Peden's granddaughter was in a serious car accident on the way to church services this past Sunday morning. **Baylee Kalb** and the other 2 girls in the car were released but are very troubled following the accident. Prayers are requested.

Please remember **Robert Taylor**. He is a faithful gospel preacher who lives in Ripley, TN near Memphis. He is also Sara Tesh Davis's grandfather-in-law. He had knee surgery and developed pneumonia and has been hospitalized.

Jennifer Cruise requests prayers for a 16 year old daughter of a close friend. She is in the hospital with two brain tumors. Surgeons were able to remove one tumor but unsure of future treatment. She is out of ICU and will be undergoing therapy to help her talk.

Todd Hinson has requested prayers for one of his employees, **Candace Terry**, is believed to have lung cancer. She will undergo a radical biopsy soon removing a portion of her lung to determine exactly what the problem is and treatment options.

Renee Morgan, age 37, the daughter of Madelene's niece that passed away in December, will be having major surgery at the Duke Hospital in the near future.

Pray for JoAnn Landry's parents, **Joe & Viviane**. Joe has some medical concerns and there has been a rash of break-ins and thefts in their neighborhood. Thank you!

Please pray for me, I'm looking for another income to make ends meet. Robin Gau

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden



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:

Sept. 23 - Youth Devotional for youth of any age in the home of R.J. & JoAnn Landry. The youth devotional will not be age restricted, and all who are a youth or have youth in their home are invited and encourage to attend. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a meal, followed by a devotional period and then activities. Families who are attending are asked to bring enough drinks, finger foods, and desserts for their own family. Sister Landry has asked that the families attending email her with what they plan on bringing. Following the devotional, there will be games outside as well as a fire pit and Smore's, weather permitting. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more information. If there any questions, please see Caleb Rutherford.

AREA EVENTS:

Sept. 29 - Ladies' Night Out at the Linville Forest church of Christ. Dinner and Program beginning at 6:30 p.m. with registration at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rebekah Colley from the Mackland Road church of Christ in Marietta.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of **September - cereal**. (334 items were delivered to the food pantry this past Thursday, which makes a total of 2,180 items for 2017.)

CORRECTION TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

Don Jackson's Apartment Number is 112
(Please make this change in your directory)

FOR THE RECORD

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| Sunday Bible Study - Aug. 27, 2017 | 130 |
| Sunday Worship Service | 169 |
| Contribution for Aug. 27, 2017 | \$8,124 |
| Daily Adult Bible Readers: | 41 |
| Chapters Read: | 614 |
| Sunday Evening Worship Service | 123 |
| Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8-30-17 | 98 |

Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For September:

Brad Hoots

Daryl Cook Mark Minor
Jason Allen Tommy Ridings
Kathleen Warner
Tim Allen
Mark Roy

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - September 10, 2017

| DEVOTIONS: | OPENING PRAYER: | SONG LEADER | SCRIPTURE READERS |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Scripture - Brad Hoots | Morning - Roger Allen | A.M. - Gene Southern | A.M. - John Allen |
| Song Leader - Joe Everett | Evening - Nathan Roy | P.M. - Tim Allen | P.M. - Clayton Workman |
| Prayer - Michael Cooper | | Wed. - Don Minor | |

Greeters for September:

Roger & Grace Allen

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Sept. 10 ~ Al Lawson
Wednesday: - Sept. 13 ~ Al Lawson

Lord's Day Appointments - September 3, 2017

| DEVOTIONS: | OPENING PRAYER: | SONG LEADER | SCRIPTURE READERS |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Scripture - Daryl Cook | Morning - Steve Martin | A.M. - Clayton Workman | A.M. - Jim Harrison |
| Song Leader - Roger Allen | Evening - Adam Warner | P.M. - Steve Tesh | P.M. - Roger Allen |
| Prayer - Todd Hinson | | Wed. - Roger Allen | |

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Sept. 3 ~ Shawn Thomason
Wednesday: - Sept. 6 ~ Shawn Thomason

Greeters for September:

Roger & Grace Allen

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
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

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