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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

## **ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE DISSOLVED**

The apostle Peter refuted those who scoffed at the reality of the second coming of Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3). The scoffers argued things have never changed, as if to suggest they never will change. Peter proved them wrong on both counts. Things did change in the past when God condemned the world and covered it in water. It will change again in the future. Not into a renewed earth as some people teach, but rather it shall be completely destroyed.

When the Lord returns, the heavens will pass away with a great noise (2 Peter 3:10). These are the heavens that God created at the beginning of time (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 33:6). The term heaven is sometimes used to refer to the atmosphere of this earth, as in the place from which it rains (Deuteronomy 11:17; 2 Chronicles 6:26). Sometimes the term "heaven," or "heavens," is used with reference to the vast universe surrounding the earth (1 Chronicles 27:23; Psalm 8:3; 19:1). Thayer defines the Greek word for "heavens" as "the heights above, the upper regions (The New Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, p. 464). He further distinguishes the material heavens from the "seat of an order of things eternal and consummately perfect, where God dwells and the other heavenly beings." Paul referred to the place where heavenly beings dwell as "the third heaven" (2 Corinthians 12:2). It not likely Peter is saying God's eternal heaven is going to be destroyed but rather the heavens (sky and universe) that God once created will someday pass away ("perish" - Thayer, 488) with a great noise.

On that day, the elements will melt with fervent heat (2 Peter 3:10). The word "elements" refers to "any first thing, from which the others belonging to some series or composite whole take their rise (Thayer, 588)." This word refers to the most basic elements or building blocks of the material universe. Perhaps a reference to the very atoms themselves. These basic building blocks of the material universe will "burn up with fervent heat (Thayer, 342)." The most basic elements of the heavens and the earth will melt with fervent heat. The word "melt" means to

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unloose something that is bound together (Thayer, 384). The basic building blocks of the material universe will come loose from one another. The material universe will literally fall apart, or dissolve, causing the heavens to perish with a great noise.

We are also told that "the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up (2 Peter 3:10 - NKJV). Some ancient manuscripts contain the Greek word that is defined as "to consume by fire (Thayer, 331)." The ASV, KJV, NKJV, and NASB all use the English words "burned up" in this verse, but the ESV translates it as "will be exposed." The ESV is going with an alternate textual reading which contains a word that means "to expose," or to "lay bare." The context would certainly favor the translation in the ASV, KJV, NKJV, and NASB. However, even if the ESV is correct there would not be a contradiction in the text. Even as the very basic elements of the universe are let loose with burning heat, the very construction of the earth and universe itself will be laid bare, or exposed. In either case, the context here is indicating the heavens and the earth are going to literally come apart at the level of the very basic elements or building blocks.

This can be clearly understood by verse eleven. Peter says "all these things will be dissolved." The things in the context are the heavens and the earth. The heavens and the earth will be dissolved. That is the very basic elements for both the heavens and the earth will come apart with fervent heat and a great noise. Nothing that is made of matter is going to be held together. All that is made of matter is going to fall apart from its most fundamental building blocks.

Someday, matter will be no more. This universe and earth will no longer exist. There is coming a day of great judgment when souls will be sentenced to either an eternal punishment or an eternal reward (Matthew 25:46). That eternal reward will not be on this earth, for the earth will no longer exist. That eternal reward will be in heaven. The Bible clearly and distinctively teach this (1 Peter 1:3-4).

~ Kevin V. Rutherford



## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019**

January 27 - Matthew 18:1-20  
January 28 - Matthew 18:21-39  
January 29 - Matthew 19  
January 30 - Matthew 20:1-16



January 31 - Matthew 20:17-34  
February 1 - Matthew 21:1-22  
February 2 - Matthew 21:23-46

## OUR SICK

### Please Remember in Your Prayers

**Roger Allen** underwent his procedure Friday morning and they ended up doing 3 injections instead of one due to the severity of the inflammation. He is at home with three days down time for absorption of meds and steroids. He said it was very painful.

**Bonnie Landreth** has an appointment this week for further testing to determine what the problem with her heart is and possible treatment.

Please continue to pray for Tammy Jones and D.J. Harrison. **Also:** Please remember D.J.'s sister, **Linda Bateman**, she has congestive heart failure. She lives in Oklahoma.

Joyce Greenup has requested prayers for her brother, **Walter Goff**. He is in ICU for acute respiratory failure. He is on a ventilator.

Sandra Church's son-in-law's mother, **Susie Steen**, is very ill with cancer and it is felt that she would greatly appreciate cards at this time. Mrs. Steen's address is: 1105 Hillcrest Crossing W., Mobile, AL 36695-4537.

It was reported that **Steve Short** is still in the Baptist Hospital for Rehab.

Prayers are requested for **Keith Movey**, a relative of Andy Santiago. He suffered frostbite after being lost in the mountains this past week.

### THANK YOU

*Carolyn Moser would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and calls she received at the loss of her mother, Mrs. Mandlene Morley who passed on January 8, 2020 in Johnson City, TN.*

### SHUT-INS

**Mary Ellen Dull**  
**D. J. Harrison**

**Ernestine Martin**  
**Carolyn Minor**

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

### ~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to Madelene Holbrook and to the family of **Renee Morgan** who passed away this past week from cancer. She had had cancer throughout 24 years of her life. She passed away at the age of 40 leaving her son, Reed, who is seventeen years old. Madelene was Renee's aunt.*

### ~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to Wayne Allen and the family of Wayne's first cousin, **Anthony Allen**, who passed away last Lord's Day in the Baptist Hospital from complications following open-heart surgery.*

# 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:

**Jan. 26** - Deacon's Meeting this evening at 5 p.m.

**Jan. 28** - Sewing for missions will meet on Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

**Jan. 28** - Tuesday Evening Bible Class will meet at 7 p.m. in the Annex.

**Feb. 8** - (Saturday) Congregation Work Day, beginning at 9 a.m.

**Feb. 14** - Valentine's Day Banquet in Annex at 7 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the foyer.

**Mar. 7** - Warners Chapel Ladies Day Speaker: Katonya Smith from the Eastside Congregation. Theme: "Diversity in Unity" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14.

### SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of February:



#### Canned Fruit

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

### Please Note:

The new issue of the House to House is available on the credenza in the foyer. Please take several and share them with friends and neighbors.

Also, Tim Allen still needs help working at the house across the street. Let Tim know when you can work.

### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 19, 2020	154
Sunday Worship Service:	183
Contributions for January 19, 2020	
Daily Bible Readers:	43
Chapters Read:	615
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	147
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, January 22, 2020	117

## Lord's Day Appointments For February, 2020

Serving the Lord's Table For February:

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

Al Lawson  
Walter Cruz   Robert Tesh  
Jim Harrison  
Vicky Rutherford  
Caleb Rutherford  
Clayton Workman

## Lord's Day Appointments - February 2, 2020

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Bill Carothers <b>Song Leader</b> - Nathan Roy <b>Prayer</b> - Caleb Rutherford	<b>Morning</b> - Tim Allen <b>Evening</b> - Mark Roy	<b>A.M.</b> - Justin Little <b>P.M.</b> - Nathan Roy <b>Wed.</b> - Tim Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Carl Cooper <b>P.M.</b> - Sherrill Stewart

**Greeters for February:**  
**Jim and D.J. Harrison**

**Opening and Closing Building:**

**Sunday:** - February 2 ~ Rick Clemmons  
**Tuesday:** - January 29 ~ Rick Clemmons

## Lord's Day Appointments - January 26, 2020

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Robby Landry <b>Song Leader</b> - Steve Tesh <b>Prayer</b> - Al Lawson	<b>Morning</b> - Caleb Rutherford <b>Evening</b> - Colin Robinson	<b>A.M.</b> - Clayton Workman <b>P.M.</b> - Roger Allen <b>Wed.</b> - Song Req. Service Gene S. & David S.	<b>A.M.</b> - Michael Cooper <b>P.M.</b> - Jacob Woodbury

**Opening and Closing Building:**

**Sunday:** - January 26 ~ Harry Picciuto  
**Wednesday:** - January 29 ~ Harry Picciuto

**Greeters for January:**  
**Brad and Betty 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
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> 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