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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Church

The word "church" translates a Greek word that refers to those who are called out from society in general to a specific group for the purposes of assembly. The church spoken of in the New Testament is that group called out from society by the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the purpose of assembling together in worship and service to God. This group that has been set aside from the rest of culture is that body which is made up of the saved. It is the church which God planned from before the beginning of time (Ephesians 3:8-13), and which Jesus Christ established at the right time (Galatians 4:4-5). It is sometimes referred to as the Way (Acts 9:2; 19:9; 24:14), the church of God (Acts 20:28), churches of Christ (Romans 16:16), house of God (1 Timothy 3:15), etc. Each of these references alludes to a particular identifying aspect of the church of the New Testament. The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23) and Jesus Christ the Way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). The church belongs to Christ and must therefore submit to the authority of Christ (Matthew 16:18).

The church must also submit to the authority of Jesus Christ because He is the Head of the church (Colossians 1:13-18). That is, Jesus Christ has all authority over the church (Matthew 28:18). We must therefore do all things by His authority (Colossians 3:17). No man has the right to establish his own church, or to change the church which Jesus Christ established into something more suitable to the current whims and fancies of ever changing culture. The church must remain in submission to the one who established it, and the one who has authority over it. Jesus Christ reigns as King over His kingdom (Revelation 19:16), Head over His body (Ephesians 1:22-23), Groom over His bride (Ephesians 5:22-33), and Firstborn over His house (Colossians 1:18; Hebrews 3:6).

The way for the church to remain in submission to the authority of Jesus Christ is to abide by the New Covenant given by Jesus Christ (John 14:26; 16:13-15; Hebrews 2:1-4). The New Covenant is given from the Lord for all of mankind, but it also serves as the constitution, law,

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authority, and guide for all true churches of Christ (2 Timothy 3:14-4:5). To love, respect, revere, and obey the New Covenant is to love, respect, revere, and obey the One who gave it. No man has the right to go against New Testament authority in matters affecting the church or anything else. The New Testament is the authority and standard for Christianity. Apart from the New Testament one cannot have the genuine, authentic, true church.

The authentic and true church is the one established by Jesus Christ, and over which Jesus Christ reigns. It is the one identified, sanctified, and made holy by the doctrine of Christ. It is the one church that has been purified and purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28). Therefore, we must make a clear distinction between churches established by men which do not follow the will of Jesus Christ as set forth in the New Testament, and the genuine, true, authentic church of Jesus Christ described and patterned for us in the New Testament (Matthew 7:13-29).

Every church established by men in opposition to the one established by Jesus Christ is a blind leader that shall be rooted up (Matthew 15:1-14). Every church established upon the wishes and whims of faddish people in contradiction to the Lord's church that is established upon the Word of God, is the church that is entirely unacceptable to God (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). A fundamental principal regarding man's relationship to God is that the Creator has authority over the creation (Jeremiah 10:23; Isaiah 55:8-9; Job 42:1-6; Matthew 7:21-22; Hebrews 5:8-9). Therefore, those who establish, create, and make their own church with expectation that God will just accept it are sadly mistaken. No man has the right to stand up in opposition to God and demand that God accept what man wants over what God demands (Matthew 15:1-9). No man is wise enough to develop a church more perfectly suited to its purpose than God. Any man that thinks himself clever enough to outdo God and create a better church is a man that had better humble himself before God humbles him (Psalm 51:17).

The New Testament teaches us about the church by providing the record of the work of Jesus Christ in preparation for the church (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). We learn about the church by reading of the early history of the church (Acts). In addition we can learn what God wants for the church by studying and examining the inspired letters that were sent to the early churches (Romans through Jude). From the Lord's reports concerning the seven churches of Asia, we can learn what God commends in contrast to what God condemns (Revelation 2 & 3). We can see what God demands and commands as we study the New Testament that has been given to us by Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ established the church, gave us the New Testament to guide the church, and is the head and authority over the church. No one other than Christ can establish the church, and no one other than Christ should ever be considered the authority over the church.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

June 21 - Acts 5:22-42
June 22 - Acts 6
June 23 - Acts 7:1-21
June 24 - Acts 7:22-43



June 25 - Acts 7:44-60
June 26 - Acts 8:1-25
June 27 - Acts 8:26-40

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Meredith Southern, Neal Harper, Bonnie Landreth, Jaunita Doub, Kevin Fortner, Shannon Harper, Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Thurmond Bennett, Bryan Byrd, Becky, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Jeff Chrysson, Jack Piper, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Steve Martin was able to attend worship service last Sunday after having 2 litres of fluid removed from his left lung on Thursday, June 10th. Please pray the doctors will be able to determine what is causing the lung fluid buildup.

Jack Piper has been suffering with pain on his left side recently and saw a doctor who sent him to the ER for x-rays but they were not able to find anything wrong. They gave him some pain medication to help with the pain. He will see his primary care doctor this coming week.

Please continue to keep **Roger Allen** in your prayers as he continues to overcome his health issues recovering from his recent surgery.

Betty Cloud has requested prayers for her sister, **Mozetta Dobbins**, who underwent surgery on Friday, for breast cancer.

From Journal of Paula Chrysson:

Jeff Chrysson received great news - the chemo is working; but mostly the prayers. Jeff will continue with chemo and will transition to a maintenance dose and then do another scan in a few months. Thank you all for your continued prayers. We believe that this news is only possible with God's healing hands. We firmly know that God isn't finished with Jeff yet, he has a story to tell and people to help. Praise God for answered prayers.

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY**

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP –A.M.	June 13, 2021	- 108
SUNDAY WORSHIP –P.M.	June 13, 2021	- 78
WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	June 16, 2021	- 85

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**.

June 21 - There will be a Ladies Brown Bag Luncheon at the Jack Warren Park in Lewisville (under a shelter) at 1 p.m., weather permitting. Bottled water, chips and dessert will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. See Mindy for any questions.

June 27 - There will be a Singles Group meeting up front on Sunday June 27th to discuss ways of serving the church and socializing. Singles of all ages are encouraged to attend.

June 27 - After the evening worship there will be a farewell reception for Ian and Savannah Quinn who are moving to Georgia soon. Light refreshments will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS

Walter and Nancy Cooper are the proud parents of of a baby boy - **Jedd Elias Cooper**, who was born on June 11th weighing 9 lbs. 6 oz. and 21 inches long. Congratulations to all the family.

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Mary Ellen Dull will be 90 Years Young on June 21st. Her current address is:

Room 914 MC
Trinity Elms
3750 Harper Rd.
Clemmons, NC 27012

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 JUNE:

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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
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury