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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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“SAME-SEX MARRIAGE WILL NOT HURT OR BOTHER ANYONE”

There is a pervasive lie that has been told for years that Gay [Same-Sex] marriage does not affect anyone else. As far as I am concerned this is just another form of sin that exists in the world. Though, now legal in the U.S., this does not change the fact that God condemns it. But does Same-Sex marriage affect anyone else but those who participate in it? We did not actually need to nationalize gay marriage to realize this. We have had examples for years from the states that already legalized the practice. Combined with the growing public hostility towards supporters of traditional marriage, it is impossible at this point to deny that Same-Sex marriage is growing and a serious threat to liberty of those who disagree with it.

Remember Gresham, Oregon, a state in which Same-Sex marriage has been legal since 2014. In Gresham, a couple of bakers declined to make a wedding cake for a lesbian wedding. Because the lesbians in question endured “emotional and mental suffering” after their cake request was turned down, the state’s labor commissioner demanded that the bakers — a husband-and-wife team — pay the plaintiffs \$135,000. In addition to this astronomical charge, the commissioner ordered that the couple was not allowed to publicly proclaim their desire to not bake cakes for Same-Sex weddings. That is to say, the state slapped the Christian bakers with an enormous fine, then silenced them from advocating the point of view for which they were fined.

How far away are we from churches losing their tax exempt status if they oppose Same-Sex marriage? Although Justice Kennedy has said, “that religious organizations and persons [will be] given proper protection,” he is not the only Justice on the Supreme Court Bench.

Mark Oppenheimer, [a beliefs editor for the New York Times] has said, “Now’s the time,” he announced after the [Supreme Court] ruling, “to end tax exemptions for religious institutions.” (Internet, June 28, 2015)

Time and time again, it was repeated: if Same-Sex marriage is legalized, it will have nothing to do with you. Well, here we are. Same-Sex marriage is legal. And it is clear that it will have everything to do with every one of us. We were lied to, and we will have to deal with the consequences, one silenced bakery and one non-exempt church at a time.

Paul

Elders Corner:

Dear Brethren:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the years. Many exciting things are happening relating to the work as it started in Botswana in 1988. We now have 174 graduates from the school in Botswana/Zambia School of Biblical Studies. The East Africa School of Biblical Studies in Uganda, East Africa has now graduated 42 men in four classes and the 5th class of seven students has now begun it's second year of studies in a new facility outside of Busia, Uganda.

We left for Zambia on June 23rd and were there for a month at ZSOBS. During that time I was able to teach the present class of 16 students who had just begun their second year of studies. Also, during the time, we held our bi-annual Seminar and 54 past students came and spent 4 days with us. At the Seminar we were able to enjoy a Lectureship, reports from those who attended and had many sessions where we discussed issues that pertained to their works. It was a wonderful time of fellowship. Noted was the maturity in those who attended. Our plans and dreams have been fulfilled over and over again as we see the continued growth of the students. I look forward to bringing you a further report of the Seminar and the present class in an upcoming Newsletter.

A side note is that out of our efforts that began in Uganda in 1988 not only are there now three schools in operation in Zambia, Uganda, East Africa and Ghana, West Africa but there are several local schools of preaching located in Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya and soon to be in Malawi. The Kansas Expressway church of Christ actually sponsors the school in Zambia. The other two schools are mostly supported by other sponsors. I have been asked to supervise the school in Uganda and my son Ray supervises the school in Ghana.

Thank you so much for your love and support and for considering our work in your upcoming Missions Day. Our work is only limited by the support we receive.

Please remember my wife Edith in your prayers. While with me in Zambia and Uganda, she suffered from some serious physical issues. After we got back on August 6th, we made an appointment to see her doctor the next Monday. We were told to go to the ER for tests. After four days of hospitalized tests she received open heart surgery to replace her aortic valve. She is in Rehab and may be there for another two weeks. God has truly blessed us by keeping her until we could get back to the states and get the medical services she needs. Please remember her in prayers. We love you all.

Jerry and Edith Sullins

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2015

August 24 - I Cor. 7:1-19
August 25 - I Cor. 7:20-40
August 26— I Cor. 8
August 27 - I Cor. 9



August 28 - I Cor. 10:1-18
August 29 - I Cor. 10:19-33
August 30 - I Cor. 11:1-16



OUR SICK

Please Remember in your
prayers

Don Minor is doing well after his recent hospitalization. He will see his doctor on Sept. 23rd. to learn what the doctor plans to do about the blockage in his artery.

David Moore was suffering from back pain this past week and was unable to attend the Wednesday evening service.

Please remember Cleave Binkley, she has been having some health problems lately and has been unable to attend worship services.

Carla Kirkpatrick's mother, Janet Mahan, is scheduled to have surgery on August 27th. Her address is: 2100 Core Rd., Parkersburg, WV 26101.

Ashley Everett's mom, Gaye Wade, appreciates everyone's prayers on her behalf. She had surgery to repair her elbow this past Tuesday and is recovering at home.

Please pray for Harrison Waldron, a recent Harding graduate. He was in an ATV accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. He is presently in Pennsylvania, but his family is hoping that he can be moved to a brain rehab center in Atlanta.

"Out of Town"

Frank and Jane Shepard are out of town attending the Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, TN, beginning August 21-27. Please pray for their safety while away from home. (There is an article on "Polishing the Pulpit" in the July 2015 issue of the Spiritual Sword—Page 5.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

There will be a school supplies drive for Griffith Elementary School from now until August 23rd. There is a box in the foyer where you can leave the supplies or you can give a monetary donation to Nancy or Laura Cooper.

YOUTH MEETING

The Youth Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th. We will be going to Hanging Rock. We will meet at the Advanced Appliance parking lot at 9 a.m. For details, please see Richie or Bridget Hill.

FILE CABINET NEEDED

A four drawer file cabinet is needed. If you have one in reasonable condition and are not using it, please see Frank Shepard.

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:

August 23 - Meeting of youth Sunday evening to obtain final count to determine food and water needed for the trip to Hanging Rock—Aug. 29th.

August 26 - The final Summer Series speaker will be Ernie Richards, Jr. From White Knoll, Lexington, SC. The topic will be "Amos".

August 30 - Contribution will be designated to Africa.

August 30 - There will be a Bridal Shower for Megan Clemmons from 3-5 p.m. in the Annex. Megan is registered at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond. All Ladies are invited.

November 7 - Annual Chicken Stew

AREA EVENTS:

Sept. 4-5 - Youth Rally at the University church of Christ in Charlotte, NC. Topic: "Christians can be Confident About Creation" Speaker: Dr. Jeff Miller.

September 17-20 - South Stokes church of Christ Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Don Blackwell. Theme: Eternal Truths/Contemporary Problems.

Oct. 3 - Ladies Day at the Eastside church of Christ. 8 a.m.-12 Noon.

October 17 - Ladies Day at the Rutherford church of Christ. Speaker: Mrs. Maebelle Hudson - Time: 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Oct. 24 - Ladies Day at Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Aug. 16, 2015	136
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	177
Contribution for Aug. 16, 2015	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	778
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	131
Wednesday Evening: August 19, 2015	123

Lord's Day Appointments - August 30, 2015

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Joe Everett	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Brad Hoots
Song - Tim Allen	Evening - Mark Roy	P.M. - Youth Lead Devo.	P.M. - Jake Thomason
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. - Tim Allen	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>August</u>
Morning - Jessica Lay	Morning - Rhonda Hardister	Rodney & Theresa Brown
Evening - Linda Flinchum	Evening - Marie Harper	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - August 30	Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - September 2	Mike Cooper

Lord's Day Appointments - August 23, 2015

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Derek Elam
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Gene Ruark	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Jason Allen
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Song Request Wayne A. & Roger A.	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):
Morning - Robin Hauser	Morning - Abby Little
Evening - Marie Harper	Evening - Gina Harper

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

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen

Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason