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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Have You Been Born Again? (Part 3) How One is Born of Water and the Spirit

The New Testament explains in great detail how one surrenders to Jesus Christ. Conversion is not just an experience that happens to us, it is a radical change in which we play a part. The **new** birth is not simply something that happens to us, it is something which we make happen! God makes it possible for us to be born again, but we must respond in a positive way to the opportunity which God gives us. The process of spiritual birth begins with FAITH in Jesus Christ: *Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God*"(1 Jno. 5:1). Paul writes, *I have begotten you with the gospel*"(1 Cot. 4:15) and *Faith cometh by hearing the word of God*"(Rom. 10:17). Thus do other apostles write, also: *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth.. Having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth*"(Jas. 1:18; I Pet. 1:23). It is by the word of God that we put our trust in Jesus Christ, are begotten of GOD (by the Spirit, Who gave us that word), and the process of spiritual birth is begun.

The gospel writings record many times, the necessity of REPENTANCE. Jesus said, *Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*"(Lk. 13:3). It is *godly sorrow*'that *worketh repentance unto salvation*"(2 Cot. 7:10), and that is an outgrowth of our faith in Jesus as the Christ. Just as there must be the "developing stage" that culminates in the bringing forth of new life, so it is in the spiritual realm. Because we trust in Jesus as both Savior and Lord, we turn from our sins. Without genuine repentance, there can be no new birth.

When we are *led by the Spirit*'we then submit to the Lord in BAPTISM. We are to be born of *water*" and *the Spirit*. 'It is not either, or: it is both! Because we trust Him, we seek to follow the Lord's injunction, *Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you*"(Acts 2:38), for we believe His promise, *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved*"(Mk. 16:16). When Philip preached to the Ethiopian, the man knew the importance of being *born of water and the Spirit*'and asked, *See, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?*"(Acts 8:36). The jailor at Philippi would neither eat nor sleep until *he was baptized, he and all his, immediately*"(Acts 16:33).

Look at how Paul describes the new birth in Rom. 6:3-6, *Are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life... Our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin.*" To be baptized into Christ means that we begin *newness of life*," as is expressed in 2 Cor. 5:17, *If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.*" That is the new birth! When one is led by the Spirit, through the word, to put his trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior, he then turns from sin and is baptized into Christ. He is thus *born of water and the Spirit.*" With the old man crucified, he then lives a new life: a life of righteousness in Christ.

Paul

ELDERS CORNER:

THE CHRISTIAN WARFARE

Christians need to always remember we are at war! Paul wrote, *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places”* (Ephesians 6:10-12).

Our war is not fought on a physical battlefield, but on a spiritual one. Therefore, we do not use physical weapons as Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, *“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”*

Our battles are fought in the arena of the mind. Note Paul’s use of the words knowledge and thought in the previous passage. One other thing must be kept in mind: the outcome involves the eternal destiny of each accountable person. How do we fight this war?

There are several ways we engage the enemy in this war, some involving large numbers of people at a time. One way is by public debate or discussion. Once this was a fairly common practice. Usually a debate brings out many people who can hear both sides of the issue and decide which is true. Gospel Meetings are another way to meet the enemy before large numbers. Vacation Bible School, seminars, and Bible Classes are all good means of battle. But there is another way God wants all Christians to meet the enemy; one on one.

Peter wrote to Christians facing persecution. In 3:15 he wrote to them to *“sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.”* The Greek word translated “give an answer” is translated from “defense” in Philippians 1:17. This, Peter writes, must be done in spirit of meekness and respect. This is not an optional matter for the Christian; God through Peter says we must do it. Does that mean we must be prepared to participate in a public debate? No. What it means is we must know what we believe and why, so we may tell others who ask why. Specifically, Peter wrote we must know why we have hope.

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2013

February 11 - Matt. 26:1-25
February 12 - Matt. 26:26-50
February 13 - Matt. 26:51-75
February 14 - Matt. 27:1-26



February 15 - Matt. 27:27-50
February 16 - Matt. 27:51-66
February 17 - Matt. 28

OUR SICK Please Remember In Your Prayers

Ronnie Knost was scheduled for surgery on Feb. 7th at the Baptist Hospital for a bulging disc.

Please remember the **Hoots' family** in your prayers as Bob is sick at this time.

Prayers are requested for **Edith Drews**, Mother of Karen Clemmons. She is scheduled for bladder surgery on February 11th at the Cape Fear Valley Hospital in Fayetteville.

Don Jackson is undergoing surgery regarding his pace maker on February 7th.

Remember **Jack and Joane Piper**. Joanne is in Room 9555 at the Forsyth Medical Center.

Paul Kirkpatrick, Neal Harper, Don Minor and Bob Hoots were able to be back at services last Sunday.

Please remember to pray for the upcoming Mission Trip to Nicaragua.

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those willing to deliver communion to Dot Pegram.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

What Money Will Buy

Money will buy a bed, but not a good night sleep. Money will buy books but not brains. It will buy food, but not an appetite. It will buy finery but not beauty. It will buy a house but not a home. Money will buy medicine but not health. It will buy amusement, but not happiness. Money will buy preaching but not truth. It will buy a new church building but not salvation for the soul. The very thing you cannot buy is a gift. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23

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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL THIS MORNING IS SPONSORED BY ZONE 2.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Feb. 10 - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 11 - Ladies Evening Sewing for Nicaragua at 7 p.m. at the home of Carmen Parker. Everyone invited.
Feb. 12 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua - 9 a.m. in the Annex. Everyone is invited.
Feb. 14 - "50 and Older Class" will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.
Feb. 23 - 30-50 olds to meet at the Thomason's home at 5:30 p.m.

AREA EVENTS:

Feb. 10 - Capernium Fellowship Mtg.
Feb. 23 - Ladies Day at the Cary Church of Christ.
Mar. 9 - Carolina Men's Fellowship
Mar. 16 - Ladies Day at South Stokes

See bulletin board for details

*See bulletin board for further information.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker	Elmer Laudenslager
Lutrelle Chipman	Dot Pegram
Gladys Harper	Joanne Piper
Eula Harper	Don Richards
Mary Holder	Eva Nelle Sidden

Please remember the shut-ins with cards, visits, and phone calls throughout the year whenever possible.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 3, 2013	149
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	193
Contribution for February 3, 2013	\$5,617
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	33
Chapters Read:	665
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	145
Wednesday Evening: February 6, 2013	119

Lord's Day Appointments - February 17, 2013

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Homer Holland	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Robbie Santiago
Song Leader - Joe Everett	Evening - David Prongay	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Randy Warner
Prayer - Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Steve Tesh	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>February:</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Gaye Carothers	Morning - Robin Hauser	Sherrill Stewart &	<i>Zone 3</i>
Evening - Betty Hoots	Evening - Linda Flinchum	Madelene Holbrook	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - February 17	Robbie Santiago
Wednesday: - February 20	Robbie Santiago

**Serving this Week: February 10, 2013*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Al Lawson	Scripture Reader a.m. - Jake Thomason
Scripture: Roger Allen	p.m. - Jason Allen	p.m. - Keith Warner
Song: Jason Cravy	Song Leaders: a.m. - Roger Allen	Nursery #1: a.m. - Rhonda Hardister
Prayer: Frank Shepard	p.m. - Jason Allen	p.m. - Jean Rose
	Wed. - Jason Allen	Nursery #2: a.m. - Sandy Warner
		p.m. - Nancy Minor

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
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“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
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason