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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

RICH IN MERCY

The word "grace" carries with it the idea that we are going to receive something from God that we do not deserve. We do not deserve forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 1:7). We do not deserve to be in Christ wherein are found all of God's rich spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3). We do not deserve the glory that shall be revealed in us when our bodies are changed at the resurrection (Romans 8:17-18). We do not deserve our eternal home in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9). And yet, we can be confident that we have received forgiveness of sins, are receiving tremendous spiritual blessings, will be changed into the glorious body, and will live in heaven with God someday. That confidence is not a confidence that is based within our own ability achieve and earn salvation, but rather in God's promises of grace, kindness, love, and mercy.

Let us always make sure that we continue to preach, teach, and practice what the Bible says regarding obedience and living for the Lord. If we don't obey God we will not be saved (Matthew 7:21-22). That means we must renew our minds to develop a spiritual focus that will cause us to love God, and desire to obey Him and live for Him every day (Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:16-23). When there is no effort to live for God there is no mercy (Hebrews 2:1-4; James 2:14-26). When there is no striving to obey God's commands there is no grace (Hebrews 5:8-9). However, let us make sure that we balance out our teaching regarding the importance and necessity of obedience with a strong emphasis on God's grace, kindness, love, and mercy.

Brethren, please think carefully about this. You don't deserve heaven, nor do I. In fact, no one does. You don't deserve salvation, or forgiveness, and never will, but no one does. The beauty of God's grace, love, kindness, and mercy is that He wants to give us that

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forgiveness and salvation anyway (1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). It is because of God's grace that we will be saved (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is not a grace that means we don't have to obey God (Ephesians 2:10; Romans 6). But it is a grace that ensures the salvation of those who, though struggling with the world, are working to overcome the world (1 John 1:3, 2:2). This is why we can confidently say we have eternal life (1 John 3:15). You see, we rest our hope fully upon the grace of God (1 Peter 1:13).

The love, grace, kindness, mercy, and compassion of God is spoken of in the Old Testament. "For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive, and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You" (Psalm 86:5). David also wrote, "But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth" (Psalm 86:15). Psalm 130:7 tells us that God has mercy and "abundant redemption." Isaiah 55:7 says that God has mercy and will "abundantly pardon."

In the New Testament, we are told that God has "abundant mercy," and is "rich in mercy" towards us (1 Peter 1:3; Ephesians 2:4). Paul spoke to the church at Ephesus about the riches of God's grace, and of how it is seen in His kindness (Ephesians 1:7; 2:7). When Paul wrote to Timothy he spoke of the fact that God's grace is "exceedingly abundant" (1 Timothy 1:4). It is this fact that accounts for the salvation of the murderous, blaspheming, violent, and bitter Saul. The Bible is clear. God has much grace and a lot of mercy.

Never use the grace of God as an excuse to sin (Romans 6:1). Never count the blood of the covenant by which you have been sanctified a common thing (Hebrews 10:29). And never insult the Spirit of grace by turning your back on God (Hebrews 10:29). But always remember, God is on your side if you are in Christ (Romans 8:1, 31). With God's help, you will overcome the world (1 John 5:4). With God's help you will be a super conqueror (Romans 8:37). By the grace of God, and because of his deep love, His abundant kindness, and the riches of His mercy you will receive your eternal inheritance (1 Peter 1)!

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

Sept. 10 - 2 Cor. 3
Sept. 11 - 2 Cor. 4
Sept. 12 - 2 Cor. 5
Sept. 13 - 2 Cor. 6



Sept. 14 - 2 Cor. 7
Sept. 15 - 2 Cor. 8
Sept. 16 - 2 Cor. 9



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Madelene Holbrook feels she is making gains in getting back her strength. She still has some health issues but is feeling better and able to get some exercise in short walks.

Nita Kirkland had a heart attack this past Sunday, Sept. 2nd, and is in the Forsyth Hospital, Room 6148. She will be having quadruple by-pass surgery on Monday, September 10th. She is very weak. Please pray for her and the doctors and nurses attending her.

Atha Clark has requested our prayers in her behalf.

Carolyn Griffin has informed us that her mother, **Hazel Bailey**, is unresponsive and appears to have had a stroke. Carolyn has requested prayers for her mother and the family. Her mother is 102 years young.

Roger Allen is undergoing a great deal of pain from a damaged vertebrae and pinched nerve that requires him to be immobile as much as possible to reduce the inflammation. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Allyssa Southern suffered heat exhaustion after two tennis matches this past Tuesday. She had to go to the ER and received fluids. Some kidney stress and muscle damage. These should correct in time. Prayers and cards, please. She is at home now.

A friend of Joann Landry, **“Rocky”** has prostate cancer and was to go to Florida this past Thursday for surgery next week. He has requested prayers that all will go well. Thank you.

Please pray for **Brandon Rowell**, the grandson of Sue Bostic. He was in a motorbike accident and is in serious condition.

Ian Quinn: Family member is struggling, please keep them in your prayers.

David Nowlin, an elder at the Waverly church of Christ in TN is home from the hospital. He still needs prayers.

~Placed Membership~

We welcome **Ian and Savannah Quinn** into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. The Quinn's address is: 5490 Walkertown Landing Circle, Apt. 103, Walkertown, NC 27051. Telephone: **Ian's phone number:** 770-633-2581 and **Savannah's phone number:** 678-863-3608.

~In Sympathy~

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Kim Sheets**, who passed away on Tuesday, September 4th. The funeral will be held this afternoon (September 9th) at the Warners Chapel Church of Christ. **Friends & Family Visitation at 2 p.m. and Graveside Service at 3 p.m. for all.**



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. 18 - A New Tuesday Evening Class will begin on Sept. 18th from 7-8 p.m. and will be an Old Testament Overview. Kevin will be teaching the class.

Area Events:

Sept. 9-12 - Gospel Meeting at the Marion church of Christ. Brother Burt Jones will be the speaker.

Sept. 29 - Annual Youth Day at the Highland Acres church of Christ. RSVP - Sept. 15th.

See Bulletin board for further information

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **September:**

“Cereal”

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

Please note:

The Peru Newsletter is available on the credenza in the foyer.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - September 2, 2018	115
Sunday Worship Service	
Contribution for September 2, 2018	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	37
Chapters Read:	523
Sunday Evening Worship Service	
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Sept. 5, 2018	110

Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For September:

Al Lawson

Jim Harrison Tim Harper

Mike Cooper

Mindy Santiago

Joe Everett

Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - September 16, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Roger Allen	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Neal Harper		Wed. - Don Minor	

Greeters for September:

Andy & Mindy Santiago

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - September 16 ~ Gene Southern

Wednesday: - September 19 ~ Gene Southern

Lord's Day Appointments - September 9, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Brad Hoots	Morning - Don Minor	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Joe Everett	Evening - Steve Martin	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Shawn Thomason
Prayer - Kevin Rutherford		Wed. - Roger Allen	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Sept. 9 ~ Gene Ruark

Wednesday: - Sept. 12 ~ Gene Ruark

Greeters for September:

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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

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
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