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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

JUNE 10, 2018

ARE SOME SINS WORSE THAN OTHERS?

Pope Gregory the Great made up a list of sins in the sixth century which he named the seven deadly sins. This list was compromised of pride, envy, lust, anger, gluttony, greed, and sloth. But we do not recognize the Roman Catholic Pope as the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18). Nor do we believe that he has any authority whatsoever to authorize church doctrine. That power belongs to Jesus Christ and Him alone (Colossians 3:17). These were simply sins that Pope Gregory the Great named as the seven deadly sins based on his own personal feelings and judgments. These are not named by God in the Scriptures as the seven deadly sins.

We reject Pope Gregory the Great's view that the sins listed are worse than others simply because he named them as such. We know that any sin that is not washed away by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ is a sin that will cause a person to be lost (Romans 6:23). From that standpoint, we could say that no sin is worse than another. However, there are degrees of punishment in hell (2 Peter 2:20-22). There is greater punishment for some sins than there is for others. Therefore, some sins are in fact worse than others. In the context of 2 Peter two there is the discussion of Christians who go back into the world. We are told it will be worse for them than for those who never knew Christ at all.

While Jesus Christ walked this earth, He spoke of a sin that was worse than other sins. Regarding those Jewish cities that would reject the message of the apostles, Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!" (Matthew 10:15). The people of Sodom were known for their sexual immorality (Jude 7). We know that at least for those who tried to break into Lot's house that sexual immorality included homosexuality (Genesis 19).

Consider Jesus' condemnation of the cities of Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum who are exalted to heaven, will be

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brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.” (Matthew 11:21-24) Jesus speaks here of ancient pagan cities God destroyed. God saw that the wickedness of these cities was so great His perfect, holy, and divine judgment could no longer allow them to continue. Yet, those cities which rejected Christ even after being eyewitnesses to the miraculous power of Jesus Christ will be in a worse situation on the day of judgment. Therefore, their sin is worse than that of the ancient pagan cities mentioned by Christ.

In Matthew chapter 12, Jesus Christ was accused of performing miracles by the power of Satan. Attributing the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit to Satan even as Jesus Christ performed miracles, was a terrible sin. The context indicates it was a sin most certainly worse than others. Jesus said, “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.” (Matthew 12:31-32) It is hard to imagine how someone could read this passage and not conclude that some sins are worse than others.

While it is true that any unforgiven sin will cause a person to be lost, it is also true that some sins will receive a greater punishment than others. When we stay with what Jesus said regarding which sins are worse than others we know are in good company. We do need to be very careful about determining which sins are worse than others apart from what Jesus said. This word of caution is especially important in determining how sins are addressed. Yet, I wonder what Christian would say that cheating on your spouse is no worse than cheating on a high school exam. However, only one of those has the potential to destroy a home, and the home is the basic building block of all society. Most certainly the earthly consequences is the basic building block of all society. Most certainly the earthly consequences of some sins are worse than others. But we have also seen from the words of Christ that the eternal consequences are worse for some sins than they are for others.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



PLACED MEMBERSHIP:

We are pleased to welcome Aldine and Betty Cloud into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. The Cloud's address is: 1290 Millerwood Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Phone: 336-768-2587.

Please add them to your directory.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

June 11 - John 19:23-42
June 12 - John 20
June 13 - John 21
June 14 - Acts 1



June 15 - Acts 2:1-21
June 16 - Acts 2:22-47
June 17 - Acts 3



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for **Mary Ellen Dull, DJ Harrison, Nita Kirkland, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Claude Pharr.**

Nita Kirkland underwent back surgery on June 7th and it was reported to have went well. She is presently in Room 7171 at the Forsyth Hospital and is expected to be there for about four days.

Samuel Woodbury's surgery went well. Thank you for your prayers as he continues to recover.

Baby Tucker Southern had an allergic reaction to Amoxicillin recently and was not feeling well.

Kathleen Warner's cousin, **David Prudhomme**, was placed on the liver transplant list and days later received a new liver. He continues to improve. Please pray that he continues to heal and for the family of the donor.

Bobby Tyson, the son-in-law of Jeannie's sister, Ada, is on a heart transplant list. Please pray for Bobby's condition and that a donor will be found.

Wayne Hutchins' brother, **Jarvis Hutchins**, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and lymph gland cancer. They have not started treatment yet. Please pray for him.

Renee Morgan (Madelene Holbrook's niece) will be having more surgery at the Duke Medical Center in the near future. Please remember her in prayer.

Carol Parker, a friend of Jessica Edwards, has been given 6 months to live, "barring a miracle" according to her doctor. She has iron deposits in her liver that require weekly blood-letting. Please pray for her.

Richard Allen, Savannah Quinn's grandfather, is in the ICU with various health issues. Please keep him in your prayers.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Kim Matthews

Ernestine Martin
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

39 Items were delivered to the Food Pantry this past week which makes a total of 930 items delivered in 2018. Thank you!!

The suggested items for the month of JUNE is:
Oatmeal/Grits



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:

The weekly Thursday, 50 and Over Class has been cancelled for the summer months.

June 24 - There will be a celebration get-together and covered dish meal in honor of the Warners Chapel Graduates of 2018 in the Annex following the morning worship service. Those to be honored are: **Emily Hinson, Holly Hauser, Andrew Hinson, Amber Minor, Tara Roy, Mary Tesh and Todd Hinson. EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

June 22-23 - There will be a Youth Retreat at the home of Joe and Eva Everett. Just like last year, this will be open to everyone in the congregation. Although this is considered a youth event, everyone in the congregation is encouraged to attend. You will need to bring your own tents, sleeping bags, lawn chairs, hammocks, etc., if you plan on spending the night, or you can leave and come back the next morning. There will be a **short meeting with the parents on Sunday, June 10th** directly after the AM worship service. More details to follow.

Area Events:

June 17 - 20 - Gospel Meeting at the Capernaum church of Christ. Speaker: **Bro. H. Clay Williams** of the North Glenn Heights church of Christ

See Bulletin board for further information

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - June 3, 2018	153
Sunday Worship Service	189
Contribution for June 3, 2018	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	44
Chapters Read:	608
Sunday Evening Worship Service	122
Wed. Evening Bible Study - June 6, 2018	104

Lord's Day Appointments For June, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For June:

Caleb Rutherford

Bill Carothers Steve Martin
Jason Allen
Mary Anne Allen
Roger Allen
John Allen

Preparing Communion for June:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - June 17, 2018

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - John Allen
Song Leader - Gene Southern
Prayer - Neal Harper

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Clayton Workman
Evening - David Elam

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Gene Southern
P.M. - Wayne Allen
Wed. - Don Minor

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Bill Carothers
P.M. - Shawn Thomason

Greeters for June:

Rodney & Teresa Brown

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - June 17 ~ Gene Southern
Wednesday: - June 20 ~ Gene Southern

Lord's Day Appointments - June 10, 2018

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - Brad Hoots
Song Leader - Joe Everett
Prayer - Kevin Rutherford

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Carl Cooper
Evening - Steve Martin

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Nathan Roy
P.M. - Clayton Workman
Wed. - Roger Allen

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Dwight Barringer
P.M. - Clayton Workman

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - June 10 ~ Gene Ruark
Wednesday: - June 13 ~ Gene Ruark

Greeters for June:

Rodney & Teresa Brown

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

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner	Gene Southern	Shawn Thomason
Keith Warner	Mark Roy	Adam Warner
Andy Santiago	Jacob Woodbury	
Mark Minor		
Jason Allen		
Jody Everett		