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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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God’s Hand and Ear

Their hands were defiled with blood. Their fingers were defiled with iniquity. Their lips had spoken lies. Their tongues had uttered perversity. They did not care for justice or truth, but rather they trusted in empty words and spoke lies. They were always looking for ways to commit sin and other acts of violence. Their feet were quick to run to evil, and they loved to shed innocent blood. They left misery and destruction in their paths and had no knowledge for, or desire for peace or justice. This may sound like a description of some of the people that live on the earth in the twenty-first century, but it is actually a description of people living in the eighth century BC. This is Isaiah’s description of the condition of the Jewish nation as it was in his day (Isaiah 59:3-8).

Contemplating the character of such people may make it difficult for us to understand how such people could ever be saved. The reality is that this nation continued to decline until God’s justice demanded judgment in the form of national punishment. However, this does not take away from the fact that God could have saved these people, would have saved these people, and wanted to save these people. Yet, God would not remove their free-will to choose whether or not to repent. So, He sent prophet after prophet to them to encourage them to return to Him.

God’s ability to save even such horribly wicked people is emphasized in Isaiah 59:1-2. This is the same context in which the above description of the people is given. Isaiah says, “the LORD’s hand is not shortened that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.” God would still save them if they would come back to Him. God would hear their cries for forgiveness and mercy if they would return to Him. He was willing to save them but they

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had pushed themselves away from God. Isaiah told them their sin had pushed God away. He could have saved them but they refused to be saved.

They refused to listen to God's sweet message of forgiveness, grace, mercy, kindness, long-suffering, and love. Hear it in these words, "Come now and let us reason together, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient..." (Isaiah 1:18-19).

Though we live under a new and better covenant, God has never changed. The fundamental principles by which He works with man and responds to man have not changed. God still wants to save, and has the power to save the most wicked of all people, but they must choose to humbly submit to His will. God's hand is not shortened that it cannot reach out to them and save them if they will repent. God's ear is not heavy that it cannot hear their cries for mercy and forgiveness if they will repent.

Do not stray from God. But, if you do stray from God do not think that you cannot come back to Him. Do not think that He does not love you and want to save you. But do know that you must humble yourself to do His will and live for Him if you want to receive His forgiveness and our salvation. "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it can not save, nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

~ Kevin Rutherford



HOW CAN I MAKE My FAITH STRONGER?

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." - 1 Peter 2:5

As we have entered a New Year, each of us should examine ourselves to determine whether or not we are "lively stones" that are part of a spiritual house. If we are not seeking to do God's will by being present with the other "stones" and participating actively in the work of the church, can we really be considered "lively stones". If we are haphazard in our service to God, never giving up anything personally in time or resources, are we offering "spiritual sacrifices" or just passing on the crumbs that fall from our tables? Think on these things and resolve to more pleasing to God in the New Year.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

January 11 - Matthew 8:18-34
January 12 - Matthew 9:1-17
January 13 - Matthew 9:18-38
January 14 - Matthew 10:1-20



January 15 - Matthew 10:21-42
January 16 - Matthew 11
January 17 - Matthew 12:1-23

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Elwood Flinchum, Abby Little, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lundgren, Larry Hayes, Melvin Sapp, Caleb Massey, Terry Wood, Laurie Courtemanche, Edith Allen, Debbie & Gene Southern, Martha Kee, and Gaye Ruark, Debbie Southern, Sandy Smith, and Lois Allen, Donna Duncan's daughter, Angela and grandson, Michael Leone, Jesse Kollar's son, Eden.

Continue to pray for Tim, John and Jason Allen who have the COVID-19 Virus. They are reported to be doing better at this time. Continue to pray for them.

Prayer Requests: Aldines Cloud's mother, **Sarah Hairston**, was taken to the hospital recently for abdominal pain. She was tested for COVID-19 and was negative. Her condition is not known as this time.

Sandra Church's cousin, **Laura Heame**, has the COVID Virus and also reported to be improving at this time. She lives in New Bern and a member of the Croatan church of Christ. Please keep her in your prayers. Also, Sandra Church's daughter-in-law's father has contracted the COVID-19 Virus. Please pray for them.

Don Minor was reported to be having some problems with his eyesight at this time.

Jack Piper was reported to be ill this past week. He is feeling much better at this time.

Mindy and Andy are quarantined to be safe since Mindy has experienced some problems with the sense of smell which is one of the symptoms of the COVID virus.

Jimmy Ruark has come down with COVID-19 and has resulted in Gene and Gaye going into quarantine at this time to be safe.

Carl Cooper recently sprained his ankle and has to stay off of it for some time.

Please pray for my daughter, **Lisa Stuart**, who was diagnosed with COVID-19 on January 5th after undergoing surgery on December 30th. She and her husband had been quarantined for 14 days before her surgery and after. Her husband, Chris, has also come down with the virus. — Faye Kirschenman

~IN SYMPATHY~

*Our sympathy goes out to **Kaylon Rutherford and family** in the recent death of her grandfather. Please keep the family in your prayers.*

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.

February 5, 6, & 7 - Pictures will be taken in the Annex for a new directory. There is a schedule on the table for times on Feb. 5-7 for you to get signed up for an appointment. Mike and Teresa Glenn will be taking the pictures.

HOUSE TO HOUSE REACHING THE LOST - UPDATES

It has always thrilled my heart to hear of the hundreds of baptisms missionaries report overseas mission works. I have heard many excuses over the years—America's materialism, infidelity, prosperity, immorality, and plain apathy. Satan has done a good job beating down the church in America and making us believe evangelism does not work here. So, is it true that Christians have lost the war in America? I am thankful to report that the answer is a resounding "No." the proof is seen in the results of HTHSOE in 2020.

During the past year, HTHSOE has trained 32 congregations in 36 weeks. We crisscrossed states from Idaho to New Hampshire and Texas to Florida. There have been a total of 370 baptisms reported in congregations we have trained. No, this did not happen in India or Africa - It happened in our country, and that during COVID.

If you want a COVID-friendly strategy for growth, please contact HTHSOE, and we will get you started. Do not let COVID paralyze your efforts to grow. Do not be satisfied with keeping the aquarium; Start Fishing for Men!

All things are possible with God. HTHSOE trained more congregations and recorded more baptisms in 2020 than in 2019. We provide a complete strategy for success from A to Z on reaching the lost in your local community. The model has been proven; now we are ready to multiply it by growing the school. With each passing month, the school becomes more effective as congregations work together to develop local strategies for success. We have some exciting developments underway for 2021. We continue to ask for your prayers and support. Stay tuned. *HTHSOE—House to House School of Evangelism

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR JANUARY 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY -

Sunday, January 3 & Wednesday, January 6	- Gene Southern
Sunday, January 10 & Wednesday, January 13	- Brad Hoots
Sunday, January 17 & Wednesday, January 20	- Brad Hoots
Sunday, January 24 & Wednesday, January 27	- Gene Southern
Sunday, January 31 & Wednesday, February 3	- Todd Hinson

CLOSING PRAYER TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU PRIOR TO SERVICE BEGINNING ALONG WITH MAKING SURE ALL MEN SCHEDULED ARE REMINDED OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

COMMUNION FOR JANUARY: Allan Knight

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JANUARY:

SUNDAY - a.m.

Jan. 3rd - David Queen

Jan. 10th - Tim Allen

Jan. 17th - R. J. Landry

Jan. 24th - D.C. Mock

Jan. 31st - Carl Cooper

WEDNESDAY - p.m.

Jan. 6th - Bob Tesh

Jan. 13th - Don Minor

Jan. 20th - Kevin Rutherford

Jan. 27th - Adam Warner

SONG LEADERS FOR JANUARY:

SUNDAY - a.m.

January 3rd - Wayne Allen
January 10th - Clayton Workman
January 17th - Roger Allen
January 24th - Charley Belch
January 31st - Wayne Allen

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BUILDING SECURITY: OPENING, SETTING UP FOR TEMPS, AND LOCKING BUILDING:
SUNDAY AM OPEN BY 10:10, PM BY 5:25, AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:25

FOR THE MONTH MAIN BUILDING: Gene Ruark and Mark Roy

FOR THE ANNEX: Mark Minor

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE OR CONTACT GENE SOUTHERN AT 336-575-4233.

“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
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

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