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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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The Irony of Justice

The Book of Esther is the tremendous historical account of the remarkable Jew, Mordecai, and his courageous niece, Esther. It is a book that shows us that while God allows people the freedom to make their own choices, He continues to work providentially to take care of his people. In the Book of Esther we see an Agagite who served as a high-ranking official in the Persian government doing his best to destroy the Jewish people. Haman's hatred for the Jews brought him to the point of such bitterness he was willing to see innocent babies, children, women, and men slaughtered just so that he could enjoy revenge on one man.

That one man was Mordecai. Mordecai was a Jew serving in the Persian king's palace who refused to bow before Haman. Haman's arrogance led him to plot the destruction of the Jews to get back at Mordecai. Haman thought his revenge would come sweetly and swiftly, with a law enacted that would provide for wide-spread slaughter of the Jews living in the one hundred and twenty Persian provinces. He even decided to build a gallows to hang Mordecai upon so that he could enjoy retribution in a more personal way. Lust for power and unbridled arrogance are what drove this powerful political figure to seek blood-thirsty vengeance.

Little did Haman know the woman chosen to be queen was also a Jew and more importantly was Mordecai's niece. Mordecai was the one who raised Esther, and his tremendous love and care for her is evident through the book. Esther was placed in a powerful position of influence because of her marriage to the Persian King Ahasuerus. When Haman's plot was made known to Esther, she was encouraged to approach the king on behalf of her people. This was not without risk. If the king had not called for her to come before him he could have had her killed. He chose instead to listen to her. She made request of the king to attend a banquet she would like to serve in his honor and asked the king to bring Haman. Haman thought himself quite special, and highly honored to be asked along with the king. However, Haman's plotting was revealed to the king on the second night of the banqueting.

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When Haman's plot was revealed, the king was very angry. He stepped outside to contemplate the news. While he did so, Haman pleaded with Esther for his life and in the process fell onto Esther's couch. The king walked back in the room and at that time and thought Haman was trying to force Esther. This enraged the king further, at which time one of the king's servants, mentioned to the king that Haman had built a gallows for Mordecai. The king ordered Haman to be hanged on that gallows.

The hanging of Haman upon the gallows he had built for Mordecai is ironic. It is also an example of justice being brought to the wicked. There are numerous examples of "the irony of justice," throughout the book of Esther. The first occurred when Haman was commanded by the king to honor Mordecai. Mordecai had saved the king's life by uncovering an assassination attempt. The king had asked Haman how to honor a man, and Haman immediately thought he was the one to be honored. So Haman told the king exactly how he wanted to be honored at which point the king commanded Haman to carry out those honors for Mordecai.

Another example of the irony of justice in the book of Esther has to do with the king's ring. The king's ring was used as a signet to issue the royal stamp of authority on decrees. Haman had used that ring to make his evil decree against the Jews into a law. The king gave that ring to Mordecai when Haman was killed. Mordecai use the ring to signify royal authority on the decree that was sent out in order to save the lives of the Jewish people. Haman must have treasured that ring and the power it gave him. Little could he have imagined it would be given to the man he hated so much.

The irony of the justice does not end there. The Persian king put Haman's house under the ownership and authority of Queen Esther, after Haman was hanged. Esther then put Mordecai in charge of the house. The term "house" or "household," typically references all that a person owns including servants, etc. Haman was a very wealthy and very powerful man. He lost all of that and his life because of his pride. With great irony, it all went into the hands of the man he hated so much.

The Book of Esther shows us that even while Haman was allowed the free-will to choose to plot and plan in evil ways, God was providentially putting people into place that could choose to act courageously in defeating Haman. God brought justice against Haman over and over again. God can bring down the wicked no matter how wealthy, how powerful, how influential, how hateful, or how arrogant they may be. God brought justice and judgment to Haman. God will do the same for all such people on the final Day of Judgment, if not sooner.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

Oct. 25 - 1 Tim. 5
Oct. 26 - 1 Tim. 6
Oct. 27 - 2 Tim. 1
Oct. 28 - 2 Tim. 2



Oct. 29 - 2 Tim. 3
Oct. 30 - 2 Tim. 4
Oct. 31 - Titus 1

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Austin Workman, Tony Minor, Roger Allen, D.J. Harrison, Nikki Santiago, John & Stephanie Ransom, Ronnie Knost, Sandy Smith, Lorie Bob Woodbury, Johnny Allen, Elwood Flinchum, Jeff Chrysson, Eddie Manor and his wife and son, Jack Piper, Mary Ellen Dull, Kim Matthews, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson.

Jason Allen was scheduled for a medical procedure last week but was postponed. He is in recovery.

Andy Santiago's cousins, both **Julie and Phillip Moxley** have Covid. Please keep them in your prayers.

Julia Tesh has come down with COVID and is staying with Steve and Cindy during recovery. Please pray for her,

Nikki Santiago underwent surgery this past Thursday which was reported to have gone well. They have sent tissue to pathology, and should have results about a week. Nikki will be in the hospital 3-4 days. All of the many prayers, calls and texts have been so appreciated. Please continue to pray for us. Andy, Mindy and Nikki.

Johnny Allen Update: "Johnny is now off the ventilator - they have installed a speaking port to try to help him to talk. He is responding to questions and they will try to start him on some type of solid food next week. Prayers work and have been answered."

Dwight Barringer's brother-in-law passed away from Covid on October 16th. Please pray for this family.

Sandy Smith was discharged from the Forsyth Medical Center recently. Sandy's address is Room 5E -21, Select Specialty Hospital - Greensboro, 1200 N. Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401. Cards and prayers would be appreciated. Visiting hours are 11-6 with one visitor per day.

Rhonda Hardister's daughter-in-law's sister, **Tiffany Robertson**, passed away this past Tuesday. Please remember this family in your prayers.

Please keep **Diane Barger** in your prayers. She is in Stage 3 of Ovarian Cancer and will be starting on chemo. Her address is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. She is Terrie Thomason's mother and lives in Idaho.

Jeff Chrysson Update: Jeff had laparoscopic surgery on Tuesday so the doctor could determine if he was going to need extensive surgery. The doctor saw no evidence of cancer, so they are waiting to see what the doctors think will be the correct path going forward. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. If you would like to send him a card, his address is 5930 La Sierra Drive, Pfafftown, NC 27040.

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:

November 6 - Chicken Stew at 6 PM

November 7-10 - Gospel Meeting. Speaker: BJ Clarke - Theme: God's Answers to Men's Questions About End Times"

**December 3-5 - Youth Rally
Speaker: Eric Lyons - Theme: "Scripture, Science and Common Sense: Three votes for God"**

Adults are encouraged to attend!

WARNERS CHAPEL YOUTH

Adam Warner and Jason Allen would like to know if any of the young people at Warners Chapel would like to see a Wake Forest Soccer game on Oct. 29th. If you are interested, see Adam or Jason.

A Youth Devotional on October 30th is being planned. Details have not been decided yet.

~In Sympathy~

*Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Jewell Clark Holder** (wife of Robert J. Holder who had passed away in 1966) Jewell moved to Wilmington, NC following her husband's death. She passed away recently and her grave-side funeral was held this past Monday at Warners Chapel Cemetery. Please remember her family in your prayers.*

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY	October 17, 2021	-
SUNDAY WORSHIP -A.M.	October 17, 2021	- 130
SUNDAY WORSHIP -P.M.	October 17, 2021	-
WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	October 20, 2021	- 86

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

OCTOBER, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: CARL COOPER

COMMUNION FOR SEPTEMBER: TODD HINSON

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Oct. 3 - Allen Cooper
Oct. 10 - Mark Minor
Oct. 17 - Jacob Woodbury
Oct. 24 - Rodney Brown
Oct. 31 - Johnny Spillman

SONG LEADER

Nathan Roy
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Roy
Kevin Rutherford
David Moore
Mike Glenn

OPENING PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Oct. 3 - David Shoaf
Oct. 10 - Rodney Brown
Oct. 17 - Aldine Cloud
Oct. 24 - Wayne Allen
Oct. 31 - Charley Belch

SUNDAY P.M.

Oct. 3 - D.C. Mock
Oct. 10 - David Queen
Oct. 17 - Tim Allen
Oct. 24 - Adam Warner
Oct. 31 -

WEDNESDAY

Oct. 6 - Bob Tesh
Oct. 13 - Allen Knight
Oct. 20 - Brad Hoots
Oct. 27 - Justin Little

SECURITY AND GREETING: RICHARD HAMMON & GENE SOUTHERN

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

SONG LEADERS FOR OCTOBER:

SUNDAY A.M.

Oct. 3 - Wayne Allen
Oct. 10 - Nathan Roy
Oct. 17 - Gene Southern
Oct. 24 - Charley Belch
Oct. 31 - Clayton Workman

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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“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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Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
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Jody Everett

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