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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

APRIL 22, 2018

ENDURING PERSECUTION

By Caleb J. Rutherford

How many times have you been discouraged? How many times have you been down in the dumps because of the way you are treated for being a Christian? So many times, those who are members of the Lord's body are mistreated because they act differently than the world. They are persecuted because they dress modestly, because they speak without swearing, because they do not tell inappropriate jokes, because they do not participate in parties, the list could keep going. Recorded in 2 Timothy 3:12 are these words, "*yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.*" If we are living a righteous and godly life, persecution will come our way.

So many people today want to fit in with the world, and they do not want to stand out. They are afraid of being different and not being accepted in today's society. They are afraid of being treated differently by their peers, their friends, their colleagues, and sometimes even by members of their own family. There are people, some even Christians, who are willing to compromise their faith and their Christianity so they do not have to face persecution. That is wrong and sinful.

There are so many examples throughout the New Testament of Christians being persecuted. The Apostles in Acts 5. They have been preaching the sweet name of our Savior, and they are beaten for doing just that. They were following the very

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commands of the very One they followed for three years, and they were persecuted for doing that. The Apostle Paul suffered so many different things for the cause of Christ after his conversion, which is recorded in Acts 9. If you notice 2 Corinthians 11:22-27, he records different accounts of his persecutions. Paul suffered so much for his Lord.

If we live a righteous life, we will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12). But regardless of the earthly circumstances, we must stay faithful. John 15:15-18 talks about the world hating Christians. There are those who hate Christians, but we are not of this world (vs. 19). When the persecution comes, we must not compromise, *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”* (Matthew 5:44). We must pray for those who persecute us, and also pray for ourselves. Recorded in Acts 12:5 is the church praying for Peter while he was in prison. David looked to the Lord in his time of need (Psalm 142:5).

We have a reward waiting for us if we endure the persecution that comes our way. 1 Corinthians 9:24 talks about running a race, and that we run so we may obtain. Some might ask, obtain what? A prize. That is for what we are striving, and that prize is Heaven (Luke 6:23). When persecutions arise, remember Matthew 10:28 *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

April 23 - Luke 17:1-19
April 24 - Luke 17:20-37
April 25 - Luke 18:1-23
April 26 - Luke 18:24-43



April 27 - Luke 19:1-27
April 28 - Luke 19:28-48
April 29 - Luke 20:1-26



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Prayers have been requested in behalf of **Robin Gau**, who has recently been diagnosed with throat cancer.

Please continue to pray for **Nita Kirkland**. She continues to have hip problems.

~ CONGRATULATIONS ~

To **Thomas and Samantha Rose** on the birth of their son, **Carter Grant Rose**, born on April 12, 2018, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 21 inches long. Also congratulations to **Tommy Rose**, Grandfather and **Lorie Rose**, Aunt. Best wishes to all.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin

Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser

It was reported that **Mildred Barker's** health is in decline at this time.

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of **April** are:
Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, soap

2018 Nicaragua Medical Mission June 15-23

Currently, we have ten members from Warners Chapel planning to participate in the campaign in Granada, Nicaragua. Each member has already contributed \$500 to commit to the trip. The ladies will also be sewing dresses for the team to distribute. Please continue to pray for this effort.

PLEASE NOTE:

The latest Peru Newsletter is on the credenza in the foyer for those who do not have internet access.

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:

April 22 - There will be a Ladies Day follow-up mtg. Following morning worship service.

April 24 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

April 26 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Apr. 28 - Youth Outing to Carowinds Amusement Park. Although this is a youth outing, all in the congregation are invited to come as well. There is a sign-up sheet on the Youth Board, so please sign-up and indicate how many tickets you will need. You MUST sign up by **Sunday, April 22nd** if you want to come. It is imperative that you write a check made out to Warners Chapel by **Sunday, April 22nd** and give it to **Caleb** so the order form for the tickets can be sent in.

May 19-20 - Senior Rally. The Speaker will be **Rod Rutherford.6**

AREA EVENTS:

Apr. 22-26 - Spring Gospel Meeting at the Rockhill church of Christ. Guest Speakers.

Apr. 22-25 - Gospel Mtg. at Liledoun church of Christ

Speaker: Derek H. Franklin - Crawford church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC.

May 5 - Ladies Day at Northwest church of Christ
Theme: "Soothe Your Soul" Speaker: **Jonee' Lewis** from WXII News. 8:30-1:00.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 15, 2018	128
Sunday Worship Service	166
Contribution for April 15, 2018	\$7,865
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	506
Sunday Evening Worship Service	
Wed. Evening Bible Study - April 18, 2018	94

Lord's Day Appointments For April, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For April:

Clayton Workman

Gene Southern Dwight Barringer
Shawn Thomason
Laura Cooper
Todd Hinson
Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for April:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - April 29, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Randy Warner	Morning - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader - Gene Southern	Evening - Rodney Brown	P.M. - Youth Lead Service	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Caleb Rutherford		Wed. - Walter Cruz	

Greeters for April:

Mike and Laura Cooper

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 29 ~ Todd Hinson
Wednesday: - May 2 ~ Todd Hinson

Lord's Day Appointments - April 22, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Robby Landry	Morning - Jim Harrison	A.M. - Charley Belch	A.M. - Clayton Workman
Song Leader - Steve Tesh	Evening - Mark Roy	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Dwight Barringer
Prayer - Al Lawson		Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Tim A.	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 22 ~ Mark Roy
Wednesday: - April 25 ~ Mark Roy

Greeters for April:

Mike & Laura Cooper

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

DEACONS

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury