

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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GOD SEES THE HEART

Jeremiah describes God as the LORD of hosts,: who "judges righteously, testing the mind and the heart" (Jeremiah 11:20). The word "LORD" in all caps translates the Hebrew YHWH. We most often pronounce it as "Yahweh." It is the word which is most closely associated with a name for God, and it references His eternal self-existent nature. When Jeremiah says, God is LORD of hosts, the "hosts," or armies Jeremiah speaks of are likely the armies of angels that God has created. The Self-Existent Creator, who commands an innumerable army of angels, always judges righteously because He can test the mind and the heart. God sees the hearts of men and women.

God says, "the heart is deceitful above all, and desperately wicked who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings" (Jeremiah 17:9, 10). God looks into the heart of every person. God sees into the mind of every individual. God knows the actions and behavior of every single person, and He judges accordingly. No one will escape the fair, just, perfect, and holy judgment of God. No one can hide who they are inside or what they do outwardly from God. God knows it all and God sees it all. God sees the heart.

When people have evil hearts, God sees it, and He wants them to wash their hearts from wickedness (Jeremiah 4:14). God wants the wicked to turn to Him with the "whole heart" (Jeremiah 3:10). But so many times the wicked have defiant and rebellious hearts that refuse to show God any reverence (Jeremiah 5:23-24). Such individuals will always rebel against God because the are determined to follow the dictates and evil imaginations of their own hearts (Jeremiah 11:8). Those who follow the dictates of their own evil hearts will grow

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successfully worse with each generation, and will utterly refuse to listen to God (Jeremiah 16:12). But God sees their hearts, and He will hold them accountable. When people have hearts that are devoted to covetousness, shedding innocent blood, and practicing oppression and violence, God sees that and will punish them accordingly (Jeremiah 22:17).

When people have evil hearts, they will trust in lying words (Jeremiah 7:4 8). When people have hearts filled with evil they will become dangerous hypocrites (Jeremiah 7:9-10). When people have evil hearts they will turn away from all that is good, right, and true so that they can give themselves over to foolishness and wickedness (Jeremiah 7:17-18). Such people will put themselves in danger of receiving the fury of God's anger (Jeremiah 7:19-20). When people have evil hearts they will not incline their ears to God, but rather continue to follow "the counsels and dictates of their own evil hearts" (Jeremiah 7:23-24). When people have evil hearts truth will perish from all they say (Jerimiah 7:28). They will not be valiant for truth (Jeremiah 9:3), they will deceive their neighbors, and they will train their tongues to speak lies" (Jeremiah 9:5).

Denying truth, opposing good, and speaking lies is the typical behavior of those who have evil hearts. Some such individuals refer to this behavior as "progressive." In reality it is digressive. It takes people backward and not forward. God says, "Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward" (Jeremiah 7:24). God sees right into hearts like this. God knows the mind of the people who think like this. God will hold them accountable.

God sees the hearts of people. God knows when those hearts are evil, and will bring justice accordingly. So, let us have hearts filled with the Word of God (Jeremiah 20:9). Hearts so filled with the Word of God that the word becomes like a fire burning in our bones which must come out (Jeremiah 20:9). Let us develop within ourselves a heart of trust in the Lord. God says, "blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is in the LORD. For He shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit" (Jeremiah 7:7-8).

God sees the hearts. What does he see in yours?

Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

January 18 - Matthew 12:24-50 January 19 - Matthew 13:1-30 January 20 - Matthew 13:31-58 January 21 - Matthew 14:1-21



January 22 - Matthew 14:22-36 January 23 - Matthew 15:1-20 January 24 - Matthew 15:21-39

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, Gene & Gaye Ruark, Debbie Southern, Sandy Smith, Lois Allen, Donna Duncan's daughter, Angela and grandson, Michael Leone, Jesse Kollar's son, Eden.

Tim Allen is still weak from his COVID, but feeling better. **Lois** tested positive on Wed., Jan. 6th. She is doing okay according to Tim but also weak. Both them and their families need our prayers.

Randy and Linda Warner's young granddaughter, **Elizabeth**, has COVID-19. Please keep her in your prayers.

Mindy and Andy Santiago have been in quarantine this past week because Mindy may have caught the virus having some possible symptoms of the virus. Remember Mindy and Andy in your prayers.

Update for the Cloud Family: Aldine's mother, Sara Hairston, is doing better and is back at the assisted living home. Their son and family are staying at their Troutman home. Thanks for the many calls, emails and donations. Keep them in your prayers—Aldine and Betty Cloud.

Donna Duncan's daughter is getting better recovering from the COVID-19 virus.

Also, Sandra Church's family members are doing better at this time recovering from COVID-19.

Jimmy Ruark is reported to be doing well in his recovery from COVID and Gene and Gaye are doing well and did not come down with COVID-19.

Carl & Doris Cooper are improving. Carl can walk with a slight limp (it was found that he had a torn Achilles Tendon). Doris has an appointment to get an echo-cardiogram test run on her heart. Two of their sons have tested positive for the COVID and they have not had contact with them but are avoiding others for a few days to make sure.

In Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the Rose Family in the death of their Grandmother and Mother-in-Law, **Lorene Murphy**, who passed away on January 9th., 2021.

Please keep our family in your prayers and thank you for all the prayers, calls, love and concern during her illness. — The Rose Family



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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

<u>February 5, 6, & 7</u> - 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. Nancy Cruz will be taking the pictures.

OUR SICK - Continued THANK YOU

First I want to thank you so much for the love and support during my Chemo treatments. Thank you all who cooked meals or had meals delivered. That was such a blessing for me and my kids. Thank you all who sent cards and well wishes.

As of December 30th I completed my final chemo treatment. The tumor responded so well my oncologist has determined I will need no further chemo. My surgery is pending on whether or not I will need radiation therapy. I see the radiation oncologist Jan. 20th. I pray I will not need radiation and can proceed with surgery and recovery and have that all behind me. Please continue to keep me, Allison, and Justin in your prayers. —Abby Little

HOUSE TO HOUSE: THIS WEEK'S FOCUS:

South Florida Avenue church of Christ And Florida School of Preaching

South Florida Avenue church of Christ in Lakeland, Florida has been in the HTH program for 14 years. So far, they have mailed 113,400 HTH into their community of 114,264 people. Several visitors have attended services as a result of their HTH mailings.

Their preacher, Hiram Kemp, began working with the congregation in June of 2016. Their elders are David Anderson, Kenny French, Brian Kenyon, and Bobby Sheumaker. One of their members, Alex Parramore, interned at House to House in the summer of 2020. South Florida Avenue church of Christ has about 170 members and oversee

s the Florida School of Preaching.

Please pray for them today. Pray their HTH mailings will produce prospects for salvation and for them to have success I leading these members of their community to become members of the kingdom of heaven. Thank you for taking time to pray for the kingdom (James 5:16).

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR JANUARY 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY -

Sunday, January 3 & Wednesday, January 6
Sunday, January 10 & Wednesday, January 13
Sunday, January 17 & Wednesday, January 20
Sunday, January 24 & Wednesday, January 27
Sunday, January 31 & Wednesday, February 3

- Gene Southern
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- 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. 6th - Bob Tesh

Jan. 10th - Tim Allen

Jan. 13th - Don Minor

Jan. 17th - R. J. Landry

Jan. 20th - Kevin Rutherford

Jan. 24th - D.C. Mock

Jan. 27th - Adam Warner

Jan. 31st - Carl Cooper

SONG LEADERS FOR JANUARY: SUNDAY - p.m.

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January 3rd - Wayne Allen	January 3rd - Wayne Allen	January 6th - Clayton Workman
January 10th - Clayton Workman	January 10th - Clayton Workman	January 13th - Wayne Allen
January 17th - Roger Allen	January 17th - Roger Allen	January 20th - Charley Belch
January 24th - Charley Belch	January 24th - Charley Belch	January 27th - Roger Allen

January 31st - Wayne Allen

WEDNESDAY

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

January 31st - Wayne Allen

SUNDAY - a.m.

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 DEACONS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

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Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury