

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS

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"God Is Not the Author of Confusion"

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended on to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts."

That statement reminds us of the tragedy concerning truth that exists in the religious world today. The world is divided religiously because so many religious leaders have missed "the great point," as Lincoln called it. That point is: "the real facts" of the gospel of Christ. They have confused the minds of so many people by perpetuating their own creeds and traditions instead of the pure Word of God.

The **Bible** is not responsible for the diverse doctrines of our day. Man must take **full** responsibility. The only way to avoid being confused by men is to compare all that is taught in religion to the Word of God. It is the final deposit of the "real facts" concerning salvation. The Bible says, "**God is not the author of confusion.**" (1 Corinthians 14:33).

Frank

ELDERS CORNER:

A LIVING PRESENCE

The young woman set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long?" she asked. And her guide said, "Yes, and the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young woman was happy and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children and gathered flowers with them along the way and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them and life was good and the young mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then night came and the storm, and the path was dark; the children shook with fear and cold and the mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle and the children said, oh mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come. " And the mother said, "This is better than the brightness of the day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came and there was a hill ahead and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience and we are there." So the children climbed and when they reached the top they said, "We could not have done it without you mother." And the mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, -for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth; clouds of war and hate and evil; and the children groped and stumbled and the mother said, "Look up! Lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an everlasting Glory and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on and the weeks and the months and the years and the mother grew old and she was a little bent. But her children were tall and strong and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their mother; and when the day was rough, they lifted her and at last they came to a hill and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone and the gates closed after her. And they said, "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a living presence."

The author of the above is unknown to me. But I think it is a pretty story about a sweet person - a mother.

"Thoughts For Today to Brighten Your Day" by Glenn, Mercedes and Lauren Hitchcock

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2013

May 6 - Luke 23:26-56 May 7 - Luke 24:1-35

May 8 - Luke 24:36-53

May 9 - John 1:1-28



May 10 - John 1:29-51

May 11 - John 2

May 12 - John 3:1-18

OUR SICK PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andy Santiago will be undergoing knee surgery tomorrow.

Mary Anne Allen will undergo a biopsy of nodules recently discovered on her thyroid on Wednesday, May 8th.

Gaye Carothers will undergo hip replacement surgery on May 16th.

Nancy Minor requests continued prayers for her sister, **Cindy**, who has been released from the hospital and is at home receiving treatment for her medical problem.

<u>Please Note</u>: Eva Nelle Sidden has been moved to Clemmons Village 2.

Clayton Workman's Grandmother, **Norma Grisham**, will be having a surgical procedure on her "dead" kidney on Monday. It is hoped that it will relieve some of her pain.

Emily Workman's sister, **Kara Kee's** cat scan came back normal. She's currently on more high powered medications and has two follow-up appointments scheduled in the coming days. Her eye is still very swollen and sore, but it is hopeful the new specialist has a better handle on things and will be able to fully heal this.

Clayton's father's surgery will be May 14 in Memphis. He'll be in ICU for at least a day and in the hospital for about a week. They'll evaluate lymph nodes and tissue to determine if further treatment (like chemo) will be needed.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Chrystal Sharp requests prayers for her father, **Joseph Cowan**. **Mr. Cowen** is in ICU with congestive heart failure. Chrystal is a friend of Ingrid Mock and a member of Capernaum.

Please remember the college students who are taking finals and will be traveling home.

In Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to John DuPree and family in the death of his brother who passed away suddenly on Wednesday morning. Please keep this family in your prayers.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL THIS MORNING IS SPONSORED BY ZONE 1.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

May 5 - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.

May 5 - Elders/Deacons Mtg. - 5 p.m. in Annex.

May 7 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua - 9 a.m. in the Annex. Everyone is invited.

May 7 - TEEN DEVO at 7 p.m. (Sign-up sheet to be guest speaker for Devo's on bulletin board in foyer.

May 9 - "50 and Older Class" will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.

May 18 - Senior Rally

June 8 - Bridal Shower for Sara Tesh from 2-4 p.m. in Annex.

June 22 - VBS - Theme: "The Journeys of Paul" 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes for children up to sixth grade.

AREA EVENTS:

May 5-8 - Gospel Meeting at Capernaum.

See bulletin board for further information.

Neighborhood Outreach Totals

Contacts Attempted 226 Contacts Made 116 DVDs Given Out 47

FOR THE RECORD

| Sunday Bible Study - April 28, 2013 | 149 |
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| Sunday Morning Worship Service: | 179 |
| Contribution for April 28, 2013 | |
| Daily Adult Bible Readers: | 35 |
| Chapters Read: | 784 |
| Daily Children Bible Readers: | |
| Chapters Read: | |
| Sunday Evening: | 129 |
| Wednesday Evening: May 1, 2013 | 121 |

Lord's Day Appointments - May 12, 2013

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Roger Allen Morning - Jason Cravy A.M. - Roger Allen A.M. - Andrew Hinson

Song Leader - Jason Cravy Evening - Jason Allen P.M. - Jason Allen P.M. - Gene Ruark

Prayer - Frank Shepard Wed. - Roger Allen

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: May: FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Rhonda Hardister Morning - Sandy Warner Joyce Greenup Zone 2

Evening - Jean Rose **Evening** - Linda Flinchum

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 12 Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - May 15 Rick Clemmons

*Serving this Week: May 5, 2013

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Tim Allen Scripture Reader a.m. - Andrew Hinson

Scripture: Justin Minor p.m. - Gray Nail p.m. - Gene Ruark

Song: Don Minor Song Leaders: a.m. - Roger Allen Nursery #1: a.m. - Abby Little

Prayer: Mark Minor p.m. - Jason Allen p.m. - Robin Hauser

Wed. - Roger Allen Nursery #2: a.m. - Jessica Lay

p.m. - Gina Harper

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

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST 8999 LASATER ROAD

ELDERS DEACONS

David MooreRandy WarnerJason AllenTim AllenTommy RoseMike CooperJoe EverettKeith WarnerJody EverettTodd HinsonAndy SantiagoGene SouthernSteve TeshMark MinorShawn Thomason