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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Suicide is a Very Complicated Issue

Suicide is a very complicated issue. It is one that we cannot be flippant about and careless with. This is a discussion that should always be accompanied by caution, compassion, and care. If anyone reading this article has come to such a condition that you have had thoughts of suicide, please seek professional and spiritual help. You are important.

It is likely that in many cases the one who commits suicide is not capable of thinking in a rational manner. Perhaps a chemical imbalance or some other clinical factor is involved, creating extreme depression and an inability to think correctly. There are situations where clinical treatment can help an individual suffering from imbalances of chemicals in the brain, and as long as the individuals are receiving treatment the condition is kept under control. In some cases there have been people who have stopped receiving the treatment and have then committed suicide because they were not able to think correctly without the medicine. In such cases I would not suggest in any way the individual is lost eternally because of the act of suicide.

There may at times be spiritual problems that lead to thoughts of suicide, but we must not assume that is always the case. Some Christians who have appeared to be very strong spiritually have considered, attempted, or committed suicide. So let me say again, suicide is a very complicated issue. It is one that we cannot be flippant about or careless with. Any discussion of suicide should be accompanied by caution, compassion, and care. In fact, we need to steer clear of broad sweeping statements that would declare every suicide an evil and sinful act.

Consider compassion for those whose level of depression, discouragement, and despair have brought them to the point of wanting to take their own lives.

Taking one's own life results in extreme torment and misery for years to come for family and friends. Those considering suicide should consider the effect of this action upon others,

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should consider the effect of this action upon others, should consider the God given value of their lives, and should not be ashamed to seek professional help.

Job suffered immensely. His children had been killed, he lost his wealth, and he suffered from a painful disease (Job 1-2). In fact, he suffered so much he wished he had been still-born (Job 3:11-19). He desperately hoped he would die and longed for death as though death were a treasure (Job 3:20-26). His wife shared in all of the suffering except the painful disease. She encouraged Job to just go ahead and curse God and die (Job 2:7-10). She was either encouraging him to just give up on life and perhaps die that way, or she was encouraging him to commit suicide. Despite the intense suffering Job endured, he did not commit suicide. That was not the answer. That was not the right approach. Job became desperately miserable and upset as he demanded God to tell him why he was suffering. Yet, he did not turn to suicide.

Elijah suffered immensely. He lived in a very violent and dangerous time (1 Kings 18-19). Many prophets of God, like himself, had been killed by the orders of Ahab and Jezebel. After Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal, Jezebel promised she would kill him. Elijah's situation became so discouraging to him that he asked God to just go ahead and kill him (1 Kings 19:4). In other words, Elijah thought death may be better than having to live the way he was living. Yet Elijah did not commit suicide, and God wouldn't take his life either.

At one point Moses was so overwhelmed by the intense pressure and load of leading a stubborn and rebellious nation that he just wanted to die (Numbers 11:11-15). He thought death would be better than the situation he was suffering through. He asked God to kill him. Despite all of this Moses did not commit suicide.

Job, Elijah, and Moses are all examples of righteous people who wanted to die. They wanted God to end it for them. In all three cases God left them to suffer here on this earth for a time. In none of these cases did these suffering servants of God who desperately longed for death commit suicide.

Having said, this, if any of you reading this have considered, or are considering suicide, please seek help. God loves, you are important, and your life is important. Don't throw away the gift of life God has given you. You are a steward over your life and you have been created to use that life in service of God. If you ever doubt your importance to God, please remember the lengths to which He has gone so that you can spend an eternity in heaven with Him someday. The suffering Jesus endured as He took the wrath and death we deserve is great evidence of your tremendous value. It is also evidence that He understands tremendous grief and pain. Don't give up. Please seek help.

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

Feb. 7 - Matt. 24:1-28
Feb. 8 - Matt. 24:29-51
Feb. 9 - Matt. 25:1-30



Feb. 10 - Matt. 25:31-46
Feb. 11 - Matt. 26:1-25
Feb. 12 - Matt. 26:26-50
Feb. 13 - Matt. 27:1-26

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

David Queen, Todd Hinson & Dana, Dianna Walker, Tim & Lisa Voyles, Russell Queen, Dianna Walker, Darren McBrayer, Brian Weaver, Rose Whitt, Shiela Landman, Teresa Brown's mother, Carley Hauser, Nikki Santiago, Gene Ruark, David Queen, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, D. J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Todd Hinson had checked positive for the virus recently, Dana now also has come down with it. **Please pray for them both to overcome the virus soon.**

Nikki has had some good news - her Cat Scan was clear recently. She will have two more treatments and hopefully will be well again. **Please continue keep her in your prayers.**

Mindy Santiago has been reported to have an eye infection. **Please pray for her to be healed quickly.**

Jack Piper has decided to consult with his doctor again to go over what he had suggested to have surgery which could possibly help him to be able to walk again. **Please pray for Jack.**

Mary Anne's mother, **Rowena Hayes**, has had a stroke. It has effected her field of vision. More tests will be performed. **Prayers are requested.**

Katerina Allen's father, **Tommy Forsberg**, has been hospitalized and is undergoing several tests. Katerina will be traveling to Sweden soon to see him and be with her mother. **Please pray for Tommy and for safe travel for Katerina.**

Toni Lucas, Will's mother, was taken to the hospital late at night recently with some serious symptoms, apparently not having Covid. She has since been reported to have returned home. **Please keep her in your prayers.**

I have several family members that are in need of prayers: My sister-in-law **Carolyn Goff** (Robert's wife) has been diagnosed with oral cancer. She will be having surgery Feb. 28th to remove the cancer and do reconstructive work, **Please pray that all goes well.**

Another sister-in-law (Harry's wife) is in stage 5 kidney failure and in need of a kidney transplant. She has been having issues with her dialysis. **Please pray that the potential donor gets full approval for the transplant and that things can move forward.**

My niece, **Krystal Willis** (Harry's daughter) has had triple negative breast cancer. She has had reconstructive surgery and is now having issues with infections and severe pain. **Please pray they can get her infection under control and the pain eases.**

We know the power of prayer works wonders. Thank you in advance. - **Joyce Greenup**

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.

AREA EVENTS:

March 5 - *Ladies Day at Cary church of Christ on March 5th. Theme: "How to Train Your Dragon" Flyer on bulletin board.*

March 12 - *21st Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Rd. church of Christ in South Carolina. Flyer on board in foyer.*

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Bonnie Landreth Update - Bonnie is recovering from the flu and pneumonia and is up and about; but still quite weak. She will have her right shoulder replacement on February 15th at the Clemmons Medical Center. **Please keep her in your prayers.**

Sandy Smith Update: **Please continue to keep Sandy in your prayers.** It is easy to be discouraged as she has been in hospitals and facilities since August of 2021 when she had a stroke during a planned surgery. Prayers have been answered, and she has made great improvements in speech and her ability to eat and drink, but she cannot walk. Cards, phone calls (336-757-2544) and visits when possible will strengthen her during this difficult time. The address is: The Citadel at Winston-Salem, Room 220, 1900 West 1st Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

Todd O'Neal, a friend of Allan and Jessica Knight was scheduled to have surgery for diverticulitis recently. **Please remember him in your prayers.**

Daniel Lee, the son of Kevin and Darla Lee, who were members here years ago before moving, is still in the hospital. He has Covid pneumonia and has blood coming from his lung. It's very serious and he may even have to have a lung transplant. Daniel has a wife and young daughter. **Prayers are requested.**

Diane Barger has had some good news from the scans taken that do not show any signs of anything problematic. She will have surgery on Feb. 10th and chemotherapy for 3 months. **Please continue to keep her in your prayers.**

Jeff Chrysson has become ill again and Hospice was called this past Wednesday afternoon. **Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers.**

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS
FEBRUARY, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: BRAD HOOTS

COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY: ALLEN KNIGHT

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Feb. 6 - Bill Carothers
Feb. 13 - Randy Warner
Feb. 20 - Shawn Thomason
Feb. 27 - Brad Hoots

SONG LEADER

Charley Belch
Clayton Workman
Wayne Allen
Justin Little

PRAYER

Tim Allen
Andy Santiago
Carl Cooper
D.C. Mock

OPENING PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY A.M.

Feb. 6 - Tim Allen
Feb. 13 - Brian Byrd
Feb. 20 - Justin Little
Feb. 27 - RJ Landry

SUNDAY P.M.

Feb. 6 - Charley Belch
Feb. 13 - Mike Lundgren
Feb. 20 - Wayne Allen
Feb. 27 - D.C. Mock

WEDNESDAY

Feb. 2 - David Moore
Feb. 9 - Adam Warner
Feb. 16 - Mark Minor
Feb. 23 - Bob Tesh

SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK MINOR & ED O'SHIELDS

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

SONG LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY A.M.

Feb. 6 - Justin Little
Feb. 13 - Wayne Allen
Feb. 20 - Roger Allen
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Feb. 9 - Charley Belch
Feb. 16 - Clayton Workman
Feb. 23 - Roger Allen

PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

“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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DEACONS

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Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner