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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

February 26, 2017

COURAGE AND COMPASSION

The apostle John addressed the Gnostic heresy of the first century in his inspired writings. The apostle of love identified the Gnostic error, refuted the Gnostic error, and gave a name to those who held to that error. The name he gave them was "antichrist (I John 2;15-23)." As John wrote to warn Christians of the antichrist error he said, "I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son (I John 2:21-22)." From this statement we can learn that truth is identifiable, and can be known. We learn that truth is in direct conflict with lies. We also see that false teachers can properly be referred to as liars.

The Word of God is the truth (John 17:17). It is the truth that can be known, and that can make us free from sin, error, and ignorance (John 8:31-32). All religious doctrines and beliefs that directly conflict with clear Bible teaching are false (I John 2:21). Some of our brethren are losing sight of this important fact. Some of our brethren have decided it is no longer necessary to stand up against false doctrines that are making their way into the church. There is even some animosity building up against Christians who oppose error. However, we must follow the pattern set forth by John when dangerous doctrines work their way into the church. We must identify and refute the error. We must give warning to Christians so that they do not fall for the error. We can identify the specific doctrines, or those that hold to those doctrines through the use of identifying terms such as "antichrist."

Faithful Gospel preachers will address false doctrines in their preaching from time to time. When those false doctrines are affecting the local congregation, the preacher must speak about the error. When false doctrines are making inroads into churches of Christ and may eventually affect the local congregation, preachers need to give warning. How are brethren going to be able to mark those who cause divisions if they don't know how to identify and refute false doctrine? The church is commanded to mark and avoid

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such individuals (Romans 16:17-18). We are even told that heretics are to be rejected after two or three admonitions (Titus 3:9-11). John wrote to the elect lady and warned her not to receive or greet the false teachers who were spreading the antichrist doctrines (2 John 7-11).

Paul told Timothy, “remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine . . . (I Timothy 1:3).” In the same letter, Paul identified some troublemakers by name even as he encouraged Timothy to continue to fight the good fight (I Timothy 1:18-20). After Paul told Timothy about some specific false doctrines entering the church he said, “If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed (I Timothy 4:6).” In this case the reverse would obviously be true also. If Timothy did not warn the brethren about these errors then he would not be a good minister.

The Bible is very clear in teaching preachers and faithful Christians to identify and oppose error. However, if this is all that a preacher does, then he is unbalanced, unfaithful, and he will hurt the church. A faithful preacher is one that preaches the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26-27). He is a preacher who exhibit the balance in his preaching identified in 2 Timothy 4:2. “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and doctrine.” Sound and faithful preachers are those who preach the mercy, kindness, love, compassion, and grace of God (Romans 5:1-11). Sound preachers are those who exhibit true Christian love in their preaching and in their actions (Ephesians 4:5; I John 3:11-24).

Paul encouraged Timothy to be a sound, solid, faithful, and balanced preacher who would “pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart (2 Timothy 2:22).” Paul wanted Timothy to be a preacher who was “gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition . . . (2 Timothy 2:23-26).”

The church needs bold and loving preachers. The church needs courageous and compassionate preachers. The church needs sound and balanced preachers. The church needs uncompromising and kind preachers. The church needs preachers who are balanced in their preaching and conduct. While we need extremely good preachers, we don’t need preachers who have given themselves over to extremes.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

February 27 - Mark 6:1-29
February 28 - Mark 6:30-56
March 1 - Mark 7:1-13
March 2 - Mark 7:14-37



March 3 - Mark 8:1-21
March 4 - Mark 8:22-38
March 5 - Mark 9:1-29



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Tesh, Bob Plunk, Charlie Parker, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, and Cannon & Shannon Harper in your prayers.

Jane Shepard has been scheduled to undergo cancer surgery of the bladder on March 15th. Your prayers are requested.

Shannon Harper underwent spinal surgery this past Tuesday. She was expected to be released from the hospital this past Thursday.

My cousin's husband, Bob Hoover, has been diagnosed with stage 4 Esophageal Cancer, which has spread to the liver. He will start chemo treatments this week. Please pray for him and my cousin, Susan. —Mindy

Please remember Gene Southern's brother-in-law, Steve Weeks, in your prayers. He has several health problems, some bleeding and tests are being done. He is in the Forsyth Medical Center.

Please pray for Zoe Corvington, an 18 year old daughter of a friend of Lisa Nail who was in an car accident on February 18th. She has broken ribs, damage to her liver and spleen and is in the ICU in Gainesville, Georgia. She was texting and driving.

Please continue to pray for Doris Cooper's brother, Lewis Evans, in your prayers. He has lung cancer and some spots have been detected in his brain. He is undergoing radiation treatments for now.

Please pray for the Weaver Family. Brian Weaver lost his job this past week in a "lottery layoff". This family are close friends of Adam and Kathleen Warner.

Please pray for Jean Campbell, a co-worker of Rhonda Hardister. She was released from the hospital this past week but is still having difficulty in her recovery at this time.

Please continue to pray for Gail Doby, a relative by marriage of Tim Allen. She is battling lung cancer and is very ill.

~Safe Journey~

This Sunday, February 26th will be Ryan, Sarah and Luke's last Sunday with us. They will be leaving for Peru on March 2nd. Please keep them in your prayers that they have safe travels and a smooth transition.

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



SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)



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:

February 26 - Youth Group Devo at 4:30 p.m. - finger foods.

February 28 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

March 2 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

March 4 - Warners Chapel Ladies Day - Mary Anne Allen will be the speaker. Theme: "Then Sings My Soul" Registration beginning at 8:30-9:00 a.m. Please Note: There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for anyone interested in decorating a table for the Ladies Day.

March 18 - Invitation to A Floating Baby Shower in Honor of Meredith Southern and her baby boy, hosted by Alyssa and Ellie Southern from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. Please RSVP to 336-699-2070 or merdock13@bellsouth.net by March 11th. Meredith is registered at BABIES R US.

LOCAL EVENTS:

March 11 - Ladies Day at the South Stokes church of Christ. Theme: "Once Upon An Apron" - Speaker: Paula Babinsky. Time 8:30-Noon (Lunch provided)

March 11 - Carolina Men's Fellowship. The Bus Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

March 12-15 - Enrichment Seminar "a Better You, A Better Family, and a Better Church" at Charlotte Ave. church of Christ in Rock Hill, S.C. Dr. Roy Sharp will be the speaker. See bulletin board for Seminar schedule.

April 1 - Evangelism Workshop at Northwest church of Christ. 8:30-12 Noon.

See bulletin board for details

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Fifty-nine items were delivered to the pantry this past week making a total of 378 items so far for 2017.

The food item request for March is pasta/pasta sauce. (No glass please)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 19, 2017	116
Sunday Worship Service	153
Contribution for February 19, 2017	\$9,845
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	539
Sunday Evening Worship Service	120
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 2-22-17	101

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

D.C. Mock

Wesley Huff Jacob Woodbury
John Allen Gene Southern

Preparing Communion for March:

Doris Cooper

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Tim Allen

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Roger Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - March 5, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Daryl Cook	Morning - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Jim Harrison
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Tommy Ridings	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - Todd Hinson		Wed. - Mark Roy	

Greeters for March:

Richard & Karen Clemmons

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Mar. 5 ~ Shawn Thomason
Wednesday: - Mar. 8 ~ Shawn Thomason

Lord's Day Appointments - February 26, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Alfred Huff	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Carl Cooper
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. -	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - February 26 ~ Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - March 1 ~ Mike Cooper

February:

Mark and Nancy Minor

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

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ELDERS

DEACONS

David Moore
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