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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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SMASHING THE FLASK

Pashur was the priest living in Jerusalem who had been assigned the task of being the chief governor of the house of the Lord. Being a priest he had a significant job in leading the worship of the Jewish people. Being the chief governor of the house of the Lord meant he was in charge of taking care of the temple. This is a religious man who was serving as a priest under God's old covenant to the Jews (Jeremiah 20:1).

Pashur was a contemporary of Jeremiah. They both lived in Jerusalem in the days leading up to the Babylonian destruction of Jerusalem around 587 B.C. Jeremiah was a faithful prophet of God. He was God's primary spokesman among the Jews living in Judah. He was a faithful man of God who was terribly tormented by those to whom he preached. Considering Pashur was a priest who took care of the temple, one might think he would be a help and a source of strength for the embattled prophet Jeremiah. However, Pashur was evil. He was religious and evil. He served as a priest under the old covenant but he was evil. Pashur was one of the many religious and political leaders who were determined to stop the mouth of Jeremiah and thereby end the prophetic messages from God.

Jeremiah chapter nineteen records a time when Jeremiah was told by God to go out to Tophet (The Valley of Hinnom). This valley was just outside the city of Jerusalem. When Jeremiah reached Tophet he was to announce the imminent destruction of the city of Jerusalem. This destruction was coming upon Jerusalem because the people had long ago given themselves over to idolatry and the associated sexual perversion and violence. God would smash this city in pieces because the people refused to repent. When Jeremiah concluded his prophetic sermon of doom upon the people he smashed a flask on the ground to symbolize the destruction Jerusalem would face.

After smashing the flask, Jeremiah walked back into the city of Jerusalem and went to the court yard of the temple. Jeremiah's inspired conclusion at the temple is recorded as "Thus says

the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will bring on this city and on all her towns all the doom that I have pronounced against it, because they have stiffened their necks that they might not hear My words’” (Jeremiah 19:15).

When Pashur the priest heard what Jeremiah said, Pashur had Jeremiah beaten and put in stocks at a gate near the temple. The next day Pashur called for Jeremiah, at which time Jeremiah rebuked him and pronounced the punishment God would bring to this evil priest. The priest should have been Jeremiah’s friend. He should have loved the Word of God and supported its prophet. But this was not the case. The preeminent priest had given his soul over to Satan and caved to current culture. No doubt Pashur’s message and actions were better received by the people than Jeremiah’s message of repentance and doom. Yet Pashur was deadly wrong.

Pashur was not the only religious leader possessing a dark and evil heart in those days. God through Jeremiah had earlier told the people of Jerusalem, “An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; and My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end ?” (Jeremiah 5:30-31). The religious leaders were corrupt, the people knew it, and the people loved it. Those priests and prophets excused the sins so easily accepted by their culture. Those wicked priests and prophets negated the message of doom preached by Jeremiah. No wonder the people loved their message, and no wonder the people hated Jeremiah. But the reality was that Jeremiah was right and all the other religious preachers of his day (in Jerusalem) were wrong.

What can we learn from all of this? First, culture does not determine truth. Second, the majority does not determine truth. Third, religious leaders do not determine truth. Fourth, God determines truth and has revealed it through His inspired word. Fifth, those who go against the current of culture and stand up for God’s revealed standard of morality, ethics, behavior, and truth will often be hated by people in the culture.

Our twenty-first century American culture is turning rapidly away from a God-based standard of morality. That which is accepted by society, promoted by society, and now demanded by society is often immoral, wrong, false, and wicked. Yet, those who oppose such evil lies are themselves vilified and painted by society as being evil. So, what can we do? Or, better yet, what must we do? We must be like Jeremiah. Say what is true and what is right no matter the consequences. Teach God’s word no matter how unpopular. Too many churches are giving in to culture conflicts with truth. May such never be said of us.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

March 26 - Luke 2:25-52
March 27 - Luke 3
March 28 - Luke 4:1-30
March 29 - Luke 4:31-44



March 30 - Luke 5:1-16
March 31 - Luke 5:17-39
April 1 - Luke 6:1-26



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Don Jackson continues to have several health issues that has kept him from attending services recently. Please continue to pray for him. .

Please pray for Sherrill Stewart's niece and Mark Minor's cousin, **Debbie Cranfill**, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. More tests to come and treatment to follow. She is in the Baptist Hospital.

Sandra Church has requested prayers for her mother, **Lucille Walter**, as she has been moved to Hospice Care in Yadkinville. She is struggling breathing and has been given something to make her at ease.

Diane Moore from Linville Forest continues to ask for prayers. She took the 2nd treatment for her cancer and just found out one of her grandchildren had a tumor removed from his spine this past week. They do not know yet if it is cancer, he is thirteen years old. His name is **Devon Moore**. Please pray for him also.

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

~In Sympathy~

Our sympathy goes out to the Family of Gladys Drake (Mother of Wanda Elam) and in particular David, Derek and Dawn Elam. Mrs. Drake passed away on March 17th and her funeral was held this past Thursday at the Winkler Grove Baptist church in Hickory.

Also:

Mindy's aunt, Katherine Rumley, passed away this past Tuesday. Visitation will be on Monday, March 26th at Vogler's on Reynolda Rd. at 10:30 a.m. Service at 11:00 a.m. Reception at noon and 1:00 p.m. departure to Stokesdale for committal. Our sympathy also goes out to this family.

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.



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:

Mar. 27 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

Mar. 29 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Apr. 14 - Baby Shower for David & Krystal Warner. Elizabeth Alta Warner was born on January 18, 2018. They are registered at Babys-R-Us.

AREA EVENTS:

Mar. 25 - Fellowship Meeting @ the Redland church of Christ at 3 p.m. Speaker: Nelson Brockenborough.

April 8-11 - Gospel Revival at the Cary church of Christ. Speaker: Gary Dismuke. Topic: "Soul Searching Questions".

Apr. 8-12 - 74th Annual Carolina Lectureship at Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville.

Apr. 13-15 - Youth Rally at the Lake Norman church of Christ.

Apr. 15-19 - Spring Gospel Mtg. at West Jefferson church of Christ. Guest Speaker: Chuck Stewart.

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



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of April is:

Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, soap

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - March 18, 2018	125
Sunday Worship Service	165
Contribution for March 18, 2018	\$12,533
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	33
Chapters Read:	540
Sunday Evening Worship Service	116
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Mar. 21, 2018	99

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 1, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Rodney Brown	Morning - Brad Hoots	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Tommy Ridings	P.M. - Charley Belch	P.M. - Jacob Woodbury
Prayer - Steve Martin		Wed. - Walter Cruz	

Greeters for April:

Mike & Laura Cooper

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 1: ~
Wednesday: - April 4: ~

Lord's Day Appointments - March 25, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Walter Cruz	Morning - D. C. Mock	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader - Jason Allen	Evening - Don Minor	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Shawn Thomason		Wed. - Song Request Service Gene and Wayne	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - March 25 ~ Mark Minor
Wednesday: - March 28 ~ Mark Minor

Greeters for March:

Elwood & Linda Flinchum

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
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury