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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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"The churches of Christ salute you" Rm 16:16

How Does The Lord Draw People?

In John 6:44, Jesus states, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day." This statement has confused people for years and even has led to false teachings being made about God. Does God individually pull people while pushing away others, or does He do this in a unified effort to give everyone an equal opportunity to come to Him? We know from multiple scriptures that God is equally allowing everyone to come to Him (Jn. 3:16, Acts 10:34-35, etc.) But how does He do it? It would be shocking to some to know that God draws people to Him by showing His love towards us. Then it comes down to us to allow that love to draw us to God. Think about what Jesus said in John 12:32, "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself." When Jesus died on the cross, it was the expression of love that He had for us. We can see this clearly explained in Romans 5:8. We can also see what Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;" When God gave us His Son, He did so out of love to get our attention. Remember, God will never force us to do anything that is outside of our own free will. So, if we allow our attention to be focused on Jesus and we come to Him, it is because we chose to do so. I want to end this article with Romans 2:4. "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?"

Is the Lord getting your attention?

- Wes Garland

Elders

Tim Allen Todd Hinson Steve Tesh Andy Santiago

Deacons

Randy Warner Keith Warner Mark Minor Jody Everett Gene Southern Shawn Thomason Mark Roy Adam Warner

Service Times

Sunday AM Bible Study 10AM

Sunday AM Worship 10:50AM

Sunday PM Worship 6PM

Wednesday Bible Study 7PM

We are hosting the areawide singing this Friday @ 7pm! Please attend! We will have refreshments afterwards!

January Birthdays

7th Daniel Henderson 13th DJ Harrison 17th Wayne Allen

January Anniversaries

17th Bob & Jessica Edwards

The Garland Family's New Address

193 Charleston Meadow Loop Mocksville, NC 27028

WELCOME VISITORS

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.

> * PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR'S CARD!

Sermon Notes:

~ "God chose you."

Scripture Writing Plan- "Chosen."

January

Day 1- Genesis 18:19 Day 2- Deut 7:6 Day 3- Deut 7:7-8 Day 4- Deut 10:14-16 Day 5- Joshua 24:15 Day 6- 1 Chron 28:4-6 Day 7- Nehemiah 1:8-9 Day 8- Psalm 16:4-5 Day 9- Psalm 33:11-12 Day 10- Psalm 105:43-45 Day 11- Psalm 119:30-31 Day 12- Psalm 119:172-174 Day 13- Isaiah 41:8-9 Day 14- Isaiah 42:1 Day 15- Isaiah 43:1,7 Day 16- Isaiah 43:10-11 Day 17- Matthew 11:27 Day 18- Luke 9:34-35 Day 19- John 15:16-17 Day 20- John 17:9-10

Day 21- Acts 1:1-2 Day 22- Acts 9:15-16 Day 23- Acts 10:40-42 Day 24- Romans 8:28-30 Day 25- Ephesians 1:3-5 Day 26- Colossians 3:12-13 Day 27- 2 Thess 2:13-14 Day 28- James 2:5 Day 29- 1 Peter 2:4-6 Day 30- 1 Peter 2:9-10 Day 31- Revelation 17:14

<u>Wisdom Corner</u> Start Your New Year WITH God!!

~ taken from: <u>www.theruffledmango.com</u>

OUR SICK Please Remember in your prayers!

Jack Piper, John Ransom, DJ Harrison, Roger Allen, Gary Wadford, Faye Kirschenman, Manchel Tesh, Neal & Lou Ann Harper, Tim Allen, Kara Kee, Don Minor, Mary Burke, Adrian Wicker, Austin Workman, Melissa Bruce, Linda Santiago, Daphne Pickup., Allie Pentuk, Jacques Pettit, Pat Brumfield, EllaBee Smith, Nathan & Bethany Roy.

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Mindy Santiago- went to urgent care on Thursday and has developed a secondary infection that is being treated. If not better by Tuesday, they want her to get a chest x-ray done. Andy is also feeling sickly. Please keep them in your prayers.

Faye Kirschenman- has experienced numerous health issues in recent years. This week she was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. Her family has requested prayers.

Sue Wright- (Cathy Hutchin's friend) recently had a heart attack. While she was being treated, they discovered that she also has breast cancer. Prayers are requested.

David Queen- has now tested positive for Type A Flu and Gale has developed a cough and running a low fever. Prayers requested.

Ronald & Mary Seal- (Rhonda Hardister's parents) had a car wreck and ended up with some injuries. Please keep them in your prayers.

Roger Allen- had a few spots removed that were tested for skin cancer. Two spots are melanoma. His first surgery will be January 12th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Don Minor- has a procedure on January 23rd, that will hopefully help with his back pain. He will have a permanent stimulator placed in his back. He will be limited for 6 weeks. Please keep him your prayers.

Jack Piper- had his first treatment last Friday and it went well. He is doing ok with no side effects yet and wants to thank everyone for everything. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

WARNERS UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8th- New Quarter starts for NCSBS!

<u>January 12th-</u> We are hosting the areawide singing @ 7pm! Invite your family and friends! Food provided afterwards.

January 19th- Ages 13 & under. Game night and pizza at the Garland's home.

January 20th- Ladies in their 20's & 30's are meeting for lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Clemmons @ 11:30am. If you are interested, please sign the sheet in the foyer so we can get a head count.

AREA EVENTS:

January 27th- Ladies brunch @ the Jericho congregation. 10AM-11:30AM RSVP to Lindsey Lipsey 804-216-0032

February 9th- Areawide singing @ the Jericho congregation. Starts at 7pm. Refreshments to follow.

<u>Kids Corner</u>

What is the book of Isaiah about?
What kingdom did Isaiah prophesy?
What nation conquered Jerusalem and all of Judah?

Look for the answers next week!

Last Week's Answers

1. The beauty & closeness of love that is in marriage.

2. Solomon.

3. Love between a husband & wife.

Announcements for Sunday and Wednesday: Gene Southern Communion: Bill Carothers Security And Greeting: Gene Ruark & Rodney Brown

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS: For January

	Scripture	Song Leader	Prayer
7 th	Gene Ruark	Clayton Workman	Todd Hinson
14 th	Mark Minor	Charley Belch	Mark Roy
21 st	Andy Santiago	Steve Tesh	Dan Mott
28 th	Rodney Brown	David Shoaf	Wes Garland

WORSHIP: Opening / Closing Prayers For January

	Sunday AM	Sunday PM		Wednesday/Opening
7 th	Mark Minor	Mark Clemmons	3rd	David Shoaf
14 th	Harry Picciuto	Todd Hinson	10 th	AL Lawson
21 st	Johnny Spillman	Brad Hoots	17 th	Charley Belch
28 th	Bob Wilson	Carl Cooper	24 th	Bob Tesh
			31 st	Tristan Roy

Song Leaders For January

Sunday AM		Sunday PM	Wednesday	
7 th	Justin Little	Justin Little	3 rd	Wayne A.
14 th	Tristan Roy	Tristan Roy	10 th	Clayton W.
21 st	Charley Belch	Charley Belch	17 th	Charley B.
28 th	David Shoaf	Youth led/svc Adam W.	24 th	David S.
			31 st	Wayne A.

PLEASE, if you are unable to be here, ARRANGE COVERAGE! Thank you for your willingness to serve!

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COME STUDY WITH US!

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 - 4:30PM CHAPEL MONDAY – THURSDAY IN THE ANNEX @ 9AM