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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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THE BEGINNING OF GOD

By Kevin Rutherford

Siddhartha Guatama was a prince from India who started his own religion. His name was later changed to Buddha and his religion bears his name. Guatama Buddha believed in the existence of many gods, but he believed they were subject to birth, death, and rebirth. In other words, the gods had beginnings. The God of the Bible is very different. He is a God who is not subject to death, and He is a God who had no birth. He had no beginning.

It is difficult for us to conceive of something or someone who is eternal, and therefore has no beginning and no ending. Everything we see around us has a beginning and an ending, including the universe itself. But, for this finite universe to exist there must be an infinite, eternal force or power capable of producing this universe. There has to be something eternal or there would be nothing at all. Nothing can only produce nothing and every effect has a cause. We can follow a line of cause and effect all the way back to that first cause. That first cause must not be an effect and must have no cause. That first cause must be eternal. That first cause is God. God had no beginning.

The Bible teaches this as well. Genesis records for us the beginning of time, the beginning of this material universe, and in fact the beginning of all that was created. But, something existed before time. Something existed before this finite universe existed. That something is God. God was the one there at the beginning of time to create time and the universe (Genesis 1:1). He existed before time and will exist when time shall be no more.

When Moses was told to go and free the Jews from Egyptian slavery, he asked God how he should identify God before the people. The people are going to want to know what God would set them free from slavery. In reply, God said, "I AM WHO I AM". Then God told Moses he could tell the Israelites that "I AM" sent you (Exodus 3:13, 14). God is who He is. God simply is. That is, God simply exists. He has always existed, He exists now, and He will always exist. He is a Being without a beginning.

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Some want to suggest to us that this universe came into existence by purely natural causes. The question that must be raised is, “where did those natural elements and causes come from?” If they are to be the original cause they must be eternal, and science has already shown us that matter is not eternal. It has a beginning. Logically we must come back to God. God is a being that is supernatural and who is possessed of an eternal nature.

Why would people deny the existence of an eternal Creator who has no beginning? Perhaps, in part, it is because of our inability to fully grasp and understand such a Being. Or, maybe it is because recognition of the existence of this Eternal Being, may have some life changing consequences. If there is a God, I must live in subjection to His will. The fact is that there is an Eternal God who does expect you to do as He says. God has no beginning and you are subject to His authority.



South West Elementary School Supply List Kindergarten through Fifth Grade

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- Box of 24 crayons
- Glue sticks
- Pack of primary pencils
- Boxes of tissues
- Box of washable markers
- Book bag/back pack (no wheels)
- Solid colored 2-pocket folder
- Hand sanitizer (Purell/Dial/GermX)
- Box of zip-lock bags (quart/gallon) for flash cards, take home books, etc.)
- Pack of #2 pencils
- Erasers (pencil-top and others)
- Packs of loose leaf paper (**wide rule**)
- Pencil pouch/zippered or box
- Composition or spiral books (**wide rule**)
- Pocket folders
- 3-ring binders (1")
- Solid colored 2-pocket folders
- 5-subject spiral notebooks (**wide rule** with tab dividers)
- Package of 3x5 index cards

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

Aug. 21 - I Cor. 4
Aug. 22 - I Cor. 5
Aug. 23 - I Cor. 6
Aug. 24 - I Cor. 7:1-19



Aug. 25 - I Cor. 7:20-40
Aug. 26 - I Cor. 8
Aug. 27 - I Cor. 9



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Dot Pegram, Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, Emily Hinson, Joyce Greenup and Madelene Holbrook in your prayers.

Bob Plunk was admitted to the Forsyth Medical Center this past week with a possible heart problem. He was released this past Thursday. Bob did receive a nerve block this past Friday unrelated to the heart problem. This nerve block was a test to determine a proper nerve block treatment that would help him with a problem of pain from other health issues.

It was announced Wednesday evening that **Lauren Rutherford** had an asthma attack and was admitted to the Novant Hospital in Clemmons overnight. She was released but she has had another severe attack on Friday and is presently in the hospital - no visitors please at this time.

Prayers have been requested for **Shannon Harper**. She went to the ER on Tuesday evening with severe pain. She is at home and will be having several appointments and tests to determine the cause.

Tucker Southern had difficulty breathing while on vacation with his family at the coast last week and received a nebulizer treatment. He was taken to the hospital in Wilmington and kept overnight. He was diagnosed with a virus.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Our congratulations to McKayne & Danielle Hill who are the proud parents of **Magdelene Ruth Hill** born on August 14th weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. All are doing well.

**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 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 in the foyer.)



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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS!

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Aug. 20 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in the Annex following the morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

Aug. 26 - There will be a youth devotional for those in middle school through high school. Pizza will be provided and each family is asked to bring a drink and also a side item/dessert. We plan on eating at 6 p.m., and after the meal, there will be a short devotional and some singing. There will be games to follow the devotional period and while the youth are involved in the games, Caleb Rutherford will be having a brief meeting with all of the parents, so it is important for the parents to attend this youth get-together if at all possible. There is a sign-up sheet out in the welcome area, so please sign up and indicate how many in your family are planning to attend. We will need a count of how many people are coming so we can order the correct number of pizza's. The dead-line on the sign-up sheet for this event is Wed., August 23rd.

Please Note:

The latest Peru Newsletter will be on the credenza in the foyer this morning.

Also, Members please remove the first page of your directory that lists the Elders and Deacons. There are some errors on that page and if you need the list with e-mail addresses, please check page 1 of your new workbook. Thank you!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Aug. 13, 2017	118
Sunday Worship Service	154
Contribution for Aug. 13, 2017	\$8,511
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	154
Chapters Read:	36
Sunday Evening Worship Service	461
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 8-16-17	96

Lord's Day Appointments For August, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For August:

Clayton Workman

Shawn Thomason John Allen
 Bill Carothers Jody Everett
 Gina Harper
 Steve Tesh
 Shawn Thomason

Preparing Communion for August:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - August 27, 2017

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

Greeters for August:

Atha Clark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Aug. 27 ~ Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - Aug. 30 ~ Mike Cooper

Lord's Day Appointments - August 20, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Michael Cooper
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Gene Ruark
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don Minor	

Opening and Closing Building

Greeters for August:

Sunday: - Aug. 20 ~ John Allen
Wednesday: - Aug. 16 ~ John Allen

Atha Clark

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