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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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THE CITY WITH FOUNDATIONS

Cities come and go, nations rise and fall, and God is control of it all (Daniel 4). One can be a faithful Christian in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, or North America. Christians can move from place to place and be Christians in each place they live. Members of the church can appreciate whatever good they may see in the country in which they live and thank God for whatever blessings they may enjoy. In addition we recognize there are certain obligations we have toward the authorities under which we live (Romans 13:1-8). And yet, we must never forget that earth is not our home. We are not staying here. We are pilgrims passing through. While we respect the laws of the nation in which we are citizens we know that ultimately we are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20). If we will keep this perspective in mind it will dramatically change the level of peace within our hearts and strengthen our faith.

Hebrews chapter eleven records brief descriptions of the faith of men and women “of whom the world was a not worthy (Hebrews 11:38).” These great people served God with a strong obedient faith. Men like Noah, Abraham, and Moses are mentioned. Each of them great men of faith who acted in humble obedience to God. Women like Sarah, Jochebed, and Rahab are held up as examples in this chapter also. Each of these people showed tremendous courage, trust, and confidence in Almighty God, and each of them displayed exemplary confidence in receiving an eternal home in heaven with God.

Hebrews 11:10 says Abraham, “waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” That is a reference to heaven. The context speaks to us of Abraham’s willingness to go wherever on earth God told him to go. It didn’t matter to Abraham where he lived.

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He could serve God in any part of the world. It didn't matter to Abraham where he lived. Earth was not his home, and he was simply passing through on his way to heaven.

Hebrews 11:13 says these people all "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on earth." It is very popular today to speak of heaven on earth. Many people teach that the reward for Christians will be a renewed earth. But this verse corrects that idea. Faithful followers of God are strangers and pilgrims on earth. Strangers are those who don't belong, and pilgrims are those who are not staying. We don't belong here beyond the time of our lives. We won't be staying here either. We have a heavenly home waiting for us. Having the perspective of being a stranger and a pilgrim on this earth will go a long way toward helping us to be happier Christians.

The Bible also says these great men and women of faith were seeking a homeland (Hebrews 11:14) which is the "better," and "heavenly country (Hebrews 11:16)." They were seeking the city built and prepared for them by God (Hebrews 11:16). They truly understood this world is not our home. We have something so much better waiting for us. In heaven there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain (Revelation 21:4). Heaven is that beautiful and peaceful place where we will enjoy eternal life in the fellowship God (Revelation 20:1-5).

Peter said God's abundant mercy has given us a living hope of an inheritance in heaven that cannot be corrupted (1 Peter 1:3-4). Heaven is our hope. Heaven is our home. To God be the praise and honor for He has graciously provided a glorious home in heaven for those who serve Him.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

A PODCAST TO REACH THE LOST

The November issue of House to House encourages your community to watch or listen to the podcast "*The Authentic Christian*". The podcast is an attractive and gentle presentation of the gospel that is professionally produced. These brothers spend a lot of their week studying with contacts generated by the show and their studies often lead to several baptisms a week.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020

November 23 - James 5
November 24 - 1 Peter 1
November 25 - 1 Peter 2
November 26 - 1 Peter 3



November 27 - 1 Peter 4
November 28 - 1 Peter 5
November 29 - 2 Peter 1

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Elwood Flinchum, Abby Little, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lungren, Larry Hayes, Melvin Sapp, Caleb Massey, Terry Wood, Laurie Courtemanche, Ruby Brewer.

Ernestine Martin was scheduled to be transferred to Willowbrook in Yadkinville for rehab this past week. Novant gave her a Covid Test that came out positive so she will remain at Novant until recovered. She had no symptoms at the time of the test. Steve & Karen were tested this past Tuesday and were to receive the results in 3-5 days.

Sandy Smith has been in the hospital for over a month due to unexpected surgery. She has been moved to Accordius (Formerly the Brian Center) for recovery. The address is: Accordius Health at Winston-Salem, 4911 Brian Center Lane, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-6423. She would appreciate cards and prayers.

Please continue to remember **D.J. Harrison** in your prayers.

Roger Allen's mother, **Edith Allen**, is going through some difficult times right now and needs all the support and prayers she can get. She still feels alone and I know she would love some get well cards. Her mailing address is 1250 Cedar Hills Drive, Room 217-B, Cookeville, TN 38506. —Roger

Jim and D.J. Harrison's great grandson was exposed to the Covid-19 virus in school recently and staying at home at this time. Please pray he does not get the virus.

IN SYMPATHY

*Our prayers go out to the family of **Jerry Whit** who passed away on November 19th due to a fall a week ago from the roof of his home. Bro. Whit was a member of the Linville church of Christ and father of Mandy Burnette. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.*

*It was announced last Sunday that **Carly Bost** was recently killed in an automobile accident on Wednesday, November 18th. She was reported to be 20 years old. Our condolences to her family.*

ABBY MEAL TRAIN

If anyone would like to volunteer to participate in the "Abby Meal Train" Program, please call Ashley Everett or Terrie Thomason. Thank You!

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.

Roll The Gospel Chariot Along

A weekly devotional by Steve Higginbotham

Many of you know the song children sing during VBS entitled, "Roll the Gospel Chariot." This was one of my favorite songs as a young boy, especially when we got to the line that said, "When the Devil's, in the way, we will run right over him" When we sang that line, we would roll our arms as fast as we could, imitating the turning of a wheel, and we would "run over the Devil" at high speed!

But what I could never understand as a child is why we would sing the line, "When the sinner's in the way, we will stop and pick him up." From my understanding at the time, I didn't want to "stop and pick them up;" I wanted to "run right over them too!" I mean, why not? If we were going to run over the Devil in our "Gospel Chariot," why wouldn't we also run over a sinner who was behaving like the Devil?

As an adult, I understand what I didn't understand as a child. We must learn to make distinction between the sin and the sinner. While we are to hate sin (Romans 12:9), we are to love the sinner (Romans 5:8; Luke 19:10). However, if truth be told, although we may understand the meaning of this song, we may in practice be guilty of "running right over the sinner" instead of "stopping and picking him up."

Maybe we need to do a little introspection. Does your "Gospel Chariot" slow down for sinners, or mow them down? Give it some thought.

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SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR NOVEMBER, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY - BRAD HOOTS

CLOSING PRAYER TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU PRIOR TO SERVICE BEGINNING ALONG WITH MAKING SURE ALL MEN SCHEDULED ARE REMINDED OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER - D. C. MOCK

OPENING PRAYERS:

SUNDAY

November 1 - Gene Southern

November 8 - Carl Cooper

November 15 - Bob Tesh

November 22 - Charley Belch

November 29 - Nathan Roy

WEDNESDAY

November 4 - Andy Santiago

November 11 - Don Minor

November 18 - Mark Minor

November 25 - Jim Harrison

SECURITY AND USHERS FOR MAIN BUILDING SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

NOTE: BE AT BUILDING BY 10:05 ON SUNDAY AND 6:25 ON WEDNESDAY TO SET OUT TABLES, THERMOMETERS, MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER EARLY. PEOPLE START ARRIVING ABOUT THAT TIME.

MAIN BUILDING:

Wayne Allen and Andy Santiago

ANNEX BUILDING:

Steve Tesh

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME OF NEED

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS CALLED UPON, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT GENE SOUTHERN @ 336-575-4233

**“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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