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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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CAUSING DIVISIONS

By Kevin Rutherford

It is easy for one to look at the condition of the Lord's church (the church of Christ) and become discouraged by the division that exists within that church. We fully understand that God wants His church to be united (I Corinthians 1:10). But, we also understand that God wants His church to be united upon the solid foundation of truth (John 17:17-21). Unfortunately there are plenty of men who have forsaken the truth. Many of these who have forsaken the truth have caused divisions in the Lord's church by their error. This is nothing new. Division plagued the church of the first century as well. Jude wrote a short, inspired letter to the church in the first century. In this letter Jude shows us how to deal with division.

First of all, we should remember that it is peace, and love that we want to see in the church (Jude 2). We want to have peace with our fellow Christians as much as is possible without compromising the truth (Romans 12:18). Peace, unity, love, and fellowship should be our desire (Romans 14:19). However, we need to recognize the fact that divisions will occur at times in order to separate the faithful from the unfaithful (1 Corinthians 11:19). We must always make sure we have peace, love, and unity among the faithful when division occurs even if we cannot have peace and unity with those in error.

The second thing to remember when dealing with those who cause division in the Lord's church is, that we must "contend earnestly for the faith" (Jude 3). The faith is that body of faith which makes up our standard of authority. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16). We are going to have to study our Bible and know the truth if we are

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going to stand against those who divide the church with their error(1 John 4:1). We are going to have to be like the people in the city of Berea who examined the scriptures in order to determine the truthfulness of Paul's preaching (Acts 17:11). When we do recognize error, we must make sure that we oppose that error.

Another thing we must do when the church is facing division is build ourselves up in the faith (Jude 20, 21). One way to build up our faith is through prayer. We must never forget to pray (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Never underestimate the power of prayer (James 5:16). When would there be a better time to bend the knee in prayer to God than when the church is facing divisions caused by false teachers? God will bless the prayerful with wisdom and patience (James 1:5; Philippians 4:6, 7).

A fourth thing to remember in times of turmoil within the church is to try and save some from error (Jude 22, 23). Not all who go into error can be convinced to repent. However, we can present the truth before them, plead with them, and then leave it with them to make their decision.

Division exists within the Lord's church in this country. It exists because men have made laws where God has not. Division exists because men have looked for ways around the laws which God has made. Satan loves division. He will use it to discourage the faithful if he can. Don't let him pull you away from the truth. Always. ". . .contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).



GODS

What god will you be worshipping this Sunday!

1. The god of Ease? Had a hard week; gotta get some rest.
2. The god of Mammon? Gotta get another dollar.
3. The god of Popularity? Folks came; gotta stay with them.
4. The god of Pleasure? Only day I have to play golf, fish, etc.
5. The god of Self-Pride? They don't do me right.
6. The God of Heaven? I love God and His Son and I will be in the assembly for worship even though it may be inconvenient.

Yes, we will each worship some god Sunday. It will prove interesting to know which god is yours. You may rest assured that the choice is yours and that this Lord's day you will make that choice. In the interest of your soul, let us plead with you to choose the God of Heaven.

—Harold Sain

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

October 9 - Col. 1
October 10 - Col. 2
October 11 - Col. 3
October 12 - Col. 4



October 13 - 1 Thess. 1
October 14 - 1 Thess. 2
October 15 - 1 Thess. 3



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Allen's mother is in the hospital in Cookeville, TN. Prayers are requested.

Nancy Minor requests prayers for a co-worker's husband, **Seth Carter**. He recently had a malignant tumor removed. They are waiting to find out a course of treatment.

Renee Morgan (Madelene's great niece) will be having major surgery - removing her colon and one kidney on Oct. 23rd at the Duke Hospital. She is 37 years old. Prayers are requested.

Please pray for D.J. Harrison's sister, **Linda Bateman**. She is to undergo major heart surgery at the end of this month.

Ella Mae Weatherman is in the hospital, bleeding internally. Please pray for her. (She is Lois Allen's aunt.)

Also, **Greg Weatherman**, Ella Mae's son had his right kidney removed due to cancer. He is home now. His address is 7255 Marshall Rd., Lewisville, NC 27023. Prayers and cards would be appreciated. He is Warners Chapel's landscaper.

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



~IN SYMPATHY~

Our Sympathy goes out to the **Bill Proctor** family. Mr. Proctor was in Hospice Care in Statesville when he passed away recently. He was the step-father of Patricia McBrayer.

Southwest Food Pantry

73 items were delivered to the SW Food Pantry this past week which makes a total of 2,311 items delivered so far during the year 2017. The food pantry is helping 25 families at this time which is an increase of 5 families since school closed for the summer. Thanks everyone for your great response. Your help makes a difference to the families in need. — The suggested food items for October is - soup/beef stew/ramen noodles.

Christian Home & Bible School

831 Soup Labels and 756 Box tops were recently mailed to the Christian Home and Bible School.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden



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:

Oct. 13-14 - Youth Retreat at Joe and Eva Everett's home at 110 Sowers Ln, Advance, NC. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer. For further information, check with Caleb Rutherford and the Everett family.

Anyone who would like to help with food or drinks for the canteen—snacks at the Youth Camp Out - Please see Nancy Minor.

Oct. 15 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship service.

Oct. 21 - The Seniors will have an outing on Saturday, October 21st to Cody Creek Restaurant. Reservations are at 5 p.m. All are invited. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer this morning.

Nov. 4 - Warners Chapel Annual Chicken Stew.

Nov. 5-8 - Gospel Meeting - Speaker: Edwin Jones from Bowling Green KY. Theme: Hidden in Plain Sight.

AREA EVENTS:

Oct. 8-11 - Gospel Meeting at South Stokes church of Christ. Speaker: Jack Honeycutt from Willette, TN.

Oct. 8-11 - Gospel Meeting at the Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville, NC. Speaker will be Wesley Simons.

Oct. 15-18 - Gospel Meeting at the Mooresville church of Christ with R. D. McDaniel speaking. Theme: "Victory in Jesus" - 1 Cor. 15:57.

Oct. 21 - Ladies Day at the Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville. Reg. 8-9 a.m. The theme: "I See You" with speaker Sis. Lillian Moss of the Centergrove church of Christ.

Oct. 21 - Community Fun Day at the West Innes St. church of Christ from 3-9 p.m. Bring friends and family.

See Bulletin Board For Details

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Oct. 1, 2017	128
Sunday Worship Service	162
Contribution for Oct. 1, 2017	\$6,761
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	36
Chapters Read:	367
Sunday Evening Worship Service	115
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 10-4-17	113

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Al Lawson

Jacob Woodbury Andy Santiago
 Robby Landry
 Linda Warner
 Joe Everett
 Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for October:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - October 15, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Minor	Morning - Tim Allen	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader - Tommy Rose	Evening - Shawn Thomason	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Michael Cooper
Prayer - Andy Santiago		Wed. - Tim Allen	

Greeters for October:

Gene & Gaye Ruark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Oct. 15 ~ Brad Hoots
Wednesday: - Oct. 18 ~ Brad Hoots

Lord's Day Appointments - October 8, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Shawn Thomason	Morning - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Roger Allen	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Jody Everett	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - Shawn Thomason
Prayer - Jack Piper		Wed. - Gene Southern	

Opening and Closing Building

Greeters for October:

Sunday: - Oct. 8 ~ Andy Santiago
Wednesday: - Oct. 11 ~ Andy Santiago

Gene & Gaye Ruark

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