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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

MY DEEP CONCERN FOR ALL THE CHURCHES

Paul presented evidence to prove the authenticity of his apostleship (2 Corinthians 10-12). Among the evidence were all the signs, wonders, and mighty deeds he was able to perform (2 Corinthians 12:12). Paul also presented evidence to prove the sincerity and conviction of his faith and apostleship. Included in that is a list of those ordeals and difficulties he was willing to suffer. His endurance of such torments proved the true conviction of his heart, and supported his claim to be a genuine apostle of Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 11). An interesting statement regarding the churches is found in Paul's list of that which he suffered. Paul said, "besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches" (2 Corinthians 11:28). This concern for all the churches is listed among that which Paul suffered.

Paul's deep concern for all the churches weighed heavily upon him. Much of this concern was the result of Paul having to fight against Satan's many attacks against the early church. In his letter to the church at Rome, Paul warned the brethren to "note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them" (Romans 16:17). The continued attacks against the church through false teachers was no doubt a part of that which caused Paul's deep concern for all the churches.

In his two letters to the church at Corinth one can see numerous ways in which Satan was able to sow discord among brethren. They fought over elevating certain men above others, they fought over law suits, they fought over matters of liberty (expediency), and they fought over miraculous gifts. This constant struggle with discord and immorality (1 Corinthians 5) in the church at Corinth must have been included among the lists of issues regarding the churches that caused Paul to suffer with deep concern.

The book of Galatians was written to churches in the region of Galatia that had been strongly influenced by false teachers. Paul expressed his disappointment at their quick departure from the truth (Galatians 1). His fight against the binding of religious error upon Galatians Christians

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even brought him into a position of being at odds with Peter and Barnabas (Galatians 2). Regarding Peter, Paul said, “I withstood him to the face” (Galatians 2:11). Even well-known, typically sound and strong leaders in the church like Peter caused a problem for Paul. Paul’s letter to the Galatians spoke of how people who had once been his friends had been turned against him by false teachers. The false teachers were “zealously courting” these brethren so that Paul even feared that those who had once loved him now consider him to be an enemy (Galatians 4).

Paul was constantly working to help congregations maintain their unity despite attacks from false teachers, the binding of opinions, and the cultural/racial battle between Jews and Gentiles in the church. In Ephesians Paul encourages unity among Jews and Gentiles in the church. In Philippians Paul encourages unity in the church through humility (Philippians 2:1-11) and even mentions two women who needed help getting along (Philippians 4:2-3). Paul worried the church at Colosse would be deceived with persuasive words (Colossians 2:4). Paul warned Timothy of those who desire to be teachers but really don’t understand what they want to teach (1 Timothy 1:7). He even went so far as to name two individuals who had made shipwreck of the faith (1 Timothy 1:19-20). In the first letter to Timothy the inspired apostle recorded the express warning of the Holy Spirit “that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, have their own conscience seared with a hot iron...” (1 Timothy 4:1-2). Paul gave strong warning to Timothy of these kinds of men in the second letter as well (2 Timothy 3:1-13). Such men would cause the faithful to be persecuted, and would grow worse and worse, but Paul told Timothy throughout all of this he must continue in that which he had learned, which was the Holy Scripture (2 Timothy 3:12-17).

The early church was not at peace from outside persecution for long. Neither was the early church at peace within from false teachers and arrogant trouble makers for long. Surely these are the problems that caused Paul to list his deep concern for all the churches among those things which we suffered for his faith, his apostleship, and his Lord (2 Corinthians 11:28).

Brethren, the church is no different today. Churches of Christ are constantly forced into times of turmoil and trouble by arrogant men. Numerous false doctrines are used by Satan to attack congregations. Entire methods and manners of thinking have been distorted by the devil to cause unrest, distrust, and a lack of unity among churches. This is the way it has always been, and this is the way it always will be. Our responsibility in all of this is to “Hold fast to the pattern of sound words...” (2 Timothy 1:13). We must stay with the word even in such times when men do not endure sound doctrine, but would rather have teachers tell them the lies they want to hear (2 Timothy 4:1-5).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

February 3 - Matthew 22:1-22
February 4 - Matthew 22:23-46
February 5 - Matthew 23:1-22
February 6 - Matthew 23:23-39



February 7 - Matthew 24:1-28
February 8 - Matthew 24:29-51
February 9 - Matthew 25:1-30

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Allen is recovering from his recent procedure he underwent for inflammation in his back.

Bonnie Landreth is feeling some better but has not been given any information regarding her health condition as yet. She has an appointment with her neurologist on Feb. 14th to hopefully learn what the diagnosis is for the heart problem she is experiencing.

Tim Allen was reported to be not feeling well this past week. Please remember him in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for Tammy Jones and D.J. Harrison. **Also:** Please remember D.J.'s sister, **Linda Bateman**, she has congestive heart failure. She lives in Oklahoma.

Joyce Greenup's brother, **Walter Goff**, is doing better and has been moved to rehab for four weeks. Joyce would like to thank everyone for their prayers in her brother's behalf.

Several individuals have been reported to have fallen recently. Fortunately, none were reported to have broken any bones but experienced painful bruises. **Becky Allen, Cleave Binkley, and David Wright** (Lydia Wright's husband). Please keep them in your prayers.

Sandra Church has requested that we remember the **Steen Family**. **Susie Steen** is now in her final days.

Please continue to pray for **Lilly Hudson**, infant daughter of Emily Workman's co-worker. She continues to have severe seizures daily. They are trying a new medication this week. Please pray for its success and for her family during this time.

Please pray for **Jason Ladd** from Yadkin County. A deer hit his car a few days ago and he is in critical condition in ICU.

Prayers are requested for **Keith Movey**, a relative of Andy Santiago. He suffered frostbite after being lost in the mountains recently.

"Welcome Back"

We welcome Joe and Christa Byrd and children back to the family that worships here at Warners Chapel. Further information will be in next week's bulletin.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Feb. 4 - Sewing for missions will meet on Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

Feb. 4 - Tuesday Evening Bible Class will meet at 7 p.m. in the Annex.

Feb. 8 - (Saturday) Congregation Work Day, beginning at 9 a.m. Ladies will be in the Old Fellowship Hall working on their project for the Ladies Day. Men will be working on the Annex, around the building and at the Lasater Road house to prepare for the Glenn's arrival. Lunch will be provided by the elders' wives.

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Banquet in Annex at 7 p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the board in the foyer.

Mar. 7 - Warners Chapel Ladies Day Speaker: **Katonya Smith** from the Eastside Congregation. Theme: "Diversity in Unity" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. "How each member of the body works together in Christ"



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of February:

Canned Fruit

*Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, and soap would be greatly appreciated at any time.

Please Note:

The new issue of the House to House is available on the credenza in the foyer. Please take several and share them with friends and neighbors.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 26, 2020	147
Sunday Worship Service:	170
Contributions for January 26, 2020	\$12,229
Daily Bible Readers:	42
Chapters Read:	714
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	147
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, January 29, 2020	117

Lord's Day Appointments For February, 2020

Serving the Lord's Table For February:

Preparing Communion for February:
 Making Announcements on Sunday:
 Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Al Lawson
 Walter Cruz Robert Tesh
 Jim Harrison
 Vicky Rutherford
 Caleb Rutherford
 Clayton Workman

Lord's Day Appointments - February 9, 2020

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Clemmons	Morning - Don Minor	A.M. - David Shoaf	A.M. - Jim Harrison
Song Leader - Charley Belch	Evening - Mark Minor	P.M. - Charley Belch	P.M. - Gene Southern
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Nathan Roy	

Greeters for February:
Jim and D.J. Harrison

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - February 9 ~ Gene Ruark
Tuesday: - February 12 ~ Gene Ruark

Lord's Day Appointments - February 2, 2020

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Bill Carothers	Morning - Tim Allen	A.M. - Justin Little	A.M. - Carl Cooper
Song Leader - Nathan Roy	Evening - Mark Roy	P.M. - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Sherrill Stewart
Prayer - Caleb Rutherford		Wed. - Tim Allen	

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - February 2 ~ Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - January 29 ~ Rick Clemmons

Greeters for February:
Jim and D.J. Harrison

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

Tim Allen
 Todd Hinson
 Steve Tesh
 Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
 Keith Warner
 Mark Minor
 Jason Allen
 Jody Everett

Gene Southern
 Shawn Thomason
 Mark Roy
 Adam Warner
 Jacob Woodbury