

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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MATERIAL GOODS

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, made two points concerning wealth in His "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 6:19-34). The first point had to do with wealth. The second point had to do with those material goods that we need in order to live here on this earth. Both of these points can help a Christian to have a perspective that will bring peace and contentment to the heart.

The first point talks about treasure (Matthew 6:19-24). We are to lay up treasures in heaven rather than treasures on earth. Two reasons are given as to why. First, treasures here are subject to theft and decay, while treasures in heaven are not. Second, your heart is with your treasure. If your treasure is earthly and material, then your heart will be focused on the earthly and material. If your treasure is in heaven, then your heart will be in heaven and your focus will be spiritual. If your mind is focused on heaven and the spiritual, you will be filled with light. If your mind and heart are focused on material treasure your soul will be darkened. God and wealth cannot both be your first priority in life. It is one or the other.

Jesus then shifts the focus of the lesson from material goods above and beyond what are needed, to those material goods that are needed (Matthew 6:25-34). Jesus does not want us to be focused on material wealth, but neither does He want us to worry about material necessities. Material necessities include food, water, and clothing. We are of much greater value than birds and flowers. Therefore, because God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers we should be confident He will do so for us. God knows what we need, and will take care of us. However, there is a condition. God will provide all that we need when we are seeking His kingdom and righteousness first. If you and I will put God first in our lives, trust in Him to provide for our needs, and stay focused on spiritual treasures, we will be happy, content, hopeful, and confident.

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Along the same lines, Paul warned Timothy of the dangers of focusing on material goods (1 Timothy 6). Paul spoke of false teachers who have drawn people away from the truth for the sake of personal gain (1 Timothy 6:1-6). Paul tells Timothy to withdraw himself from such individuals. Paul then gives Timothy the right perspective. That is, true gain is not to be found in material wealth, but rather it is found in godliness accompanied by contentment. Those who lust for material good will never be content. The person wo is truly happy is not the one who is continually wanting more and more material goods.

We should not be obsessed with wealth because we cannot take it with us (1 Timothy 6:6-8). We will leave everything behind when we die. The only thing that goes is the soul. You leave, and you leave everything, and it won't be long before it is all over. With that perspective, we must realize that our time and efforts should be spent primarily on those pursuits which prepare the soul for leaving the earth.

If we cannot learn to be content with what we need, and we develop a desire to be rich, we will endanger our souls (1 Timothy 6:8-10). A lust for wealth causes one to fall into traps that drown people in destruction. This lust for money produces all kinds of evil, and some Christians have lost their faith because of it. Some Christians have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. There is the sorrow of failing to teach children about God because of a focus on the gaining of material wealth. There is the sorrow of discovering the hollow nature of wealth, after relationships have been hurt. There is the sorrow of failing as a steward over one's time. There is the sorrow that comes from falling victim to all of the evil that can be caused by a lust for wealth.

Run from the love of money. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness instead (1 Timothy 6:11). Lust for wealth leads to failure and fruitlessness. Fighting the good fight of faith that leads to eternal life (1 Timothy 6:12).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

January 20 - Matthew 13:31-58

January 21 - Matthew 14:1-21

January 22 - Matthew 14:22-36

January 23 - Matthew 15:1-20



January 24 - Matthew 15:21-39

January 25 - Matthew 16

January 26 - Matthew 17

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Allen will have a spinal epidural on the 24th to help relieve some inflammation and pain. He was unable to attend Bible Study Wednesday evening.

Jack Piper's cataract surgery went well this past week and he is recovering satisfactorily at this time.

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.

Bonnie Landreth has been experiencing mini-strokes and is under the care of a neurologist. Please keep her in your prayers.

Anthony Allen, Wayne Allen's brother underwent open heart surgery this past week at the Baptist Hospital and was reported to have had some complications following his surgery.

Several have been reported to be ill this past week. Sherrill Stewart, Carly Hauser, and Al Lawson. Please keep them in your prayers.

Joyce Greenup has requested prayers for her brother, **Walter Goff.** He is in ICU for acute respiratory failure. He is on a ventilator.

Jaxson Wall, the little boy at Nancy Minor's daycare who had the brain bleed, has recovered enough to return to school. The Gamma knife radiation will begin in February. Continue to pray for him.

Please keep **Becky Johnston** in your prayers. She is a young mother with 3 children and has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be having surgery soon and would appreciate prayers for her and her family.

Please keep Madelene's niece, **Renee Morgan**, in your prayers. She is only 40 years old and has been fighting cancer for a number of years.

SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

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



~IN SYMPATHY~

Our Sympathy goes out to Wayne Hutchins and family In the death of his nephew, **Dalton Lovelace.** He was only 25 years old and had a young child.



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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

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

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Jan. 19 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship service.

Jan. 21 - Sewing for missions will meet every Tuesday morning from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

Jan. 21 - Tuesday Evening Class will begin at 7 p.m. in the Annex.

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day Banquet in Annex at 7 p.m.

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Mar. 7 - Warners Chapel Ladies Day Speaker: Katonya Smith from the Eastside Congregation. Theme: "Diversity in Unity" - 1 Corinthians 12:12-14. (Work Day for Ladies Day will be Feb. 8th at 9 a.m.)



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of **January**:

Peanut butter/jelly (in plastic container)

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

Please Note:

The Sunday Adult Class Flower Fund is in need of donations. In 2019-20, twenty-two flowers or fruit baskets were delivered to members of our class who spent a night in a hospital.

Please give donations to Cindy Tesh.

Thanks, - Gaye Carothers

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 12, 2020	143
Sunday Worship Service:	166
Contributions for January 12, 2020	\$7,070
Daily Bible Readers:	24
Chapters Read:	372
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	127
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, January 15, 2020	116

Lord's Day Appointments For January, 2020

Serving the Lord's Table For January:

Brad Hoots

Wayne Allen Shawn Thomason

David Shoaf Linda Warner Roger Allen Mark Minor

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

Lord's Day Appointments - January 26, 2020

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER:

SONG LEADER

SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Robby Landry Song Leader- Steve Tesh Prayer - Al Lawson Morning - Caleb Rutherford Evening - Colin Robinson

A.M. - Clayton Workman
P.M. - Roger Allen
Wed. - Song Reg. Service

A.M. - Michael Cooper **P.M.** - Jacob Woodbury

Song Req. Service Gene S. & David S.

Greeters for January: Brad and Betty Hoots

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - January 26 ~ Harry Picciuto

Tuesday: - January 29 ~ Harry Picciuto

Lord's Day Appointments - January 19, 2020

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Morning - D. C. Mock A.M. - Darryl Cook Scripture Mark Minor A.M. -Gene Southern Song Leader Tommy Rose **Evening** - Aldine Cloud P.M. -Tim Allen P.M. - Roger Allen Andy Santiago Wed. -Clayton Workman **Prayer**

Opening and Closing Building:

Greeters for January:

Sunday: - January 19 ~ Mark Roy Wednesday: - January 22 ~ Mark Roy **Brad and Betty Hoots**

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