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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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HANDCLAPPING

By Kevin Rutherford

At sporting events the crowds applaud the achievements of their favorite athletes and teams. In so doing, they are recognizing the accomplishments of those players, and encouraging them to play hard. Do we need applause in the worship service? Should we be applauding God for his achievements? No! We should praise God for what He has done by doing so in the manner in which he has specified (1 Corinthians 14:40), and in the specific methods He has authorized (John 4:24). Should we be applauding the achievements of the preacher, song leader, or prayer leader? No! We are not there to focus on man and to praise man. We assemble to worship God (Jon 4:24).

At an entertainment event people applaud the skill of the entertainers. Is worship an entertainment event? Entertainment events are designed with a focus to an audience. Worship is not to be focused upon man. Worship is to be focused upon God (John 4:24). To degrade the worship of our God to the level of cheap entertainment is irreverent (Hebrews 12:28).

Isn't hand clapping a joyful noise? And if it is a joyful noise, can it not be used in worship to God? The expression "joyful noise" is found in the poetic context of Psalm 100. This poetic context refers to Old Testament worship and not New Testament worship. The Old Law has been nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14-17). We are now living under the New Law (Hebrews 9:15-17). We must find our authorization for worship practices in the New Testament and not in the Old. Besides that, suggesting we can applaud in worship because it is a joyful noise is a foolish and faulty argument that can lead to all kinds of things. Some think blowing on whistles is a joyful noise. Others may want to bring in the New Year's Eve noise-makers into worship. After all, that is a joyful noise to some. Then again, some consider the sound of a Harley Davidson motorcycle to be a joyful noise. Why not rev one up next time you worship?

Well - surely handclapping is just another way to say amen. Right? Wrong! Saying amen is a practice for which we have specific authority (1 Corinthians 14:16). Handclapping is an entirely different practice for which there is no authority. Saying amen is making a verbal statement of agreement. Clapping your hands together is not saying anything verbally. It is not the same practice. One is authorized and the other is not. Nowhere in the New Testament will you find the Christians applauding in worship. Nowhere will you find handclapping implied in Christian worship. Nowhere will you find handclapping commanded for worship. Therefore, we have no authority to engage in the practice. Let us keep handclapping, and all other foolish man-made denominational practices out of true and simple New Testament worship.



FALLING FROM GRACE

We are often told that a Christian can't fall,
That once he is saved there's no danger at all:
No matter how far he may lapse into sin,
The gates will swing open and let him pass in.

But let it be stated in language that's terse,
That no one can cite the Book, chapter or verse
Which teaches the Christian cannot fall away,
And lose his soul in the great judgment day.

His body Paul tried to keep under sway
Lest he be rejected and be cast away,
And thus he has set the example for all,
That we may be warned not to stumble and fall.

And then he harks back the Israelites' day,
When twenty-three thousand had fallen away.
He issues this sobering warning to all,
"If one think he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

In writing to Timothy, Paul boldly saith,
That some had already made shipwreck of faith;
And Peter said Christians should watch every hour,
For Satan is seeking whom he may devour.

'Tis plain to be seen from what we have just learned
That Christians today from the Lord may be turned;
And those who still think that a Christian can't fall,
Are not in agreement with Peter and Paul.

~Author Unknown

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

November 20 - James 2
November 21 - James 3
November 22 - James 4
November 23 - James 5



November 24 - 1 Peter 1
November 25 - 1 Peter 2
November 26 - 1 Peter 3



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember **Bob and Carolyn Plunk** in your prayers.

Jane Shepard's health declined over the weekend. She is expected to live only a few weeks.

Wayne Hutchins will undergo radiofrequency ablation on November 20th and request prayers that this will help him.

Mary Ellen Dull is having a lot of joint pain at this time and having difficulty in walking.

Alyssa Southern underwent foot surgery this past Friday in Greensboro. Please keep her in your prayers.

D.C. and Ingrid Mock were not feeling well this past week. Also, Jennifer Cruise's son, **Hunter**, was reported ill with the flu.

Avery Strickland underwent oral surgery this past Tuesday.

Ella Mae Weatherman, the aunt of Lois Allen, is critical under Hospice care. Please pray for her and the family. She is at home.

Clayton Workman's aunt, **Karen Massey**, will have surgery on Nov. 20th to remove a mass on her colon.

Sharon Burchette has been admitted to Hugh Chatham hospital for an infection and underwent further surgery. Please pray for her and if you would like to send her a card, her home address is 2196 S. Center Church Rd., Thurmond, NC 28683. Thanks & love, Lorie Rose

Madelene's niece, **Renee Morgan** returned this week to the Duke Hospital to be treated for a severe infection.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our Sympathy goes out to Madelene Holbrook along with the family of **Grover Sizemore** who passed away recently. Grover Sizemore was Madelene's nephew.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Ernestine Martin
Kim Matthews

Di-Ann Moser
Dot Pegram
Bob Plunk
Eva Nelle Sidden

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested food items for Nov. is: Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.) - Thank You!

Please keep up the good work to help those who are in need.



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:

Nov. 19 - Nicaragua Medical Campaign dates will be **June 15-23** to be held in the city of Granada. A meeting will be held following this evening's service to discuss details. Any questions, please discuss with Mark Roy.

Dec. 16 - There will be a Security Class beginning at 8 a.m. (Saturday morning) All are encouraged to attend. Any questions, see Tim Allen. **ALL THAT CAN NEED TO ATTEND THIS CLASS.** Lunch will be provided.

SHOWER

Caleb-Jun Hee-Chul Rutherford and Kaylon Davis will wed on December 1, 2017, in Marion, Arkansas. A gift bag has been placed on the credenza in the foyer for a shower of gift cards or cash for the couple.

They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon, Pottery Barn and Home Depot. The gift bag will be there for the next four Sundays.

PLEASE SEE WEDDING INVITATION POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD IN FOYER

A Note to My Church Family:

I would like to thank all of my church family who reached out to me during my blessed time of rejoicing in Baptism. God is wonderful. Also, thank you to all for reaching out to me during my down times which come and go at this time of year with my husband's passing on Sept. 26, 2015. It is still difficult for me. Thank you for your cards and well wishes. I am not very good on the telephone but I love to text. I love you all and God bless you. - Your sister in Christ, Beth Roberts

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Nov. 12, 2017	98
Sunday Worship Service	149
Contribution for November 12, 2017	\$6,730
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	28
Chapters Read:	350
Sunday Evening Worship Service	99
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Nov. 15, 2017	105

Lord's Day Appointments For November, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For November:

Carl Cooper

Harry Picciuto Mike Cooper
Jim Harrison
Betty Hoots
Todd Hinson
Andy Santiago

Preparing Communion for November:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - November 26, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Tommy Rose	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Gene southern
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Tim Allen	P.M. - Daryl Cook
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don M.	
<u>Greeters for November:</u>			
Shawn & Terrie Thomason			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Nov. 26 ~ Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - Nov. 29 ~ Mike Cooper

Lord's Day Appointments - November 19, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Mark Roy	A.M. - Steve Tesh	A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Jacob Woodbury	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Don Minor	
Opening and Closing Building		<u>Greeters for November:</u>	
Sunday: - Nov. 19 ~ John Allen		Shawn & Terrie Thomason	
Wednesday: - Nov. 22 ~ John Allen			

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