

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

May 5, 2019

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Caleb J. Rutherford

The adage, "we all make mistakes," is true. But some make more than others, don't they? One lady received an unusually large check one payday, but she decided not to say anything. The following week, her check was far less than the usual amount, and this time, she confronted her boss about the shortage. But the supervisor surprised her when he asked, "Why did you not say anything when you were over paid the week before?" Unruffled, she replied, "Well I can overlook one mistake - but not two in a row."

John 21:15 records an important incident in the life of the apostle Peter that reminds us of Jesus' willingness to forgive our sins and mistakes. - even multiple ones. John 18:15-17 as well as vs. 25-27, record the familiar account of the night Jesus was arrested and Peter's multiple denials (three times) that he knew the Lord. Earlier the same night, Peter had boldly affirmed his undying devotion for Jesus, even to the point of being willing to die if need be. But when the critical moment came and the Lord was arrested, Peter's courage and conviction ran out. Just as Jesus had predicted (13:37-38), Peter denied three separate times that he knew his Master. Matthew, Mark and Luke all record that at the crowing of the rooster, Peter "went out and wept bitterly" — (Matthew 26:75; Mark 14:72; Luke 22:62). The Bible never re-touches or edits out the failings of its characters, even the greatest ones, and Peter is no exception. The shame of his three-in-a-row denials washed over his soul, temporarily burying the apostle in his own grave of guilt, leaving him heartbroken and, no doubt, disgusted with himself and wondering if the Lord could ever forgive him.

Peter fell hard, and if the story ended there, it would be a sad one, indeed. But the glory of Jesus and His Gospel is that those who fall, do not have to stay down! Jesus rose out of His grave so that we can be raised from our own graves of sin and guilt. There is no place in the New Testament that emphasizes that truth more emphatically, than John, chapter 21. Jesus initiates fellowship and communion with Peter and other disciples over a breakfast of fish. At no point in the record, do we get the idea that Jesus is put out and fed up with these flawed disciples who had so badly failed and deserted Him. Rather, He began efforts to restore a relationship with them and re-commission them in their work. That is not to say He did not confront the flaws

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and failings of these followers — He did. In Peter's case, Jesus gently addressed his spiritual three-fold failure a few days earlier. He did not rub Peter's nose in his failure. Rather, with love and tenderness, the Lord got straight to the heart of the matter with a soul-searching question He pressed upon Peter three times: "Do you love Me? ... Do you love Me?". Do you love Me?" (John 21:15-18). The failure itself was not the biggest issue with Jesus. The main question was, did Peter still love the Lord enough to turn it around and serve Him again? Once Peter had reaffirmed his love, Jesus restored and re-commissioned the flawed apostle with the simple but profound challenge, "Follow Me" (vs. 21).

Like Peter, all of us are flawed in big ways or small. The question that the Lord still presses is the same as it was for Peter: "Do you love Me?" We may be flawed and we may fail the Lord at times. But if we truly love Him, we will also be forgiven and we will be found following and serving Him. Think about it.

Senior Rally

May 11, 2019

Speaker: Eddy Craft

Schedule of Events

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast (Continental)

9:00-9:15 a.m. Singing Session

9:20-9:50 a.m. Class Period #1

9:50-10:00 a.m. Break

10:00-10:15 a.m. Singing Session

10:20-10:50 a.m. Class Period #2

10:50-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-11:15 a.m. Singing Session

11:20-11:50 a.m. Class Period #3

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

10:50 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

May 6 - Luke 23:26-56

May 7 - Luke 24:1-35

May 8 - Luke 24:36-53

May 9 - John 1:1-28



May 10 - John 1:29-51

May 11 - John 2

May 12 - John 3:1-18



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to pray for Wayne and Cathy Hutchins, Elwood Flinchum, D.J. Harrison.

Charlie Parker's procedure for a pacemaker upgrade went well this past week.

Danny Wingo will be having outpatient surgery on a vein in his leg on Friday, May 10th. Please pray for a good outcome.

Please continue to pray for Ian Quinn's mother, Connie Quinn. She has a second procedure in May to determine what future treatments are needed.

Prayers have been requested for the Lancaster family who lost their two sons in an accident in Tennessee. They are friends of Robby Santiago.

Please pray for **Allen Womack**, a past member of Warners Chapel. He was reported to be in the hospital with blood clots in both lungs and arm last Lord's Day.

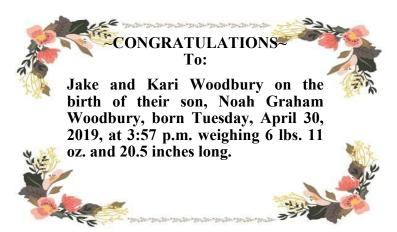
SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Mary Ellen Dull Ernestine Martin Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers.

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





Please Note: Some flowers from the graveyard were found in the grass. <u>They are in the foyer</u>. Check to see if they belong to you. Thank you!



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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>May 5</u> - VBS Meeting following morning worship service. (Teachers listed on bulletin board in foyer).

<u>May 5</u> - Bundling of House to House following evening worship service in Annex.

May 7 - Tuesday Evening Bible Study from 7-8 p.m. in Annex.

May 11-12 - Senior Rally. The speaker will be Eddy Craft from the Tri-Cities School of Preaching in Elizabethton, TN. The Theme: "Growing Old Gracefully" Classes for ages 55 and above. Fellowship Meal following the Sunday morning worship service. Everyone is invited.

AREA EVENTS:

May 5-8 - Spring Gospel Meeting at the Corinth church of Christ. Speaker: Mike Glenn from Seven Hills church of Christ, Lynchburg, VA. Theme: "Gospel Lessons from God's Word."

May 5-11 - Gospel Meeting at Broad Street church of Christ. In Statesville, C Speaker: James Parker May 5-9 Spring Gospel Meeting at West Jefferson church of Christ. Guest Speaker will be Jeff Cannon.

See Bulletin Board for more information



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of <u>May:</u>
Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)

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

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 28, 2019	140
Sunday Worship Service	162
Contribution for April 21, 2019	\$7,069
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	609
Sunday Evening Worship Service	135
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - May 1, 2019	96

Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Al Lawson

Mike Lundgren Jacob Woodbury
Allen Cooper
Jo Ann Landry
Clayton Workman
John Allen

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

Lord's Day Appointments - May 12, 2019

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Mark Clemmons Morning - Caleb Rutherford A.M. - Clayton Workman A.M. - David Moore Song Leader - Charley Belch Evening - Daryl Cook P.M. - Nathan Roy P.M. - Gene Ruark

Prayer - Tim Allen Wed. - Charley Belch

Greeters for May:

Randy and Linda Warner

Wed. - Roger Allen

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 12 ~ Gene Ruark Wednesday: - May 15 ~ Gene Ruark

Lord's Day Appointments - May 5, 2019

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Bill Carothers Morning - D.C. Mock A.M. - Charley Belch P.M. - Mark Clemmons Fong Leader - Gene Southern Evening - Gene Ruark P.M. - Nathan Roy P.M. - Tommy Rose

Prayer - Caleb Rutherford

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 5 ~ Rick Clemmons Greeters for May:

Wednesday: - May 8 ~ Rick Clemmons Randy and Linda Warner

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