

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

"Yes, My Child"

Who has not ever wanted to say things to their father that they never said? Many of us have had fathers to pass from this life to the next. Sometimes words may have seemed inadequate and so they were never spoken. Sometimes the timing of the words seemed not to be quite right and they were never spoken. Unfortunately there may have been those times when the words that were thought of to speak were not the words that would have been appropriate, or respectful.

The word "father," carries so many things within its meaning. Christians understand to some extent the idea of the words "Heavenly Father." But do we always consider fully the meaning of the word "father"? There is the physical aspect of being a father. There is the emotional aspect of being a father. There is the moral aspect of being a father. There is the spiritual aspect of being a father. There is the responsibility aspect of being a father. The list can be as short or as long as you want it to be.

If your father is not living, you cannot say the things to him you might have wanted to say. But, you can live in such a way now as to honor the good things about him. If your father is living, then not only live in such a way as to honor the good things but tell him now, while you can still say "Father," and he can still say "Yes, my child." - Proverbs 1:8, 9

—Frank

The Elders Corner:

Five Reasons Why God's Law Of Marriage, Divorce, And Remarriage Applies To All Neal Pollard

People approach the very sensitive subject of marriage, divorce, and remarriage in several ways. Some, ignorant of what Jesus says about it, are a law to themselves and come up with any number of "alternatives" including living together without marriage, homosexuality, adultery, and the like. Some have become stricter than Jesus, saying that divorce for any reason is a sin. This is making a law where God has not (Prov. 30:6; Rev. 22:18-19). Some have become less strict than Jesus, making allowance where He has not. One of the most common allowances is the idea this law does not apply to everyone. Also, some have tried to make the sin of adultery something other than what context shows it to be. Here are five reasons why God's law of marriage, divorce, and remarriage applies to all.

- (1) Jesus Goes Back To The Beginning Of Creation (19:4,8). Jesus is not teaching something that was limited to His own time and it certainly was not an articulation of the Law of Moses (see 19:7-8). Instead, Jesus goes back to the dawn of time to Adam and Eve in the Garden. Jesus, in giving His command, reaches behind Moses to "the beginning." This shows a timelessness to the command. God designed it a certain way, man distorted it, and Jesus dictates a new way that is universal in nature. He points ahead by pointing back to the beginning.
- (2) What God Has Joined Should Not Be Separated (19:6). When two people have a right to be married, whether or not a preacher or religious person performs the ceremony, God is joining those two together. Verse nine gives God's only exception for allowing the marriage bond to be severed and only then for the one against whom fornication is committed (the "innocent party")(see the last phrase in verse nine). There is no qualifying phrase beyond that one exception to justify ending one marriage and forming another.
- (3) Jesus' Teaching Is Explicitly Clear (19:9). It truly takes "expert help" to misunderstand what Jesus teaches here. Take out the exception and here is how the "rule" reads: "Whoever divorce his wife and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." That could not be clearer! The exception is also perfectly clear.
- (4) The Disciples' Reaction (19:10). Their reaction is actually extreme. They conclude that it is better not to get married. Jesus does not validate such thinking, but it gives us insight in to what they understood. Jesus' law for marriage, divorce, and remarriage is stringent! If "adultery" merely meant "covenant breaking," would the disciples react so? One would simply need to "repent" of having broken their marriage vows, and then enter another marriage. If Jesus meant that, the disciples would hardly have reacted at all.
- (5) Christ's Final Response About Eunuchs (19:11-12). Jesus clears up any doubt by how He ends this discussion. He speaks of three classes of eunuchs-those born that way, those made that way by men, and those who make themselves that way "for the kingdom of heaven's sake." Being delicate here, we understand what it means to be a "eunuch." That cuts to the heart of what our Lord is saying and one of the blessings accompanying the marriage relationship. Those who divorce for reasons other than the exception Jesus gives in verse nine would have to be in that third category of person discussed in verse 12.

This is not a truth that can be delivered with cold stare, pounding fist, and judgmental heart. It is one that more likely will be accompanied with breaking heart, blinding tears, and extreme hesitation. Probably nothing is more unpleasant to teach, but as part of the "whole counsel" (Acts 20:27) it must be taught. Culture cannot be the authority on this matter. Neither can emotion. Instead, as always, we must let Jesus be the authority (cf. Col. 1:18; 3:17; Matt. 28:18).

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2014

June 16 - Acts 2:22-47

June 17 - Acts 3

June 18 - Acts 4:1-22

June 19 - Acts 4:23-37

June 20 - Acts 5:1-21

June 21 - Acts 5:22-42

June 22 - Acts 6



OUR SICK

Please Remember in your prayers

Joe Everett suffered a heart attack this past week. He underwent balloon surgery this past Friday and had two stents inserted. He could be released possibly this weekend from the hospital.

"Tib" Hoots was admitted to the Baptist Hospital last week with pneumonia. She was released this past Wednesday and doing okay. She is extremely weak but hopefully with time, will be able to regain some of her strength.

Ronnie Knost underwent surgery this past Thursday (June 12th) at the Wake Forest Medical Center and returned home this past Friday. She is doing well and even better since she has been able to go home.

Dot Pegram is experiencing some heart problems at this time and has undergone some tests this past week. Hopefully she will know the results sometime this week.

Debbie Southern is doing well and is waiting patiently to have her surgery done in the near future.

Carmen Parker's father was admitted to the hospital this past week in Florida and underwent hernia surgery. He is 89 years old and is reported to be doing very well in his recovery.

Keep the Nicaragua group in your prayers this week



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Ellen Wingo and family in the death of her father, **Mr. Ernest Kirkland,** who passed away Friday, June 6th, in Florida after a lengthy illness. Funeral arrangements are not known at this time.

Baby Gifts

There is a basket located in the foyer for gifts for **Brian and Anna Carothers Tomlinson**. Their baby was born at 11:51 a.m. Wednesday, June 4th. Her name is **Aubry Harper Tomlinson**, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. And 20" long. Congratulations also to Grandparents: Gaye and Bill Carothers. Great Grandmother: Mary Ellen Dull.

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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

<u>June 18</u> - Beginning June 18th we will be having a special summer series through Aug. with guest speakers - Theme: "What it Means to be a Christiian. Speaker: Jim Hobbs "We are rejoicing in Peace" Philippians 4:7

<u>June 13-21</u> - Nicaragua Campaign <u>Envelopes are provided</u> in the foyer should you wish to contribute.

June 22-26 - VBS "Theme: The Race Is On!" Please start bringing 2 liter drinks to stock up for VBS (place in the Annex). Also, it is requested that we plan to bring finger foods for the first night of VBS.

AREA EVENTS:

<u>June 18-22</u> - "Sincere Faith" Training Camp at the Cary church of Christ for young Christian ladies between ages 13-18 to teach skills needed to prepare the next generation of Bible school teachers. Space limited - only first 20 will be accepted.

<u>June 14-15</u> - Abilene church of Christ 100th Homecoming.

<u>June 20-27</u> - Go Preach! Training Camp at the Cary church of Christ to train Christian young men between the ages of 13 and 18 to study the Bible, prepare a sermon and proclaim the Gospel. Space limited - only first 20 will be accepted.

Happy Father's Day!!

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - June 8, 2014	161
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	199
Contribution for <i>June 8</i> , 2014	\$8,236
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	43
Chapters Read:	832
Daily Children Bible Readers:	632
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	142

Wednesday Evening: June 11, 2014

115

Lord's Day Appointments - June 22, 2014

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - John Allen Morning - Brad Hoots A.M. - Roger Allen A.M. - Randy Warner

Song Leader - Don Minor Evening - Jason Allen P.M. - Jason Allen P.M. - Homer Holland

Prayer - Neal Harper Wed. - Song Req. Service

Jason A. & Roger A.

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: June FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Meredith Southern Morning - Abby Little Gene & Debbie Southern Zone 4

Evening - Debbie Southern Evening - Jeannie Moore

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - June 22 Frank Shepard
Wednesday: - June 25 Frank Shepard

Lord's Day Appointments - June 15, 2014

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - Steve Martin Scripture Reader a.m. - Al Lawson

Scripture: Brad Hoots p.m. - Don Minor p.m. - Don Minor

Song: Paul Kirkpatrick Song Leaders: a.m. - Wayne Allen Nursery #1: a.m. - Rhonda Hardister

Prayer: Michael Cooper p.m. - Gene Southern p.m. - Linda Flinchum

Wed. - Steve Tesh Nursery #2: a.m. - Gina Harper

p.m. - Nancy Minor

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

Kandy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason

Steve Tesh Jason Allen