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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE

By Kevin Rutherford

If we admit that the Bible comes from God, then we must admit that we are subject to the authority of the Bible. We must do as the Bible says. There are many who are not yet ready to submit to such a high moral and authoritative standard. Some of those individuals will lash out and attack the integrity of the Scriptures with nearly every breath they have. There have been emperors, kings, philosophers, and even religious people who have done everything in their power to either eliminate the Bible from this planet or to prevent most people from being able to hold a copy of it in their hands. The Bible is the world's best seller, and is used as the standard to guide the life, worship, and service of millions of people. However, it is also one of the most hated and frequently attacked books ever compiled.

Many unbelievers will charge that the Bible is the product of men without the guidance of God. Some will suggest the Bible came to us through a sort of evolutionary process that requires only the passing of time and not Divine guidance. But let us consider the facts of the matter. The Bible was written by over forty men, who wrote 66 books over a period of 1500 to 1600 years. Those authors did not see all of the works of all of the other writers, they wrote in different languages, and they lived in different time periods. How is it that we can take those 66 books, collate them into one and have a unified whole if there was not someone guiding that process? Of course, the only Being capable of living long enough to guide the process is God. Therefore, God gave us the Bible.

The Bible claims to be from God. Nearly 3,000 verses in the Old Testament suggest, or specifically claim to be from God. One clear example is 2 Samuel 23:2. David said, "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue." David was claiming to have

been guided in his words by God's Holy Spirit. The New Testament refers to the Old Testament Scriptures as that which did not come "...by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21). In fact, the New Testament tells us that all the Scriptures are inspired by God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

How did inspiration work? God gave His message to man through the Holy Spirit who, in turn, gave the message to man (John 14:26; 16:13-15). The Holy Spirit used the experience, education, and background of the individual authors to choose the very words that convey the exact meaning and message from God (1 Corinthians 2:6-13).

When the inspired word was being revealed God confirmed the truth of His word through miracles. He proved that the Word being spoken by inspired men came from Him by enabling those men to perform miraculous works (Mark 16:19, 20; Hebrew 2:1-4). The miracles were the proof that the message came from God. Now that we have the completed revelation from God, preachers of God's Word no longer need to perform miracles to confirm the Word (1 Corinthians 13:8-13). Instead we now prove we are speaking God's message by referring specifically to God's Word (1 Peter 4:11).

The Bible is from God and not men.



Once There Was A Little Boy

When he was three weeks old, his parents turned him over to a babysitter.
When he was two years old, they dressed him like a cowboy and gave him a gun.
When he was three, everybody said "How cute" as he went about lisping a beer commercial jingle.
When he was six, his father occasionally dropped him off at Bible study on his way to the golf course.
When he was eight, he bought him a BB gun to shoot sparrows. But he learned to shoot windshields instead.
When he was ten, he spent his time after school in the drug store reading comic books. His father was busy and his mother wasn't home.
When he was thirteen, he told his parents that the other boys stayed out as late as they wanted to. So his parents told him that he could too. It was easier that way.
When he was fourteen, they gave him a deadly two-ton machine, wangled a license for him to drive it and told him to be careful.
When he was fifteen, the police called his home one night and said, "We have your boy. He's in trouble." "In trouble?" shouted the father. "It can't be my boy!" But it was. And it could be yours or mine!

The moral of this story is that children who are brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" are not nearly so likely to be brought up in the court. The best place to administer discipline is in the play pen, rather than in the state pen. --Harold Sain

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

Sept. 11 - 2 Cor. 4
Sept. 12 - 2 Cor. 5
Sept. 13 - 2 Cor. 6
Sept. 14 - 2 Cor. 7



Sept. 15 - 2 Cor. 8
Sept. 16 - 2 Cor. 9
Sept. 17 - 2 Cor. 10



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep **Shannon Harper** in your prayers as she undergoes further tests this week to find out what is causing her severe pain.

Jeannie Moore is still experiencing temperature spikes at night. She had another doctor's appointment this past Thursday. Please continue to pray for her.

Please keep **Ernestine Martin** in your prayers. She was scheduled to have a pacemaker implanted this past Friday and was to remain in the hospital over night.

Mary Ellen Dull was reported to not be feeling well this past week and was unable to attend services Wednesday evening.

Pat McBrayer has requested prayers for **Sarah Koontz**, who is fighting cancer. She is to have a bone scan soon to determine if a spot found on a vertebrae is cancer. Sarah is a faithful member of North Main church of Christ in Mocksville.

Stan Ferguson (husband of Emily Workman's friend Amy) has an important cancer appointment on Sept. 25 to determine if prior treatments have been successful. He is feeling well physically, but both he and Amy could use encouragement. An address is posted on the bulletin board.

Please pray for a wonderful nurse, **Karen Shrader**. She works at Winston-Salem Health Care. She was to have surgery on her cervical spine on Thursday at the Forsyth Medical Center.

Please keep in your prayers all the people who are in harm's way from Hurricane Irma at this time.

BAPTISM

We congratulate **Ciara Warner** who was baptized last Lord's Day, September 3, 2017, following the evening worship service. We welcome Ciara into the family of Christ worshipping at Warners Chapel. Ciara is the granddaughter of Keith and Sandy Warner.

New Address:

The Huff family's new address is 14202 Mesquite Smoke Street, San Antonio, TX 78217.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden



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:

Sept. 17 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship service.

Sept. 23 - **Youth Devotional** for youth of any age in the home of R.J. & JoAnn Landry. The youth devotional will not be age restricted, and all who are a youth or have youth in their home are invited and encourage to attend. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a meal, followed by a devotional period and then activities. Families who are attending are asked to bring enough drinks, finger foods, and desserts for their own family. Sister Landry has asked that the families attending email her with what they plan on bringing. Following the devotional, there will be games outside as well as a fire pit and Smore's, weather permitting. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with more information. If there any questions, please see Caleb Rutherford.

AREA EVENTS:

Sept. 29 - Ladies' Night Out at the Linville Forest church of Christ. Dinner and Program beginning at 6:30 p.m. with registration at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rebekah Colley from the Mackland Road church of Christ in Marietta.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of **September** - cereal.

Gospel Advocate

You may renew or newly subscribe to the Gospel Advocate during the month of Sept. The cost is \$18.98 for the year. Please see Don Minor.

FOR THE RECORD

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| Sunday Bible Study - Sept. 3, 2017 | 109 |
| Sunday Worship Service | 162 |
| Contribution for Sept. 3, 2017 | \$5,446 |
| Daily Adult Bible Readers: | 41 |
| Chapters Read: | 592 |
| Sunday Evening Worship Service | 97 |
| Wednesday Evening Bible Study 9-6-17 | 110 |

Lord's Day Appointments For September, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For September:

Preparing Communion for September:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Brad Hoots

Daryl Cook Mark Minor
Jason Allen Tommy Ridings
Kathleen Warner
Tim Allen
Mark Roy

Lord's Day Appointments - September 17, 2017

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - John Allen
Song Leader- Gene Southern
Prayer - Neal Harper

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Al Lawson
Evening - Don Minor

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Steve Tesh
P.M. - Clayton Workman
Wed. - Steve Tesh

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Dwight Barringer
P.M. - Tommy Rose

Greeters for September:

Roger & Grace Allen

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Sept. 17 ~ David Moore
Wednesday: - Sept. 20 ~ David Moore

Lord's Day Appointments - September 10, 2017

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - Brad Hoots
Song Leader - Joe Everett
Prayer - Michael Cooper

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Roger Allen
Evening - Nathan Roy

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Gene Southern
P.M. - Tim Allen
Wed. - Don Minor

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - John Allen
P.M. - Clayton Workman

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| Sunday: | - Sept. 10 | ~ | Al Lawson |
| Wednesday: | - Sept. 13 | ~ | Al Lawson |

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

SUNDAY:

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| 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

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

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| Randy Warner | Jody Everett |
| Keith Warner | Gene Southern |
| Andy Santiago | Shawn Thomason |
| Mark Minor | Mark Roy |
| Jason Allen | Adam Warner |
| Mike Cooper | Jacob Woodbury |

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