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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

November 20, 2016

“WHAT GOD WANTS”

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8 These three things—act justly, love mercy and walk humbly—are the focus of a Christ-centered life.

God expects His people to treat others fairly. Jesus summed that up in the Golden Rule. Fair treatment means a day’s work for a day’s pay, whether you are the worker or the payer. It means a fair shake for everyone with whom we deal, regardless of our personal feelings. It means standing up for right when it isn’t popular. Ultimately, it means doing what God tells us to do all the time.

To love mercy is more than being merciful. It is one thing to grudgingly give mercy to those who deserve otherwise because God has ordered it as though we were children ordered to make up after a fight. It is quite another to love mercy so much we look for ways to show it. Jesus loved mercy, and his example was one of the greatest compassion in confronting the sins of the people combined with stern rebuke for those who led them.

Finally, we are to walk humbly with our God. When we think of the great privilege to walk with God, how can we do any less than walk humbly? It is a human tendency to get a little full of ourselves from time to time, and Christians are no exception.

It is good for us to remind ourselves that we are here simply by God’s grace and the message we have been given is not our own, but God’s. If that message is rejected, we should not angrily assume it is personal. Rather, as those who love mercy, we should be saddened when someone seals their doom by rejecting God.

In the end, our outward obedience—frequency of communion, worship and even mode and reason for baptism—must come from a sincere desire to please God. If not, we might as well be heathens.

By Jay Kelley
via, bulletingold.com

ELDERS CORNER:

Ten Misplaced Desires?

By Steve Higginbotham

Maybe you've heard the story about three old friends who were shipwrecked on a deserted island. After nearly a year of being castaways, a bottle floated up on the beach. One of the men opened it, and out popped a genie granting one wish to each of the three friends. Without any hesitation, the first friend said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville." Poof! He was gone. The second friend immediately said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville, too." Poof! Immediately he was gone. The third man was more deliberate. He told the genie he wanted to think about it a bit longer to make sure he didn't waste his wish. After a full two months of isolation on the island, he said to the genie, "I've reached my decision. Over the past two months I've come to realize how much I miss my friends. It's been so lonely here without them, so I wish my two friends were back here with me." And poof! (Groan here).

I believe we can all recognize the misplaced desire this man had. The desire for companionship with his friends was noble, but that desire was misplaced if it meant calling them back to the island. But now, before we laugh at this man we had better realize that sometimes, we too have misplaced desires; good and noble desires, but they can be misplaced due to context. Let me offer ten misplaced desires we sometimes have.

- *We want a Savior, but we don't want a Lord.*
- *We want a crown, but we don't want a cross.*
- *We want a harvest, but we don't want to sow any seed.*
- *We want to go to Heaven, but we don't want to go to church.*
- *We want to grow spiritually, but we don't want to feed on his word.*
- *We want Hollywood to "clean up its act," but we don't want to stop watching.*
- *We want the right to pray, even in school, but we don't want to pray.*
- *We want the 10 Commandments posted, but we don't want to live by their moral principles.*
- *We want to love God, but we don't want to abhor sin.*
- *We want to die the death of the righteous, but we don't want to abandon the lifestyle of the sinner.*

The man who wanted his friends to rejoin him on that deserted island was pretty short-sighted, but not nearly as short-sighted as those whose wants are identified above. Give it some thought.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2016

Nov. 21 - James 3
Nov. 22 - James 4
Nov. 23 - James 5
Nov. 24 - I Peter 1



Nov. 25 - I Peter 2
Nov. 26 - I Peter 3
Nov. 27 - I Peter 4



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep **Frank Shepard, Wanda Elam and Elwood Flinchum** in your prayers.

Curtis Doss is at home and is under Hospice Care.

Ashlyn Strickland was reported ill this past Wednesday evening because of a stomach bug.

Jim Harrison reported that "**D.J.**" had a small stroke a week ago.

Jane Shepard is improving from her recent fall last week. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please keep **Chad Southern** and all the firefighters and others working in Western Carolina to contain the fires in your prayers.

Christa Byrd requested prayers for **Julie Galloway** and **Darlene Caudle**.

Jeff Potts will undergo surgery in 3-4 weeks on his neck and arm area. Please keep him in your prayers also that his blood platelet problem will not cause any problems.

A prayer request from Lorie and Tommy Rose for Paternal Aunt **Joann Rose Anderson** who underwent triple by-pass surgery this past Thursday at FMC; and also for the doctors and nurses who are caring for her.

Emily Workman's mom, **Martha Kee** is not doing well at this time. The tumor on her brain stem continues to grow and is now taking away her hearing completely. She has an MRI and additional appointments on Monday to determine if there is anything at all that can be done. Please keep her in your prayers. Her address is 1100 Oriole, Jonesboro, AR 72401.

Prayers have been requested for rain here and in Western NC. Also, prayers for peace in this country and safety of our new President-Elect and his family as well as those who protect him.

~RESPONSE~

We commend **Tim Harper** who came forward this past Wednesday evening confessing error in his life and requesting the prayers of the congregation in his behalf.

THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON THE



BOOK BOX

Mary Anne Allen has placed a yellow box in the foyer to collect books for students at her elementary school. Please let her know if you would like to make a monetary donation.

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 MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A "COVERED DISH" CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Nov. 20 - Brother Kevin Rutherford from the West End church of Christ in St. Charles, Missouri, will be teaching the morning Bible class and preaching the morning and evening worship services.

Nov. 20 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in the Annex following the morning worship service.

Dec. 4 - The ladies are invited to a miscellaneous Bridal Shower for Nancy Cooper in the Annex on Sunday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. Nancy is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target.

Dec. 4 - Deacons Meeting in the Annex at 5 p.m.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the Month of December: Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.)

182 items were delivered to the Southwest Food Pantry this past week which makes a grand total of 2,612 items delivered to date. THANK YOU!

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Hilda Hauser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 13, 2016	118
Sunday Morning Worship Service	138
Contribution for Nov. 13, 2016	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	30
Chapters Read:	276
Sunday Evening - Gospel Meeting	99
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 11-16-16	91

Lord's Day Appointments For November, 2016

Serving the Lord's Table For November:

Clayton Workman

Nathan Roy Shawn Thomason
Richard Hamann Jason Allen
Mary Anne Allen
Joe Everett
Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for November:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - November 27, 2016

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Jody Everett	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Gene Southern
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - R. J. Landry	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Daryl Cook
Prayer - D.C. Mock		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don M.	
<u>Greeters for November:</u>			
Daryl Cook			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 27 - Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - November 30 - Mike Cooper

Lord's Day Appointments - November 20, 2016

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Jim Harrison	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Jason Allen	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Jason Allen	
Opening and Closing Building		<u>Greeters for November:</u>	
		Daryl Cook	
Sunday: - November 20	- John Allen		
Wednesday: - November 23	- 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
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"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