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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

June 7, 2015

"JUST SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT"

Bulletin ideas and articles come from all over. A couple of years ago these came across my computer screen after having my computer "cleansed" of a particularly bad "virus."

1. Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until someone else tries to sit in their pew.
2. Many folks want to serve God — but only as advisors.
3. It is easier to preach ten sermons than to try to live one.
4. People are funny; they want the front of the line, the middle of the road, and back of the auditorium.
5. Opportunity may knock once but temptation leans on the bell.
6. Quit griping about the church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
7. The phrase that is guaranteed to wake up a congregation — "and in conclusion,"
8. If a church want a better preacher, they only need to pray for the one they have.
9. Some minds are like concrete, thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.
10. To make a long story short — don't tell it.

These are just things to think about, they are not accusations or subtle hints to anyone. They are just some things to think about.

Frank Shepard

ELDERS CORNER:

For the next few weeks we are going to "Learn from the Past" by taking a look back at some brotherhood magazine articles that have appeared over the years.

This one comes from the March 23, 1978 edition of the Gospel Advocate.

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GOSPEL ADVOCATE

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Is There Really New Evidence on Life After Death?

ROCKLIN L. HOOVER, 23 Chappel Court, Sumter, South Carolina 29150

In the February 9, 1978, issue of the GOSPEL ADVOCATE, front cover, page 81, there appeared an excellent article by Brother Thomas Warren, entitled: "Is There Really New Evidence on Life After Death?" This fad is becoming very prevalent in our world today.

I would like to call your attention to the last paragraph of the article which appeared on page 89: "No hallucination or experience during surgery or other experience of illness can be a substitute for the plain teaching of the Bible." Brother Warren has tagged this phenomenon exactly right. It is indeed an experience or hallucination which is being misinterpreted by those who do not believe the truth concerning death conveyed to us by the Bible.

This brings me to the point of my writing. There are indeed such phenomena but they can be easily explained. I would begin by entertaining such occurrences under anesthesia during surgery because

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this is the area of medicine with which I am associated. Many of our anesthetic agents cause dreams which seem very vivid and real to the patient when they awaken from an anesthetic. Some awaken saying they have been fishing, others say they were flying through the air like Peter Pan, some say they floated up to heaven on a cloud, and many other such revelations. So far, I have had no one tell me he dreamed he went to HELL. Either these dream states are always positive or people are reluctant to relate bad dreams. My own personal experience was that I visited heaven and when I awoke I was very enthusiastically telling those around me: "I have been there." A large percentage of people who undergo general anesthesia can relate conversations which occurred during their surgery and many other strange happenings. I could delve deeper into this phenomena but I feel this is sufficient for general informative purposes.

Now on to those who have actually "died" and were brought back to life by resuscitation. When someone's heart stops beating there is approximately 3-5 minutes grace period or gray zone which can

transpire before major organs and brain suffer irreparable damage. Lack of oxygen, or hypoxia, begins to occur immediately and if appropriate measures are not instituted somewhere within the gray zone, death will occur.

On occasion God allows medical professionals and other qualified persons to succeed in "bringing back to life" someone whose heart has stopped. No matter how soon or how effective the resuscitative measures are, the patient always suffers some degree of hypoxia. Hypoxia affects the brain in a similar way as do the anesthetic agents causing hallucinations, dreams, or euphoria. This can be borne out by airplane pilots who occasionally suffer hypoxia and experience the above mentioned phenomena.

No doubt, death is an occurrence which we all ponder on occasion. I have spent many hours seeking answers concerning death due to current questionable practices which have arisen in medicine over the past decade. I would like to give you my definition of death which I took from James 2:26: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (KJV.) No mortal on earth has the ability to ascertain the moment when the spirit leaves the body. We can, however, surmise when all signs of physical life are silent that God has called the spirit home. We can also be certain that once God has called the spirit home it will not return to the physical body.

Sure people are experiencing strange happenings in stressful situations, but the cause of these can be readily explained. Let me reiterate what Brother Warren put so well: "No hallucination or experience during surgery or other experience of illness can be a substitute for the plain teaching of the Bible." ■

Coming Soon

In the Image of God By Mike Tune

The Strange Strategy of God By Calvin Warpula

Personality of the Month (Rex A. Turner) By Curtis A. Cates

Authority of the Eldership By Guy N. Woods

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2015

June 8 - John 18:1-18
June 9 - John 18:19-22
June 10 - John 19:1-22
June 11 - John 19:23-42



June 12 - John 20
June 13 - John 21
June 14 - Acts 1



OUR SICK PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Madelene Holbrook has had several doctor's appointments this past week. She is gathering fluid around her heart.

Roger Allen had his procedure done this past Tuesday and was experiencing pain from it. He does have pain relief in his arm. He was anticipating returning to work this past Friday.

Cathy Hutchins is doing well from her surgery but has injured her shoulders. She is to have an MRI soon to determine treatment.

Melissa Allen from Henderson, TN, continues to do well. She will undergo surgery this week.

Lutrelle Chipman has requested continued prayers for her granddaughter, **Elise Cave**.

Merry, the Harrison's granddaughter, suffered some sort of medical emergency and was taken to the ER last week. Please pray for her and the family.



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

Please Note: Mary Anne received some corrections to Homer Holland's new address in Texas.

Homer Holland's address is:

**AB Homer Holland
321 TRS/FLT 382 Dorm 3A2
1320 Truemper Street Unit 364048
Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6431**

Letters and photos only. No care packages.

NEW ADDRESS

Mary Seal's new address is:

**1805 Salem Bluff Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27127
Phone number remains the same.**

Please make this change in your directory.

**THE NEW HOUSE TO HOUSE PUBLICATION
IS AVAILABLE ON THE DESK IN THE FOYER.**

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

June 12-20 - Nicaragua Campaign.

June 10 - Speaker for Summer Series 2015 is Spencer Strickland from Columbia, SC. Topic: Noah.

June 14 & 17 - Promotion Days for Bible Classes.

June 21- 25 - VBS - (Teachers: All material is available in the supply room).

July 11 - NCSBS Graduation.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2015

“A Backyard Adventure, Exploring God's Word”

This series offers five important lessons to help young people enjoy exploring the Bible. We will discuss the importance of studying God's everlasting Word, discover God's love for us and the gifts He gives us, study the life of Jesus and learn how to follow His example, know that Jesus is our friend, and learn God's plan of salvation. Psalm 33:4 tells us “For the word of the Lord is right, and all His work is done in truth”

Lesson 1 - Explore: The Bible, God's Book

Lesson 2 - Discover: God's Love For Us

Lesson 3 - Follow: Jesus, God's Son

Lesson 4 - Know: Jesus, Our Friend

Lesson 5 - Learn: God's Plan of Salvation

Please make plans to invite friends and neighbors to attend this year's Vacation Bible School.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - May 31, 2015	127
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	170
Contribution for May 31, 2015	\$7,465
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	35
Chapters Read:	619
Sunday Evening:	113
Wednesday Evening - June 3, 2015	117

Lord's Day Appointments - June 14, 2015

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture	- Brad hoots	Morning - Frank Shepard	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Gene Ruark
Song Leader	- Paul Kirkpatrick	Evening - Justin Minor	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Derek Elam
Prayer	- Michael Cooper		Wed. - Steve Tesh	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	<u>MAY GREETERS:</u>
Morning	- Sandy Warner	Morning - Robin Hauser	Richard & Karen Clemmons
Evening	- Marie Harper	Evening - Meredith Southern	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	June 14	Al Lawson
Wednesday:	June 17	Al Lawson

Lord's Day Appointments - June 7, 2015

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Wayne Allen	Scripture Reader a.m. - Mark Minor
Scripture - Homer Holland	- Tommy Ridings	p.m. - Derek Elam
Song: - Roger Allen	Song Leaders: a.m. - Roger Allen	Nursery #1: a.m. - Abby Little
Prayer: - Todd Hinson	p.m. - Clayton Workman	p.m. - Betty Hoots
	Wed. - Nathan Roy	Nursery #2: a.m. - Rhonda Hardister
		p.m. - Gina Harper

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
 You Can View Our Worship Services ONLINE - Each Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Eastern Time at
 —www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org

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ELDERS

David Moore
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 Joe Everett
 Todd Hinson
 Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
 Keith Warner
 Andy Santiago
 Mark Minor
 Jason Allen

Mike Cooper
 Jody Everett
 Gene Southern
 Shawn Thomason