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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

MARCH 21, 2021

ITS GREAT TO BE CHRISTIANS!

There are a number of reasons for Christians to rejoice and say, "it's great to be a Christian!" Christians are given a heart of stability and tranquility when they fully trust in God. Our hearts are filled with joy, contented peace, hope, and love. We are more positive and smile more because we are Christians.

As Christians we have hearts filled with joy, peace, hope, and love when we trust in God because they know that God is going to take care of them (Philippians 4:4-9). We can always rejoice knowing that the Lord is near. He is our friend and our help. He is our confidence. We can always rejoice knowing that we can pour out our hearts in prayer unto God and He will help us. We express our thanksgiving even as we empty out our innermost fervent words of earnest requests to God for help for ourselves and others. In all of this we know He hears. In all of this we know He can do whatever He chooses to do. In all of this we know His will shall be done. His power is unlimited and therefore the influence and power of prayer is unlimited. The knowledge that we have the ear of God gives us the ability to rejoice in the Lord always, to set aside anxiety, and to enjoy a deep and satisfied inner peace. It is this deep trust in God that will guard our hearts and minds. This is why we pray without ceasing (1Thessalonians 5:17), and this is why we say "it's great to be a Christian!"

Christians have hearts filled with joy, peace, hope, and love when they trust in God because they know that God is going to reward them (Matthew 5:10-12). While we may have peace within because of our trust in God, and we may work to be peacemakers. We cannot control how others react to us. Though we have a beautiful message of hope and joy so many people will reject that message with bitterness and malice. Though we may love people, there are times when they will hate us and want to persecute us. But Jesus says, "blessed are you when they revile and persecute you; and say all kinds of evil things against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven (Matthew 5:11-12)! Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). Heaven is our true country and eternal home (Hebrews 11:13-16). Heaven is where we shall find our incorruptible inheritance that is undefiled and that does not fade away (1 Peter 1:3-4). It's great to be a Christian!

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As Christians we have hearts filled with joy, peace, hope, and love when we trust in God because of the high, holy, and noble qualities and characteristics developed in us. When the perfect and Divine Son of God became man, He sat down on a mountain one day with His disciples and taught the multitudes (Matthew 5-7). He began by speaking of those qualities in people that will cause them to be happy and blessed (Matthew 5:1-16). Those qualities include meekness, a hunger for righteousness, mercy, purity of heart, a peace-making spirit, and a willingness to shine the light of good works in our lives for the purpose of glorifying God. No doubt Christians are blessed by God for these characteristics, but it is also most certainly true that these qualities make Christians happier people. If you are humble and meek you will be happier. If you are merciful and pure in heart you will be happier. If you are a peacemaker and busily involved in good works you will be happier. This is the way to joy. This is the way to a happy life. This is the Lord's way, and this is why we can say it's great to be Christians!

As Christians we have hearts filled with joy, peace, hope, and love because of our confidence in God's forgiveness. We must be diligent to enter into heaven (Hebrews 4:11). We cannot hide our failures from God (Hebrews 11:12-13). Yet we are confident that we can enter into heaven because of our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-15). "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16). Christians can be confident they received forgiveness of their sins when they repented and were baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38). But, Christians can also be confident of their forgiveness when they sin after they have become Christians (Hebrews 4:16). Approach the throne of grace with confidence in God not arrogance. Arrogance is an over-inflated confidence in self that fails to recognize one's own limitations and weaknesses. Confidence in God is trust in His power, and not in our weakness. In the case of asking for forgiveness we confidently approach the throne of grace to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. We are confident of that forgiveness because of our High Priest, Jesus the Christ. It is great to be a Christian!

It's great to be Christians because God loves us (Romans 5:8). It's wonderful to be Christians because we have been justified by the blood of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:9). It's tremendous to be Christians because we have been saved from wrath (Romans 5:9). It's a joy to be Christians because we have been reconciled to God (Romans 5:10-11). It's a blessing to be Christians because we have put to death the old man of sin and we are living a new life (Romans 6). It's great to be Christians because "there is now therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit (Romans 8:1-4)." It's great being Christians because we have been adopted into God's family, and as such we are heirs of glory (Romans 8:14-18). It is certainly most wonderfully grand to be Christians because God is working for us (Romans 8:28-35), and we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us (Romans 8:37-39).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

March 22 - Luke 1:21-38
March 23 - Luke 1:39-56
March 24 - Luke 1:57-80
March 25 - Luke 2:1-24



March 26 - Luke 2:25-52
March 27 - Luke 3
March 28 - Luke 4:1-30

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lundgren, D.J. Harrison.

Emily Hinson has had the COVID-19 recently. She is doing well in recovering from the effects of the virus. She thanks everyone for the cards that she received from Warners Chapel. She had a test recently and it checked out negative.

Sherrill Stewart would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and most of all for the prayers. He is doing better and was able to attend the church services last week.

Madelene Holbrook has also been able to attend services at Warners this past Sunday after having some health issues.

Steve Martin had an appointment with a doctor at the Baptist Hospital on March 18th to undergo an outpatient procedure on his throat to improve his natural speech pattern. Our prayers are for him to be able to speak above the whisper that he was left with following his recent successful cancer surgery of the esophagus. If you would like to help out with food at this time for Steve, please see Mindy Santiago.



CONGRATULATIONS...

And Best Wishes go out to Nathan Roy and Bethany Barbee who were married on Tuesday, March 9th.

Also:

Congratulations and good wishes to Allen and Olivia Cooper who are expecting their second child in the near future.

Call Someone and strengthen the church:

This week, make a list and call 5 people you don't normally call. Just touch base, ask after their welfare, tell them you care about them, see if they have a need with which we can help.



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.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ernestine Martin (Steve, Karen, and James and their families along with many other relatives). Ernestine passed away on Sunday, March 15th after a lengthy time of health issues. She was a very quiet person and always very kind and thoughtful. She was very active in the church and especially enjoyed teaching the children's classes. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and a faithful Christian. The funeral was held at Warners Chapel on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, with visitation from 1:30 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. Wednesday. Burial followed in the church cemetery. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Also, our sympathy goes out to Jerry Hudson and family in the death of his wife, Joyce Hudson. The Hudson family are members of the Linville Forest church of Christ. Jerry Hudson has attended Warners Chapel in times past to help song leaders by teaching lessons in how to read music and how to lead the congregation.

Covid Vaccine Information:

If anyone would like a COVID-19 Vaccine and are having difficulty getting an appointment in the county you reside in, we have plenty in Yadkin County. If you would like an appointment please go to Yadkin County website www.yadkincountync.gov and register you will be called on the number that you register with for an appointment. - Lorie Rose

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

MARCH, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR MARCH: DAVID MOORE

OPENING PRAYERS FOR MARCH:

SUNDAY - a.m.

March 7 - Gene Southern
March 14 - Jim Harrison
March 21 - Brad Hoots
March 28 - Andy Santiago

SUNDAY - p.m.

March 7 - Adam Warner
March 14 - Mark Minor
March 21 - Carl Cooper
March 28 - David Queen

WEDNESDAY

March 3 - Bob Tesh
March 10 - Tim Allen
March 17 - D.C. Mock
March 24 - Wayne Allen
March 31 - Johnny Spillman

**BUILDING SECURITY: OPENING, SETTING UP FOR TEMPS, AND LOCKING BUILDING:
SUNDAY AM OPEN BY 10:10, PM BY 5:25, AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:25**

MAIN BUILDING: GENE SOUTHERN AND TIM ALLEN

SONG LEADERS FOR MARCH:

SUNDAY - a.m.

March 7 - Wayne Allen
March 14 - Clayton Workman
March 21 - Roger Allen
March 28 - Charley Belch

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IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

“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

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury