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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 8, 2019

1st Century Focus

The feast of Pentecost always took place on the first day of the week. When Peter preached on Pentecost he was preaching on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1). The first day of the week was significant to the early Christians because it was the day upon which the Lord rose from the tomb (John 20:1). As Peter preached on the first day of the week he spoke of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and gave evidence through prophecy and eyewitnesses (Acts 2:25-32). Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a major point in the first Gospel sermon ever preached. In fact, it became a major theme throughout the preaching of the first century.

Peter spoke of the resurrection of Jesus Christ in his second Gospel sermon at the temple (Acts 3:15). In both the Pentecost sermon and the second sermon at the temple, Peter mentions God is the One who raised Jesus from the dead. He also points out the fact that he, and others are eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

When Peter and John were taken before the high priest, rulers, elders, and scribes, Peter once again preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:10). When the leaders told them to stop preaching in the name of Jesus, Peter said, "we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). So, once again, Peter points out the facts Jesus was raised from the dead, God raised him from the dead, and Peter and others are eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

Peter and all the apostles were later brought before the Jewish leaders where they were rebuked for preaching Jesus (Acts 5:27-28). As Peter gave answer he once again mentions Jesus was raised, God raised Him, and Peter and the other apostles were eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ (Acts 5:30-32). These comments infuriated the Jewish leaders, when instead such comments should have thrilled them. In their fury, they had the apostles beaten. At this point it became clear to the early Christians they could be severely punished for preaching the resurrection of Jesus, but this did not stop them.

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Peter again spoke of the resurrection when he was given the opportunity to preach the Gospel to the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:40-41). Peter told the Gentiles, Jesus was raised, God raised Jesus, and there are eyewitnesses of the resurrected Christ.

Paul's preaching was also filled with references to the resurrection. When Paul preached to the people of Antioch, he told them Jesus was raised, God raised Jesus, and there are eyewitnesses who saw Jesus for many days after His resurrection (Acts 13:28-37). On this occasion, Paul also makes references to Old Testament prophecies regarding the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Acts 17:1-4 shows Paul reasoning from the Scriptures regarding the identity of Jesus as the Christ. In this context, Paul says, "Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead" (Acts 17:3). It was Paul's preaching regarding the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that ended his opportunity to speak before the Greek judges on Mars' Hill (Acts 17:29-34). Paul also spoke of the resurrection of Christ before King Agrippa and Festus (Acts 26:22-23).

The fact of the resurrection was also discussed in the inspired letters written to the early churches. When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he spoke of how the resurrection of Jesus Christ is pictured in our resurrection from the water of baptism (Romans 4:3-7). In his first letter to the church at Corinth, Paul spoke in some depth about the implications of the resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15). He first spoke of the evidence of the resurrection in more than five hundred eyewitnesses. Then Paul explained we have confidence in our own future resurrection because we can know that Jesus rose from the grave. Paul mentions the resurrection of Jesus Christ again in the second letter to the church at Corinth (2 Corinthians 4:14). In fact, we see references to the resurrection over and over again in the New Testament letters (Galatians 1:1; Ephesians 1:20; Colossians 2:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Timothy 2:8; 1 Peter 1:21).

The resurrection of Christ was a recurring theme throughout the preaching, teaching, and writing of inspired men in the first century. In addition, the day upon which the early Christians met pointed to their faith in the resurrection (John 20:1; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). If we are going to be preaching like the early church, we are going to speak often of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For, it is in the preaching of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we find the foundation for all trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and all hope in the coming resurrection to eternal life.

~Kevin V. Rutherford



READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

December 9 - Jude
December 10 - Revelation 1
December 11 - Revelation 2
December 12 - Revelation 3



December 13 - Revelation 4
December 14 - Revelation 5
December 15 - Revelation 6

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Wayne Hutchins, Mindy Santiago, and Carolyn Plunk have all been reported ill this past week.

Bill Carothers will have heart ablation Tuesday, December 10th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Todd Hinson will undergo kidney surgery on December 19th. Please keep him in your prayers.

Noah Woodbury was ill this past Wednesday with a fever.

Karen Clemmons' brother, Eric Drews, was in a car accident this past Wednesday and has a broken neck at C6 and C7. He was scheduled to undergo all-day surgery this past Friday. His condition is touch and go at this time, but doing very good considering. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to remember Jaxson Wall, one of the kids at the Daycare where Nancy Minor works. He has AVM - Arterio Venous Malformation - a malformation of artery and veins in his brain. It is too deep in his head for surgery so he will undergo gamma knife radiation treatments.

Please continue to remember Kevin's nephew, Nathan Davis, and Kevin's brother, Brett Rutherford in your prayers.

Please pray for David Parker, who has upcoming surgery and treatments. Also pray for James Baldwin who is recovering from a heart attack. - Lisa Nail.

Please continue to remember Susie Steen, the mother of Sandra Church's son-in-law. Her cancer has returned.

THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.



SHUT-INS

Mary Ellen Dull
D. J. Harrison

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor

Please remember the shut-ins in your prayers

~Memorial Service for Sister Betty Smith~

The Memorial Service for Sister Betty Smith, Jeanie Tate's mother, will be at the Broad Street church of Christ in Statesville on Sunday, December 15, 2019, at 3 p.m.

~IN MEMORY~

The beautiful Poinsettias that have been placed in the auditorium in Memory of Sister Barbara Minor by the Minor family.



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

Dec. 8 - Bundling of House to House this evening in Annex.

Dec. 8 - A short security team meeting will be held Sunday, at 5 p.m. If you would like to serve in this work, please attend or contact Gene Southern. For those already a part of the team, it will be important to be there.

Dec. 14 - Lamb's Group - Age 12 and under, will meet at 10:00 a.m.. We will decorate cookies and make a craft for the shut-ins. We will have pizza for lunch and take the gift box to the shut-ins in the afternoon. The bus will be used for that. Any questions, see Caleb, Lois Allen or Nancy Minor.

Dec. 14 - Progressive Dinner for Youth.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of December:

Canned Meat: chicken/tuna

*Laundry detergent, hand dishwashing liquid, and soap would be greatly appreciated at any time.

NEW CELL TELEPHONE NUMBERS For Todd and Dana Hinson

Todd Hinson: 336-416-5320
Dana Hinson: 336-414-9696

Please make the changes in your church directory.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements for coverage.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - December 1, 2019	140
Sunday Worship Service:	169
Contributions for December 1, 2019	-
Daily Bible Readers:	-
Chapters Read:	-
Sunday Evening Worship Service:	123
Wednesday Evening Bible Study, Nov. 27, 2019	107

Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For December

Preparing Communion for December:
Making Announcements on Sunday:
Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Steve Tesh

David Elam Allen Cooper
Tommy Ridings
Gina Harper
Andy Santiago
Clayton Workman

Lord's Day Appointments - December 15, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Brad Hoots Song Leader - Steve Tesh Prayer - Kevin Rutherford	Morning - Wayne Allen Evening - Rodney Brown	A.M. - Charley Belch P.M. - Justin Little Wed. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Carl Cooper P.M. - Tommy Rose

Greeters for December:

Gene and Debbie Southern

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - December 15 ~ Colin Robertson
Wednesday: - December 18 ~ Colin Robertson

Lord's Day Appointments - December 8, 2019

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Darryl Cook Song Leader - Tommy Rose Prayer - Todd Hinson	Morning - Caleb Rutherford Evening - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Nathan Roy P.M. - Clayton Workman Wed. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Jim Harrison P.M. - Clayton Workman

Opening and Closing Building:

Sunday: - December 8 ~ Al Lawson
Wednesday: - December 11 ~ Al Lawson

Greeters for December:

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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

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner Gene Southern
Keith Warner Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor Mark Roy
Jason Allen Adam Warner
Jody Everett Jacob Woodbury