

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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SING TO THE LORD

Have you ever wondered why Christians lift up their joyful voices to praise God in song? The Psalmist wrote, "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. In His hand are the deep places of the earth; the heights of the hills are His also. The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land." (Psalm 95:1-5) Psalm 96:1-6 says, "Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised." Psalm 98:1-4 tells us, "Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The LORD has made His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout joyfully to the LORD all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises." In these Psalms, we find a number of reasons to worship God with joyful song.

First, he is the Rock of our salvation. God often saved the Jewish people from their enemies when the Jews were faithful to Him. He was the One they were to look to for help when their enemies were trying to destroy them. But, there is a far more significant way in which God is the Rock of salvation. He is the Rock of our spiritual salvation from the terrible consequences of sin. He is the rock in the sense that He is un-moveable. He is the only One we

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can consistently trust when it comes to salvation. He sent His Son to die for mankind, and in the precious blood of His Son we find cleansing from sin. We find salvation in the blood of the Lamb. God is our salvation. We are saved from wrath. We are saved from hell. We are saved to peace. We are saved to heaven. It is this tremendous joy in our salvation that causes us to want to sing to the Lord!

Second, the Psalmist speaks of coming before God to worship Him with thanksgiving. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for all that God has done for our salvation. But, it is not just our salvation that makes us grateful. God has given many abundant blessings to us, such as the wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ who help us through this life. We are thankful for the congregation we attend, for the power of the Gospel, for the beauty of Christian love, for our families, for having received that which is necessary to live on this earth, for moments of joy, for the beauties of creation, and for so many other blessings. In fact, we have received more blessings than we can know, imagine, count, or understand. So, we are grateful to a loving God who has given us all of these blessings. Hearts filled with gratitude are anxious to sing songs of praise to God.

Third, we sing praises to God with thanksgiving and joy because He is the great God who has created all things. All other gods are idols. All other gods were formed in the imagination of people who choose to worship that which has been created, rather than the Creator Himself. It is natural, and inherently right for that which is created to worship He who created. God created so much natural beauty for us to enjoy in His universe. When we look up at the stars and moon at night we see the handiwork of God. When we see the vibrant flowers blossom in the spring and summer, we see the power of a God who enjoys and creates beauty. God has created this universe, this world, mankind, you, and all the wonderful people you know. So, we praise our God in joyful song even as we honor Him as the Creator, and the only true and living God.

Christians have peace inside that comes from knowing God is the Ruler of all. Christians have joy in their hearts that comes from knowing heaven is our home. Christians have souls that swell with gratitude for all that our gracious, kind, merciful, and loving God has done for us. Because of this we sing.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

March 5 - Mark 9:1-29 March 6 - Mark 9:30-50

March 7 - Mark 10:1-31

March 8 - Mark 10:32-52



March 9 - Mark 11:1-18 March 10 - Mark 11:19-33 March 11 - Mark 12:1-27



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

D.C. Mock was reported to be ill this past Wednesday with a Migraine.

Mark Minor was reported to be ill with a "stomach bug" this past week.

Fred Watkins, a member at Taylorsville church of Christ is in the Baptist hospital with fluid on his lungs and an irregular heart beat. He is still in the hospital while they are attempting to diagnose his condition.

Please pray for **Lillian Belch** (Charley Belch's mother). Charley is with her in WV. Hospice has been called in to care for her.

Stan Ferguson, (a friend of Emily Workman) was to have testing done this past Friday to determine if cancer remains after recent surgery. Please pray for good results.

Prayers have been requested for **Sara Helfin**, who is having a biopsy on her thyroid. Her husband, Travis is a youth minister in Florida.

~THANK YOU~

Thank you for all your prayers for my cousin, **Hector.** He had surgery this past Monday and is doing okay for now. Please continue to pray they can stop the infection.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Sherrill Stewart and all the family of **Randy Lane**, who passed away on February 27th. A Memorial was held on Saturday, March 3rd at Hayworth Miller in Lewisville. Randy Lane was Sherrill's nephew.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Ernestine Martin Kim Matthews Di-Ann Moser

2018 Nicaragua Medical Mission donations (June 15-23)

Currently we have ten members from Warners Chapel planning to participate in the campaign in Granda, Nicaragua. Each member has already contributed \$500 toward the expenses of this mission effort, and the elders have set aside a match of \$500 per person in the budget; however, that does not meet the total expense of the mission. For those wanting, willing and able to provide additional support for the mission work there are special contribution envelopes on the credenza in the foyer.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the auditorium and foyer were provided by the daughters of **Lutrelle Chipman** in her memory. The addresses of her daughters are on the bulletin board in the foyer, should you wish to send them a sympathy card.



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:

<u>Mar. 4</u> - Ladies Day Work Session will be held following the morning worship service. Please bring a covered dish and we will work on the "gift bags" after lunch. (Also, please sign up to decorate a table. All that is needed is a center piece!)

Mar. 6 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

<u>Mar. 8</u> - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

<u>Mar. 24</u> - Ladies Day at Warners Chapel. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board. The speaker will be Brenda Rutherford. The topic: "How do I Worship An Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent God?"

AREA EVENTS:

<u>Mar. 10</u> - Men's Fellowship from 9 a.m. to 3:p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Mar. 23 - Area Singing Fellowship at the Northwest church of Christ in Greensboro at 7 p.m.

Mar. 24 - Men's Retreat at the Northwest church of Christ. 8:30 to 12 noon.

<u>Apr. 13-15</u> - Youth Rally at the Lake Norman church of Christ.

<u>May 5</u> - Ladies Day at Northwest church of Christ Theme: "Soothe Your Soul" Speaker: Jonee' Lewis from WXII News. 8:30-1:00.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of March is: Pasta/pasta sauce—No glass please

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 25, 2018	150
Sunday Worship Service	185
Contribution for Feb. 25, 2018	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	605
Sunday Evening Worship Service	151
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Feb. 28, 2018	93

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

Andy Santiago

Richard Hamann Keith Warner

> Jody Everett Rebecca Allen Tim Allen

Mark Minor

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

Lord's Day Appointments - March 11, 2018

OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER **DEVOTIONS: SCRIPTURE READERS**

Scripture **Brad Hoots** Morning - Al Lawson A.M. - Gene Southern A.M. - Daryl Cook Evening -P.M. - Gene Southern Song Leader-Joe Everett David Elam **P.M**. - Tim Allen

Prayer Michael Cooper Wed. -Allen Cooper

Greeters for March:

Elwood & Linda Flinchum

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: March 11 Al Lawson Wednesday: -March 14 Al Lawson

Lord's Day Appointments - March 4, 2018

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Morning - Sherrill Stewart A.M. - Jacob Woodbury Scripture - Daryl Cook A.M. - Clayton Workman P.M. - Steve Tesh Wed. - Roger Allen Roger Allen **Evening** - Jason Allen P.M. - Mark Clemmons Song Leader

Prayer Todd Hinson

Opening and Closing Building

Shawn Thomason Sunday: - March 4 **Greeters for March:** Wednesday: - March 7 Shawn Thomason Elwood & Linda Flinchum

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 DEACONS

David Moore Randy Warner Jody Everett Keith Warner Tim Allen Gene Southern Andy Santiago Mark Minor **Shawn Thomason** Joe Everett Mark Roy **Todd Hinson** Steve Tesh Jason Allen Adam Warner Mike Cooper Jacob Woodbury