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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS

April 21, 2013

“Neutral You Cannot Be”

Most folks are aware of the role the country of Sweden has often played in world politics. They always claim neutrality. But standing for the cause of Christ requires one to stand apart from the world but not in a neutral stance.

*The absolute authority of the Lord brought and continues to bring a sword of separation within some families. Matthew 10:34-36 quotes Jesus as saying: “**Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to ‘set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother -in-law.’ And ‘a man’s foes will be those of his own household.’**”*

It needs to be remembered that in one sense Jesus did come to bring peace, peace among those who would receive Him. So sang the angels at the time of His birth (Luke 2:14). But between His friends and those who would persist in being His foes, He came to bring, not peace, but a sword. He knew that the existence and activities of the church would cause the sword of persecution to be drawn, and in ordering the establishment of the church He assumed the responsibility of sending that sword into the world.

*When Christ comes upon the stage of life, the human realm must give attention to His claims. One cannot remain neutral in regard to the Man of Nazareth. Jesus plainly reminds us of this in these forceful terms: “**He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.**” Matthew 12:30. You cannot claim the role of neutral Sweden. To recall the words of Joshua, “**...choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ...**”*

Frank

ELDERS CORNER:

INGREDIENTS IN EVANGELISM

There is no subject more vital to Christians than evangelism. It is our first responsibility. It is God's means of saving the lost. It is the lifeblood of the church. Evangelism lurks around every "corner" of the Gospel.

The **WHAT** of evangelism: deliver the Gospel. "Evangelism" is really a Greek word, euangelizo. It means to proclaim glad tidings, a message that brings joy. The noun form of this word (euangelion), is the New Testament word for "Gospel," good news. Thus, God chose a word for His message of salvation that practically demands its proclamation! God's truth about salvation in Christ is encouraging, thrilling — a message which every person should know and from which he can profit. The message must be only the Gospel Truth, for it alone is God's saving power (Romans 1:16). The Gospel was never meant to be confined, but is to be delivered to "the whole creation: (Mark 16:15).

The **WHY** of evangelism: Christ's command. No command is more central to the Gospel than the Lord's charge. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). We are always to be ready to give an answer with the Gospel (I Peter 3:15). Why is this the Lord's primary requirement of us? Because men are lost without the Gospel and we are the means by which they will hear. The church cannot survive, much less grow, without evangelism. Only by evangelism are people added to it and it is kept pure (Acts 2:38-47; 2 Tim. 2.2). Everything pertaining to the cause of Christ on earth relates to evangelism!

The **WHO** of evangelism: Every Christian. Some of the most effective evangelists in the New Testament were "ordinary" Christians (the Jerusalem saints [Acts 8:4; 11:19]; Philip [Acts 8:5]; Barnabas [Acts 11:22-30; 13:1-3]; Aquila and Priscilla [Acts 18:26]; etc.). Every Christian is an "earthen vessel" to carry the Gospel from place to place (2 Cor. 4:7). "The faith" has been "delivered to the saints" for defense and proclamation (Jude 3). Some of God's most effective evangelists will never stand in a pulpit! It is God's will that every Christian find some means of spreading the Gospel.

The **WHEN** of evangelism: Constantly. We must be always abounding in the Lord's work (I Cor. 15:58). There is emphasis on daily evangelism (Matt. 26:55; Luke 9:23; Acts 5:42; 20:31). The Word must be preached "in season, out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2). We must constantly seek opportunities to teach!

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2013

April 22 - Luke 17:1-19
April 23 - Luke 17:20-37
April 24 - Luke 18:1-23
April 25 - Luke 18:24-43



April 26 - Luke 19:1-27
April 27 - Luke 19:28-48
April 28 - Luke 20:1-26

OUR SICK PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember **Norma Grisham** (Clayton Workman's Grandmother). She is reported to be not doing well at this time.

Clayton Workman's father, **Bill Workman**, received a good report from his tests recently. He will meet with the surgeon and oncologist this week to treat the cancer on his liver.

Roger Allen's father was unable to get into the trial chemotherapy treatments and is now look at other options to continue his cancer treatment.

Grace Allen's father had a procedure on his hand in Nashville, TN. The procedure went well and he is at home recovering.

Ellen Wingo's mother, **Nita Kirkland**, underwent emergency surgery for a hiatal hernia this past Monday. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Please remember Mindy Santiago's mother, **Colleen Furches**. She is now at the Yadkin Nursing Care Center in Yadkinville. She is in Room 906 and would appreciate visits.

Please remember **Jon Miller**, a friend of Stephanie Hardister and Charles Goodwin. He is having some health issues at this time and underwent a kidney biopsy this past Monday.



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

TEEN COMMANDMENTS

1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
2. Stop and think...and you'll never smoke or drink.
3. Be smart—obey. You'll give the orders someday.
4. Ditch dirty thoughts fast — or they'll ditch you.
5. Show-off driving is juvenile; don't act your age.
6. Choose a date fit for a mate.
7. Pick the right friends. You'll be one of them.
8. Don't go steady unless you're ready.
9. Love God first, your neighbor second, and self third.
10. Live carefully; the soul you save may be your own.

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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" FELLOWSHIP MEAN IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL THIS MORNING IS SPONSORED BY ZONE 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

- April 21 - Pew Packers** will meet at 5:30 p.m.
April 21 - Brief mtg. following morning service for an evaluation of this year's Ladies Day.
April 23 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua - 9 a.m. in the Annex. Everyone is invited.
April 23 - Teen Devo at 7 p.m. for 6-12 grades.
April 25- "50 and Older Class" will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.
May 18 - Senior Rally
June 22 - VBS - Theme: "The Journeys of Paul" 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Classes for children up to sixth grade.

AREA EVENTS:

- April 21-25 - Gospel Meeting at the West Innes Street church of Christ.** Phillip Brannon will be the speaker. See Bulletin Board for further information.
- April 21-24 - Gospel Meeting at the Kannapolis church of Christ.** The speaker will be **Eddie Craft** from Elizabethton, TN.
- April 26-May 1 - Gospel Meeting at the Rockhill Church of Christ.** Speakers Sun.-Wed.—Nelson Brockenborough, Jaime Houpe, Robert Smith and Denon Hogue.
- See bulletin board for further information.**

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - April 14, 2013	160
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	196
Contribution for April 14, 2013	\$6,177
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	719
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	131
Wednesday Evening: April 17, 2013	121

Lord's Day Appointments - April 28, 2013

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - David Moore	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Mark Minor
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Trent Thomas	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Adam Warner
Prayer - Al Lawson		Wed. - Mark Roy	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>April:</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Sandy Warner	Morning - Mary Anne Allen	Atha Clark	<i>Zone 4</i>
Evening - Betty Hoots	Evening - Marie Harper		

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - April 28

Wednesday: - May 1

**Sewing this Week: April 21, 2013*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Tommy Rose	Scripture Reader a.m. - Homer Holland
Scripture: Brad Hoots	p.m. - Andrew Hinson	p.m. - Allen Cooper
Song: Tommy Rose	Song Leaders: a.m. - Tim Allen	Nursery #1: a.m. - Meredith Southern
Prayer: Andy Santiago	p.m. - Steve Tesh	p.m. - Gaye Carothers
	Wed. - Song Req. Service	Nursery #2: a.m. - Abby Little
	Wayne and Clayton	p.m. - Rhonda Hardister

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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David Moore
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Steve Tesh

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Jason Allen
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Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason