

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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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ARE THE SCRIPTURES RELIABLE?

It seems that many people accept without hesitation the charge that the Bible is full of contradictions. However, the charge is inaccurate and misleading. Apart from prejudice [pre-judging] there are other reasons this idea has become popular. If one can refute Scripture as being authoritative and compelling, then one can claim that it is not necessary to follow its direction. That there are differences of biblical accounts [such as the Synoptic Gospels] and that biblical writers often write from different perspectives those who believe in the inspiration of the Bible seek to find the harmony of Scripture and not immediately assume a contradiction exists.

One such example of an "apparent" contradiction is found in the Gospel writers' concerning the number of Angels at the tomb of Jesus following his resurrection. One writer [Matthew] mentions only one angel, while Luke mentions two. But Matthew doesn't say there was only one angel, but records only one angel speaking. There is no contradiction in that.

It may be that nothing has done more to the loss of creditability of Scripture than the conflicts between the Bible and Science. Who can forget that impressive movie "Inherit The Wind," which portrayed the events surrounding the trial of John Thomas Scopes, a Science teacher, who had taught Evolution in his class in Dayton, Tennessee in 1925. Instead of evolution being on trial, religion and the Bible were drawn into the fray.

Some folks allege that the Bible teaches a primitive, prescientific view of the universe, yet no scientist today can give an explanation of the origin of the universe. No one disputed the Genesis account of creation of the universe and mankind until the age of "enlightenment." When inventions and science of great magnitude were being discovered, Man began to rethink his father's view of the Bible and created a more "scientific" story.

The believer of Holy Spirit guidance of the writing of the Bible will study it diligently to be able to defend the truths that lie within.

Paul

ELDERS CORNER

PAYBACK

I believe one of the hardest lessons for a child to learn growing up is not to return evil for evil. For example, when one child pushes another, the response is typically for the other child to push back in return. As a child growing up, I had an older sister I felt would do mean things to me. She would do things that would antagonize and aggravate me. When I would go to do something in return to her, I would always get in trouble. My mom would always punished me for getting payback on her for something she had done.

We often hear the words "I will get you back" when someone has angered, embarrassed, or cheated us. It doesn't matter the age of the person, as a human our first reaction seems to be to want to return evil for evil. When someone hits us, we want to hit back. When someone takes something, we want to take back. When someone lies, we want to lie and distrust in return. Human nature seems to counter what scripture says about payback.

"Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all" (Romans 12:17). "But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

God's Word states we should not be repaying evil with evil. We should be repaying evil acts with acts of kindness and love. You may be saying, "But that is really hard to do!" I agree with you, but that is where Matthew 5:44 sheds some light. The key words being love and pray.

If we truly love those around us and we pray for them, it makes returning kind deeds to those doing evil much easier. Have you ever tried being mad at someone or doing something bad to someone after you have prayed for them? If you haven't, then I challenge you to pray for them and see if that changes your feeling or attitude toward them. Returning goodness and love to those that harm, cheat, etc., is the Christ-like response.

How are you responding?

Nick Pace

(From the Chicamauga church of Christ bulletin)

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2015

November 16 - Heb. 11:20-40

November 17 - Heb. 12

November 18 - Heb. 13

November 20 - James 1



November 21 - James 2 November 22 - James 3

November 23 - James 4



OUR SICK

Please Remember in your prayers

Frank Shepard has been ill recently but was able to be back this past week.

Eric Etchison, Becky Allen's brother came through his heart transplant surgery. He was released from the hospital this past week and is now at home recovering. His address is: 877 Milling Road, Mocksville, NC 27028.

D.J. Harrison will undergo a shoulder joint replacement in the near future. She has also been diagnosed to have Lupus.

Lori Spencer, Nancy Minor's sister, was scheduled to undergo a biopsy this week. Please pray that the biopsy will be negative for cancer.

Virginia Kee, Emily Workman's grandmother, will begin radiation treatments this week.

Vivian Mock, D.C. Mock's daughter-in-law, was reported to have some health issues recently. She is doing well at this time.

Joanne Landry has requested prayers for **Alice Craft** and family who are going through some very difficult health problems at this time.



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

RESPONSE

Dennis McBrayer came forward this past week confessing error in his life and requesting the prayers of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Bill and Ronnie Knost are new great grandparents of a baby girl (Leah Marie Courtemanche) born on November 11th, weighing in at 6 lbs. 1 oz.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Lutrelle Chipman Hilda Hauser Dot Pegram Eva Nelle Sidden

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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Nov. 15 - Pew Packers at 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 19 - 50 and Over Class at 10:30 a.m. in Annex.

Nov. 29 - Ryan Davis will be teaching the Adult Bible Class/a.m. Sermon.

HOME ON FURLOUGH

Homer Holland is home on furlough from the Air Force after graduating from Tech School. We welcome him home.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The book donation box has been removed. Thank you so much for the generous donations. Mary Anne will be accepting additional books through the month of April.

THANKSGIVING

Bringing in the harvest,
Sweet gathering of the fields,
Bowing heads and saying grace
For all that Nature yields.
Voices lift to praise Him,
Our Father high above,
Grateful for His blessings,
Joyful for His Love.

Bea Lotz

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 8, 2015	149
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	190
Contribution for <i>November 8</i> , 2015	\$7,326
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	41
Chapters Read:	647
Sunday Evening:	143
Monday Evening:	110
Tuesday Evening:	106
Wednesday Evening:	136
Thursday Evening:	120

Lord's Day Appointments - November 22, 2015

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Jason Allen Morning - Paul Kirkpatrick A.M. - Gene Southern A.M. - Adam Warner Song Leader- Wayne Allen Evening - Bill Carothers P.M. - Wayne Allen P.M. - Gene Ruark

Prayer - Carl Cooper Wed. - Song Req. Service
Gene S. & Roger A.

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: November

Morning - Sandy Warner Morning - Jessica Lay Randy & Linda Warner
Evening - Nancy Minor Evening - Marie Harper

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 22 John Allen Wednesday: - November 25 John Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - November 15, 2015

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture- John AllenMorning- David MooreA.M. - Clayton WorkmanA.M. - Bill CarothersSong Leader- Joe EverettEvening- Jason AllenP.M. - Steve TeshP.M. - Randy Warner

Prayer - Tommy Ridings **Wed.** - Don Minor

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): <u>Greeters: November</u>

Morning - Robin Hauser Morning - Abby Little Randy & Linda Warner

Evening - Marie Harper **Evening -** 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 SEARCH PROGRAM - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

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ELDERS DEACONS

David MooreRandy WarnerMike CooperTim AllenKeith WarnerJody EverettJoe EverettAndy SantiagoGene SouthernTodd HinsonMark MinorShawn ThomasonSteve TeshJason Allen