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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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HOPE

By Kevin Rutherford

Hope is defined as "to want or wish for something with a feeling of confident expectation" (Webster's). Hope can motivate, encourage, strengthen, and save. There is no greater book of hope than the Bible. The theme of the Bible is hope. The thrust and purpose of the Bible is hope. God gives hope to all of those who will hear and obey Him.

Hope is a powerful motivating factor in the life of the Christian. Paul said we are not ashamed because of our hope (Romans 5:5, we are saved by hope (Romans 8:24), we rejoice in hope (Romans 12:12), and he referred to God as the God of Hope (Romans 15:13).

Our God is the God of hope because he has given us hope in death. What is it that men fear the most? Do not most men fear death more than almost anything else? Why do men fear death? For some, it is because they have no hope beyond death. The atheist believes death is the end and nothing exists beyond death. Surely the fool has said in heart there is no God (Psalm 14:1). The unbeliever must soldier on with a stiff upper lip, boldly facing a great nothingness. The skeptic must wonder, doubt, and fear. However, the Christian is different. He is able to face death with hope. He knows that he has hope of the great resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:19ff). Death is not the end. Someday death will be defeated. Someday death will be no more for the faithful Christian.

Our God is the God of hope because He has given us hope in death and life. We have hope of eternal life (Titus 1:2). That eternal life shall actually be conferred upon faithful Christians in heaven (Colossians 1:5). This is our hope. This is our joy. This is our peace. This is our contentment. This hope that we have of eternal life in heaven anchors the soul in this difficult life (Hebrews 6:19).

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We have hope. The God of hope has given us hope for the last day. The final day of judgment shall come someday upon an unsuspecting world. Christians don't have to face that day without hope. Christians can face that day with the hope of receiving God's grace in the judgment (1 Peter 1:13). Let us hold fast to our faith and confidence to the very end. (Hebrews 3:6).

Christians have hope in life, hope in death, and hope in the judgment. How does this, the greatest of hope, translate into our daily living? With that hope ever in our hearts, we are less likely to complain, we are generally happy, we are generally more optimistic, we are more content, and we are more at peace than the rest of the world. Life can be tedious. Life can be difficult. Life can be painful. If this were all there was, how miserable we would be! But it isn't. There is something better. We have hope of that which we confidently expect to receive. Don't give up hope!

Roll The Gospel Chariot Along

Many of you know the song children sing during VBS entitled, "Roll the Gospel Chariot". This was one of my favorite songs as a young boy, especially when we got to the line that said, "When the Devil's in the way, we will run right over him." When we sang that line, we would roll our arms as fast as we could, imitating the turning of a wheel, and we would "run over the Devil" at high speed!

But what I could never understand as a child is why we would sing the line, "When the sinner's in the way, we will stop and pick him up." From my understanding at the time, I didn't want to "stop and pick them up;" I wanted to "run right over them too!" I mean, why not? If we were going to run over the Devil in our "Gospel Chariot," why wouldn't we also run over a sinner who was behaving like the Devil?

As an adult, I understand what I didn't understand as a child. We must learn to make distinction between the sin and the sinner (Romans 5:8; Luke 19:10). However, if truth be told, although we may understand the meaning of this song, we may in practice be guilty of "running right over the sinner" instead of "stopping and picking him up."

Maybe we need to do a little introspection. Does your "Gospel Chariot" slow down for sinners, or mow them down? Give it some thought.

By Steve Higginbotham

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

December 11 - Rev. 2
December 12 - Rev. 3
December 13 - Rev. 4
December 14 - Rev. 5



December 15 - Rev. 6
December 16 - Rev. 7
December 17 - Rev. 8



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember **Bob and Carolyn Plunk, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins** and **Mary Ellen Dull** in your prayers.

Wayne Hutchins had another doctor's appointment this past Thursday for nerve blockage.

Jack Piper will have another injection in his spine on December 14th. The first injection was not sufficient to relieve him of the intense pain and hopes this next injection will give him the relief he would like to have.

Bonnie Landreth will enter the Clemmons Medical Center on December 11th to have knee replacement surgery. She would like to borrow a 4-wheeled walker for her recovery - she will need it by Dec. 10th.

DJ Harrison was taken to the hospital this past Wednesday with chest pains. She was seen by a doctor and released. She has an appointment with a heart specialist in the near future.

Joann Landry has requested prayers for her and family. She has Type A flu and pneumonia. Prayers requested that the family does not get this and that she recovers quickly.

Mindy Santiago's father fell and broke his hip. Please keep **Jim Furches** in your prayers.

Please pray for Nancy Minor's co-worker's son, **Jacob Hall**, who will have surgery on his hand Dec. 14th.

Wendy Horne, daughter of Brad and Betty Hoots, was injured in a fall recently. Prayers are requested for her. She will have a slow healing process. Cards may be sent to her at 191 Falling Creek Drive, Advance, NC 27006.

Please pray for the **Nance Family**. This is the teacher of EdenRae Warner. Mrs. Nance's goddaughter, seven years old passed away this past Tuesday.

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to Nancy Warner and the family of **Frances Harris** who passed away on Dec. 4th. Frances Harris was Nancy Warner's sister. The funeral was held on Sat., Dec. 9th at the Hollywood Cemetery in Elkin. Family received friends following the service.



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. 16 - There will be a Security Class beginning at 8 a.m. (Saturday morning) All are encouraged to attend. Any questions, see Tim Allen. **ALL THAT CAN NEED TO ATTEND THIS CLASS.** Lunch will be provided.

Dec. 24 - Change in evening service. Normal time for a.m. service - Bible Classes and worship. Evening service moved from 6 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 31 - New Year's Fellowship

SHUT-INS

*Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Ernestine Martin
Kim Matthews*

*Di-Ann Moser
Dot Pegram
Bob Plunk
Eva Nelle Sidden*

Please continue to keep the shut-ins in your prayers. There is a sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able to help.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested food items for Dec. is: Canned Meat (chicken/tuna)

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Dec. 3, 2017	137
Sunday Worship Service	169
Contribution for Dec. 3, 2017	\$7,281
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	34
Chapters Read:	553
Sunday Evening Worship Service	116
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Dec. 6, 2017	107

Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For December:

Tommy Rose

Wayne Allen Tim Harper

Gene Ruark

Ellen Wingo

Brad Hoots

Roger Allen

Preparing Communion for December :

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - December 17, 2017

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - John Allen
Song Leader - Gene Southern
Prayer - Neal Harper

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Todd Hinson
Evening - Adam Warner

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Steve Tesh
P.M. - Clayton Workman
Wed. - Steve Tesh

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Tommy Rose
P.M. - Carl Cooper

Greeters for December:

Gene & Debbie Southern

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 17 ~ David Moore
Wednesday: - December 20 ~ David Moore

Lord's Day Appointments - December 10, 2017

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - Brad Hoots
Song Leader - Joe Everett
Prayer - Michael Cooper

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Sherrill Stewart
Evening - Mark Clemmons

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Gene Southern
P.M. - Tim Allen
Wed. - Don Minor

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Michael Cooper
P.M. - Sherrill Stewart

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Dec. 10 ~ Al Lawson
Wednesday: - Dec. 13 ~ Al Lawson

Greeters for December:

Gene & Debbie Southern

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
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury