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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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Ezekiel's Commission

Ezekiel was commissioned as prophet of God to speak to the rebellious Jews living in Babylonian captivity. Though these Jews had been punished by God for their wickedness, they still refused to repent. God's longsuffering nature is evident in the fact that even after He had sent them into captivity as punishment for their sin, He continued to give them opportunities to repent and come back to Him. These opportunities came through the many sermons preached by the dynamic prophet Ezekiel.

Ezekiel chapter one begins with a life-changing, awe-inspiring vision given by God to Ezekiel. This vision is a symbolic portrayal of God riding on the top of a wheeled storm. It is a vision that speaks of God's majestic power, and sovereign authority. It is a vision designed to impact the prophet Ezekiel in such a way as to prepare him for the difficult job of preaching to a stubborn and rebellious people.

In Ezekiel chapter two we see the specific commission given by God to the prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel is told by God that he is being sent to "a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. For they are impudent and stubborn children" (Ezekiel 2:3-4). Later, God says to Ezekiel, "the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted" (Ezekiel 3:7). This was not an encouraging way to describe the mission Ezekiel would be sent on, and yet it was a realistic, fair, and honest portrayal of the people to whom Ezekiel would preach. But, what I find most interesting is that even though God knew the people were stubborn, rebellious, and impudent, God still wanted His prophet to preach the truth to them.

Ezekiel's commission from God is very clear. Ezekiel is to preach God's word to a stubborn people. A compromising message from man that would have blamed someone else for the Jewish captivity, and that would have excused the sins that actually led to the captivity would have been an easy message to preach. But that message would be a lie. That message would be from man. That message would not save a single soul. Ezekiel is told to preach "Thus says the Lord God" (Ezekiel 2:4). In other words, Ezekiel is not to preach a message that originates with man, but rather he is to preach the very words God would give him. Later in the text this is brought out again as God tells Ezekiel, "you shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious" (Ezekiel 2:7). It would not do the captive Jews a bit of good for Ezekiel to tell them what they wanted to hear. For the good of all involved the truth needs to be told.

The truth in this case is hard. God through Ezekiel says these Jews of the southern tribes in Judah are worse than the Jews of the northern tribes who were punished long ago. Beyond that, the people to whom Ezekiel is preaching are worse than the people of Sodom (Ezekiel 16:46-52). God says, "Samaria did not commit half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they, and have justified your sisters by all the abominations which you have done. You who judged your sisters, bear your own shame also, because the sins which you committed were more abominable than theirs; they are more righteous than you" (Ezekiel 16:51-52).

What of this applies to God's people in the twenty-first century? First, God's people, the church must never become like God's people, the Jews. The Jews mixed Judaism with pagan religions and the desire to do whatever felt good to them. The result was a hybrid faith whose primary purpose was to justify sin, wickedness, nastiness, immorality, vulgarity, lewdness, filth, and violence. The church today must not take the errors of denominationalism and blend them in with the Word of God. The church today must never seek doctrines that excuse sin.

Another lesson we can learn from this passage is that the truth must be preached whether it is popular or not. Let us always preach and practice what the Lord God says.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

October 22 - 1 Tim. 2
October 23 - 1 Tim. 3
October 24 - 1 Tim. 4
October 25 - 1 Tim. 5



October 26 - 1 Tim. 6
October 27 - 2 Tim. 1
October 28 - 2 Tim. 2



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nita Kirkland is now at home recovering from her recent surgery. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Daryl Cook will undergo elbow surgery on October 30th for a torn tendon. Please keep him in your prayers.

Brian Byrd (parents - Christa and Joe and grandson of Gene & Debbie Southern) had a mild concussion this past Monday night. He is doing better and was scheduled for a follow-up with his doctor this past Thursday.

Please pray for **Steve White**, a friend of the Workmans. He is currently in the Baptist Hospital battling Sepsis, and his kidneys have begun to fail. The situation is very serious. Pray also for his wife Crystal and their two daughters, Tori and Lauren.

SHUT-INS

*Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor*

*Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser*

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.

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



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of

October:

soup/beef stew/ramen noodles



Gospel Advocate:

It is time to renew or newly subscribe to the Gospel Advocate through the month of October. Please see Don Minor. The cost for a yearly subscription is \$17.50.

Please Note: The new House to House issue is available on the credenza in the foyer. This issue contains the articles about our Annual Chicken Stew on November 3rd and the Gospel Meeting on November 4-7 with Brother Hitchcock. You may wish to use it when inviting your friends and neighbors to attend. We have extra copies available, please take them and share a copy with a friend or neighbor.



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 CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUEST!

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Oct. 21 - Congregational Fellowship Meal this morning following the morning worship service.

Oct. 23 - Tuesday Evening Class from 7-8 p.m. In Annex.

Oct. 25 - 50 and Over Class will meet in Annex at 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 26-27 - There will be a camp-out at Joe and Eva Everett's home on Friday evening into Saturday. There will be a hayride for the younger kids and a scary ride for the older kids. All in the congregation are encouraged to attend. —See insert.

Nov. 3 - Annual Chicken Stew at 6 p.m. in Annex.

Nov. 4-7 - Gospel Mtg. with Brother Glenn Hitchcock. The topic is "The Bible is Still Right"

Nov. 30-December 1 - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WORKSHOP - The classes will be conducted by BJ Bruce, a member of Southside church of Christ in Galax, Virginia.

(See bulletin board for further information)

FOR THE RECORD

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| Sunday Bible Study - October 14, 2018 | 139 |
| Sunday Worship Service | 165 |
| Contribution for October 14, 2018 | |
| Daily Adult Bible Readers: | 535 |
| Chapters Read: | 30 |
| Sunday Evening Worship Service | 133 |
| Wed. Evening Bible Study - Oct. 17, 2018 | 86 |

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Tommy Rose

Colin Robinson Wayne Allen
Rodney Brown
Faye K.
Todd Hinson
Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for October:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - October 28, 2018

| DEVOTIONS: | OPENING PRAYER: | SONG LEADER | SCRIPTURE READERS |
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| Scripture - Robby Landry | Morning - Roger Allen | A.M. - Tim Allen | A.M. - Gene Southern |
| Song Leader - Steve Tesh | Evening - Don Minor | P.M. - Youth Lead Service | P.M. - Daryl Cook |
| Prayer - Al Lawson | | Wed. - Song Req. Service Gene S. - Tim A. | |

Greeters for October:

Gene and Gaye Ruark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - October 28 ~
Wednesday: - October 31 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - October 21, 2018

| DEVOTIONS: | OPENING PRAYER: | SONG LEADER | SCRIPTURE READERS |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Scripture - Mark Minor | Morning - Caleb Rutherford | A.M. - Roger Allen | A.M. - Mark Clemmons |
| Song Leader - Tommy Rose | Evening - Wayne Allen | P.M. - Gene Southern | P.M. - Tommy Rose |
| Prayer - Andy Santiago | | Wed. - Wayne Allen | |

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - October 21 ~
Wednesday: - October 24 ~

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

SUNDAY:

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| Bible Classes | 10:00 AM |
| Morning Worship | 10:50 AM |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 PM |

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| WEDNESDAY: Mid-Week Service | 7:00 PM |
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“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

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury