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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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ELDERS CORNER:

QUESTIONS CONCERNING REPENTANCE

The statement “If I’ve done anything wrong, I repent” [which is sometimes made by brethren] brings several questions to mind: (1) How can you repent of sin if you’re not convinced you’ve committed sin? (2) How can you be forgiven of sin that was committed in ignorance? These are legitimate questions deserving of a Biblical answer.

We have an example of repentance in Matt. 21:28-29 which states: “A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.” From these verses we understand that repentance is a change of mind that brings about a change of life. Repentance is not being sorry for sin because “godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation” [2 Corinthians 7:10]. The need for repentance of known sins is stressed in Luke 13:3 which indicates: “unless you repent you will all likewise perish.” Furthermore, 1 John 1:9 teaches that “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” If a Christian is aware of sin in his [her] life and then makes the statement: “If I’ve done anything wrong, I repent”, he [she] hasn’t confessed any sin by the statement (1 John 1:9), and hasn’t experienced a change of mind that brings about a life change (Matt. 21:28-29).

Bearing fruits worthy of repentance is evidence that true repentance has taken place. But how can you “bear fruits worthy of repentance” (Mat. 3:8) if you do not believe that you’ve sinned and have need of repentance? The logical answer to this question is you can’t. Why then would Christians make the statement: “If I’ve done anything wrong,

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I repent”? Not being able to read the mind of others, we can only suggest three possible explanations. First of all, it is possible that they do not have knowledge of the truth pertaining to repentance. Secondly, they may not believe they have sinned, but feel the need to make a quasi-confession in an attempt to get the proverbial monkey (their informer) off their back in order to avoid embarrassment. Thirdly, they may realize that they have sinned, but are not willing to repent and confess their sin.

How can Christians be forgiven of sin that was committed in ignorance [has not been brought to their attention]? If we sin in ignorance while striving to live in harmony with the will of God, then the blood of Christ continues to cleanse us as indicated in 1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” Walking in the light includes the living sacrifice described in Rom. 12:1-2, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” A necessary part of the Christian growth process is the renewing of the mind by the Word of God in order to eliminate sin that previously was not recognized as sin. If a Christian sins in ignorance while striving to live in harmony with the will of God, and it isn’t brought to his or her attention, it isn’t necessary or appropriate to make the statement: “If I’ve done anything wrong, I repent”.

Christians must grow in the knowledge of God’s Word, and when they become aware of sin in their life, they must repent of their sin and ask God’s forgiveness. Mature Christians have an important part to play in the growth process of less mature Christians: “Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1). A Christian who has the spiritual maturity to do so should gently make other brethren aware of their trespasses and thereby help restore them. Ultimately it is the responsibility of each individual Christian to know and to do God’s will. As Paul stated in 2 Thessalonians 1:12, we pray “that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ”.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2010

October 11 - Col. 3
October 12 - Col. 4
October 13 - I Thess. 1
October 14 - I Thess. 2



October 15 - I Thess. 3
October 16 - I Thess. 4
October 17 - I Thess. 5

OUR SICK: Please Remember In Your Prayers:

Brenda Moser is recovering at home from recent surgery.

It was announced that **Rick Clemmons** is scheduled to undergo surgery on October 12th and 26th. We wish him well.

David Todd, a friend of Paul and Carla Kirkpatrick and an elder at the Orangeburg, SC congregation. He has undergone brain surgery due to a head injury and his condition at this time is poor.

Ellen Workman's cousin, **Drake Damesworth**, has been moved to Atlanta for long-term rehab. It is felt that it would be encouraging to him to receive cards from us here in NC. His address is: Ashton Drake Damesworth, c/o Shepherd Center, 2020 Peachtree Rd., NW, Atlanta, GA 30309.

Myca Kirkpatrick has requested prayers for co-worker, **Kathy LaFollette and family** - The father has serious health conditions; and also for **Tara Pitts** (former co-worker) who has been diagnosed with leukemia. She has a husband and two small children.



An up-dated copy of the prayer list may be picked up on the credenza in the foyer. If you know of someone who needs to come off the prayer list, please let Faye know.

CONGRATULATIONS!

David and Jeannie Moore are the proud grandparents of a baby boy, **Judah James Sullivan**. He was born Oct. 7th weighing 7 lbs. 4 oz. to Matt and Laura Sullivan.



Wedding Invitation

Davean Michael Tonkery and **Kenny Lee Brown** invite you to share in their joy as they exchange marriage vows on Saturday, October 16th, 2010 at two o'clock in the afternoon at Warners Chapel church of Christ. —Reception to immediately follow.

The invitation is posted on bulletin board in foyer. Please sign the sheet if you plan to attend.

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 REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 2.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Oct. 10 - Pew Packers at 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10 - Bundling of House to House in Annex Following evening worship service.
Oct. 14 - 50 and Over Class will resume meeting for Bible study at 10:30 a.m. in Annex.
October 17—Friends and Family Day
October 17-21—Gospel Meeting with Mel Futrell.
Congregational Meal following morning service.
November 6 - Annual Chicken Stew.

AREA EVENTS

Oct. 16 - Ladies' Day at the Eastside Church of Christ.
Oct. 23 - Ladies Day at Highland Acres church of Christ.
Oct. 31-Nov. 4 - Gospel Mtg. at Taylorsville Church of Christ -Terry Dow will be speaking.
 See bulletin board for details.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Oct. 3, 2010	
Sunday Bible Study	169
Sunday Morning Worship	222
Contribution for Oct. 3, 2010	\$6,288
Daily Adult Bible Readers	29
Chapters Read:	703
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening	153
Wednesday - Oct. 6, 2010	167

Lord's Day Appointments - October 17, 2010

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
Scripture	- Brad Hoots	Morning - Tim Harper	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Allen Cooper
Song Leader	- Tommy Rose	Evening - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Tim Allen	P.M. - Jeff Downs
Prayer	- Andy Santiago		Wed. - Jason Allen	
NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	TAPE MONITOR:	FELLOWSHIP MEALS:
Morning	- Gaye Ruark	Morning - Debbie Southern	Brandon Roy	<i>Congregational</i>
Evening	- Mary Anne Allen	Evening - Marie Harper		
Opening and Closing Building			Greeters:- October	
Sunday	- Oct. 17		Shawn & Terrie Thomason	
Wednesday	- Oct. 20			



Birthdays - October 11-17, 2010

<i>Elmer Laudenslager - Oct. 11</i>	<i>Virginia Elam - Oct. 17</i>
<i>Wyatt Reeves - Oct. 14</i>	<i>Gaye Ruark - Oct. 17</i>
<i>Brian Downs - Oct. 15</i>	

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
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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

Steve Martin
 David Moore
 Tim Allen
 Joe Everett

DEACONS

Steve Tesh
 Randy Warner
 Tommy Rose
 Keith Warner

Andy Santiago
 Mark Minor
 Todd Hinson