

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

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### A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

## On the Positive Side

In seeing the blessings of life Paul was able to show us a great example of how to maintain Christians joy. In chapter one the apostle Paul speaks of his imprisonment. It would be easy to see the negative side of being imprisoned in the first century for preaching the Gospel. But, Paul says his imprisonment had worked out an opportunity for him to reach people with the Gospel that he would not have been able to reach if he had not been put into prison. Paul saw the positive side of his imprisonment.

While Paul was in prison there were some who were preaching the Gospel in such a way as to hurt Paul. Paul could have become bitter at the thought of brethren trying to hurt him while he was in prison, but instead he was happy they were preaching the truth. Paul saw the positive side of what was being done by those other preachers, even though they were trying to hurt him.

Paul also spoke in chapter one of the possibility of his execution in prison. He spoke of how beneficial it would be for others if he could continue to live and preach the Gospel so he thought that was probably what would happen. However, he made it clear that if he would be executed for his faith it would be of personal benefit to him. He could then go on and be with the Lord. Paul saw the positive side of living under the threat of execution.

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In chapter two Paul shows the Christian joy that can come from humble service to others. Paul continued to look at the positive side as he spoke of the power of humility. When we would look out for the interests of others and are like Christ in our humble service toward others great good is done and we are happier. Timothy and Epaphroditus were good examples of humble service, and this encouraged Paul. Paul himself was willing to look on the bright side of humble service as he spoke of the joy of being poured out as an offering in the service of others.

The joy of the Christian faith is brought out in chapter three as Paul looks toward the resurrection, the glorious resurrected body, and the confidence of his citizenship in heaven. He saw the positive side of throwing away all of those things that were once so important to him. He saw the joy in focusing only on the reward to come. Even when great sacrifice is needed to faithfully serve the Lord, Paul was happy.

Chapter four shows us Paul is looking at the positive side of things, and seeing the blessings of God whether times are hard or easy. The key is to trust in prayer. We put our worries and concerning upon God and then we have peace inside. He spoke of being able to have contentment in his heart whether times were good or not and whether or not brethren were able to help him. It is in this context Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Let's learn to be content, learn to see the positive blessings of God, and learn to trust in God during difficult times. The more we can do this the happier we will be. When we do this regularly we will know what Paul meant when he said, "rejoice in the Lord always, and I again I say rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).

~Kevin Rutherford



## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021**

August 23 - 1 Cor. 6 August 24 - 1 Cor. 7:1-19 August 25 - 1 Cor. 7:20-40

August 26 - 1 Cor. 8



August 27 - 1 Cor. 9 August 28 - 1 Cor. 10:1-18 August 29 - 1 Cor. 10:19-33

# **OUR SICK**Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kevin Rutherford, David Moore, Roger Allen and his mother, Eddie Manor and his wife and son, Nancy Warner, Jack Piper, Neal Harper, Mary Ellen Dull, Kim Matthews, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

**Neal Harper** is not feeling well at this time. Please pray for him.

Also, **Bonnie Landreth** is not feeling well. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Kevin Rutherford** feels like he has turned the corner with his COVID feeling a bit more energy but still experiencing some dizziness. The rest of the family so far is ok.

**David Moore** is still having temperature spikes, coughing and generally does not feel well in his dealing with COVID.

Carolyn Plunk fell last weekend and broke the tibia bone at the ankle. She saw an orthopedist on Wed. and he scheduled her to have surgery on Friday, Aug. 20th. Her son Vonn came to be with her. She says she is doing well, not much pain at all. Thanks for the calls, food, visits, and especially the prayers. Keep praying that I will soon be better and back to myself.

**Sandy Smith** underwent surgery at the Forsyth Medical Center this past Wednesday. She has now been moved to Intermediate Care following her surgery. She should be moved to a regular room in a few days. Thanks for the continued prayers.

**Tony Minor** is in the Forsyth Hospital, Room 2430. He had a stint placed and gall stone removed but they still need to remove his gall bladder but they can't do that until the inflammation goes away which could be days or weeks. For now he is expected to stay another day or two in the hospital. Please keep Tony in your prayers.

Mattie Pharr is doing well following her recent surgery. She will be recuperating for about three more weeks before being able to be out and about.

A new student of the **NCSBS** has requested prayers in behalf of his mother who was discharged from the hospital following having Covid-19. Please pray for her and her family.

Gene Southern's sister, **Candy Southern**, has been diagnosed with Covid-19. Please pray for her and her husband, Jim.

Carl Cooper's Nephew, **Eddie Minor** has been released from the ICU, his wife, **Jennifer**, had surgery this past week and cancer was not found. Please continue to pray for Eddie, his wife and son.



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:**

**Sept. 9** - The Zoom Ladies Class begins at 7pm. We hope you will be able to join us for our NCSBS Class. The subject this quarter is will be The Power of the Written Word. To register for class, type in http://www.ncsbs.net. Click on the blue button that reads "Registration for Online Ladies Class (fill on information on the registration form and click the "send" button). You will receive a confirmation email that you are registered. The confirmation will come from North Carolina School of Biblical Studies - if you do not receive a confirmation, please check your "spam folder." About a week before the first class, Stephanie will e-mail you the link to get into the Zoom live class. We will be using Jane McWhorter's book, "Special Delivery" as a textbook for this class. The cost of the book is \$15.99 from **Publishers Designs.** You can call them at (256-533-4301) or email them at info@publishing designs.com to order your book. They have offered "free shipping". Just simply let them know you are ordering the book for our class by asking for "Teresa's Special" They have no control over the delivery service so order your book now.

<u>Sept. 12</u> - There will be a bridal shower for Bethany and Nathan Roy on Sunday, Sept. 12th, from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. They are registered at Target and at Bed, Bath and Beyond.

<u>Sept. 12-16:</u> - Evangelism Seminar with Rob Whitacre. He has made a number of overseas mission trips, has produced a video series on evangelism, works with the House to House Evangelism Workshop, and conducts Evangelism Seminars across the country.

### **FOR THE RECORD**

 SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
 Aug. 15, 2021
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 SUNDAY WORSHIP -A.M.
 Aug. 15, 2021
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 SUNDAY WORSHIP -P.M.
 Aug. 15, 2021
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 WED. VBS
 Aug. 18, 2021
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# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS AUGUST, 2021

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR AUGUST: ALDINE CLOUD

### **DEVOTIONS:**

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	SONG LEADER	<b>PRAYER</b>
Aug. 8 - Bill Carothers	Charley Belch	Tim Allen
Aug. 15 - Randy Warner	Clayton Workman	Andy Santiago
Aug. 22 - Shawn Thomason	Wayne Allen	Carl Cooper
Aug. 29 - Allen Cooper	Nathan Roy	D. C. Mock

### **OPENING PRAYERS FOR AUGUST:**

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	WEDNESDAY
Aug. 1 - Rodney Brown	Aug. 1 - Don Minor	Aug. 4 - Carl Cooper
Aug. 8 - Bob Tesh	Aug. 8 - Adam Warner	Aug. 11 - D.C. Mock
Aug. 15 - Charley Belch	Aug. 15 - Todd Hinson	Aug. 18 - David Queen
Aug. 22 - Mike Glenn	Aug. 22 - Gene Ruark	Aug. 25 - Andy Santiago
Aug. 29 - Jim Harrison	Aug. 29 - David Moore	

SECURITY AND GREETING: RICHARD HAMANN AND ED O'SHIELDS

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

### **SONG LEADERS FOR AUGUST:**

SUNDAY P.M.

Aug. 1 - Clayton Workman	Aug. 1 - Clayton Workman	Aug. 4 - Gene Southern
Aug. 8 - Steve Tesh	Aug. 8 - Steve Tesh	Aug. 11 - Charley Belch
Aug. 15 - Wayne Allen	Aug. 15 - Wayne Allen	Aug. 18 - Clayton Workman
Aug. 22 - Nathan Roy	Aug. 22 - Nathan Roy	Aug. 25 - Roger Allen
Aug 29 - Gene Southern	Aug 29 - Gene Southern	

**WEDNESDAY** 

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

**GENE SOUTHERN** 

SUNDAY A.M.

"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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