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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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DISCOURAGEMENT

The tempest of discouragement has sunk many a ship which once sailed toward the heavenly shore. It is Satan's most effective weapon against those who are striving for the eternal prize. When he gets our heads down and our spirits low; he is near victory unless we rally and regain our faith that all things will work together for good if we are true children of God. “Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: Go up and possess it, as the Lord God of the fathers hath said unto thee; fear not. Neither be discouraged” (Deut. 1:21).

Discouragement kept most of the Israelites who left the land of Egypt from entering the Promised Land. Moses was their leader and he exhorted them not to fear or be discouraged. God had promised to be with them and fight their battles. But it seems they were determined to be discouraged in spite of all the things which were going their way. They sent twelve spies to survey the land and ten of these advance men brought back discouraging reports. They described rich land which flowed with milk and honey, but they also told of giants and great walled cities. When the people heard the report of the ten faithless spies, they refused to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land and all who were twenty years old or older when they left the land of Egypt perished in the wilderness.

The examples in the Old Testament were written for our instruction. Let us not be like these faithless children of God who perished in the wilderness because of discouragement. The Lord has placed the sweet land of rest before us. Let us go up and possess it and never fear or be discouraged. We all have our failures and disappointments in life; but there is always hope unless we allow these setbacks to overcome and defeat us. A small boy at a lakeside resort launched a little boat of his own manufacture one rather windy afternoon. The breeze filled the sails immediately but instead of carrying the small craft on its course, capsized it immediately and sent it straight to the bottom. The young sailboat owner looked sober for a moment, then remarked, “That's a good wind for kites” and immediately went to get his kite!

If you have failed in something you have attempted, the very circumstances which caused you to lose may be an advantage when you try something else. Don't sit down and sulk because your boat went to the bottom. The very wind that capsized it may carry your kite higher than you ever dared to dream.

—Selected

ELDERS CORNER:

The Pope Resigns

by Steve Higginbotham

With the recent announcement of “Pope Benedict’s” resignation, a maxim came to my mind which states, “if you say something long enough, whether it’s true or not, people will believe it.” That maxim is nowhere better illustrated than when one affirms that the apostle Peter was the first Pope. It is assumed by millions of people that the office of “Pope,” functioning as the “Vicar of Christ” on earth, began with the apostle Peter and has continued all the way down to “Pope Benedict.”

However, for those who accept the Bible as the final authority in religion, the papacy of Peter is not proven by unsupported affirmations, even if it is advanced by millions of people. Whether the office of “Pope” is legitimate, whether Peter was or was not the first Pope, and whether “Pope Benedict” was a successor to this office must be answered by the Scriptures.

Consider the following questions:

- If Peter was the Pope, then why did he never claim to be the Pope? Peter did introduce himself as “an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 1:1), but he never said he was the “Supreme Apostle” of Jesus Christ. Peter called himself a “fellow elder” in 1 Peter 5:1, but he never claimed to be the “Chief Shepherd.” Nowhere did Peter ever argue for supremacy or exalt himself above his fellow apostles and elders.
- If Peter was the Pope, then why did he not render the decision at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15). Was it not James who said, “Therefore it is my judgment...” If Peter was the Pope, would he not have exerted himself to settle the dispute? Wouldn’t others have dismissed James’ advice to hear the “final word” by “Pope Peter?”
- If Peter was the Pope, then why was that not explained when the disciples were arguing about who was greatest in the kingdom (Matthew 20:20-28)? If Jesus’s statement in Matthew 16:18 meant that the church would be built upon Peter, then why would James and John be asking who was the greatest in the kingdom? And if for some reason they did not comprehend that Peter was given supremacy in Matthew 16:18, then why was it not explained to them at this later time?
- If Peter was the Pope, then why did Paul state that he was not inferior to Peter, James, and John (Galatians 2:6-9). If Peter was the Pope would Paul not have shown deference to him? Furthermore, if Peter was the Pope, would Paul have referred to him as a “pillar” in the church in the same way that James and John were “pillars,” making no distinctions?

Friends, the most compelling argument against the legitimacy of the office of a “Pope,” Peter being the first to hold that office, and “Pope Benedict” being a successor to Peter is that the Bible makes absolutely no reference at all to such an office. Where does the Bible ever speak of a “Pope?” Where does the Bible ever teach that Jesus would have a “vicar” on earth? Where does the Bible ever teach that anyone, saving for Jesus, Himself, is head of the church? Where are the qualifications for such an office listed? Where does the Bible ever elevate Peter above the other apostles? It does not.

The office of being a “Pope” is never mentioned, never described, and nowhere supported by the Word of God. Consequently, for those who strive to be governed by the Bible, the resignation of “Pope Benedict” is a step in the right direction, however finding a replacement to fill the vacancy left by his resignation is not.

OUR SICK

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Joanne Piper remains in the Forsyth Hospital. She was to be moved to the 8th floor (Palliative Care) at the Forsyth Medical Center soon. She remains in very critical condition.

Madelene Holbrook underwent open heart surgery this past Thursday. She is reported to have come through the operation well. She was moved from the ICU to Room 6109 on Friday.

Grace and Roger Allen have been in TN with Roger's father who is undergoing chemotherapy at Vanderbilt in Nashville. They will be there for his first few sessions. Please keep Roger's father and the family in your prayers.

Don Jackson has undergone a series of hospital visits following the replacement of a battery for his pacemaker. After a number of problems, the pacemaker was removed due to an infection and he is wearing a defibrillator LifeVest at this time. He has learned he will not need a pacemaker again but following the infection healing, he will have a implantable defibrillator. He is staying with his daughter at this time but hopes to go home soon.

Elmer Laudenslager is in Room 8436 at the Forsyth Medical Center for treatment for a wound.



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

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Bob Hoots and family in the death of his sister, Patricia Hoots, who passed away February 10th. The funeral was held in Union Grove on Tuesday, February 12th.

RESPONSE

We commend Darrell Hauser who came forward last Lord's Day confessing error in his life, asking for forgiveness and requesting the prayers of the congregation in his behalf.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2013

February 18 - Mark 1:1-22
 February 19 - Mark 1:23-45
 February 20 - Mark 2
 February 21 - Mark 3:1-19
 February 22 - Mark 3:20-35
 February 23 - Mark 4:1-20
 February 24 - Mark 4:21-41



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 A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAN IN THE ANNEX FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THE MEAL THIS MORNING IS SPONSORED BY ZONE 3.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Feb. 17 - Pew Packers will meet at 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 17 - The Deacons would like to meet with the men of the congregation Sunday following a.m. services.
Feb. 18 - Ladies Evening Sewing for Nicaragua at 7 p.m. at the home of Carmen Parker. Everyone invited.
Feb. 19 - Ladies Sewing for Nicaragua - 9 a.m. in the Annex. Everyone is invited.
Feb. 21 - "50 and Older Class" will meet at 10:30 a.m. in the Annex.
Feb. 23 - 30-50 Year Olds will meet at the Thomason's home at 5:30 p.m.

AREA EVENTS:

Feb. 23 - Ladies Day at the Cary Church of Christ.
Mar. 9 - Carolina Men's Fellowship
Mar. 16 - Ladies Day at South Stokes
See bulletin board for details

ADDRESSES

Sarah Tesh
 489B Galbraith Ave.
 Henderson, TN 38340

Ryan Davis
 531B Fawn Drive
 Henderson, TN 38340

Note:

Gaye Ruark will be handling the Flower Fund for the Adult Bible Class. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please see Gaye.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 10, 2013	152
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	202
Contribution for February 10, 2013	\$5,139
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	35
Chapters Read:	675
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	142
Wednesday Evening: February 10, 2013	111

Lord's Day Appointments - February 24, 2013

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Frank Shepard	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Mark Minor
Song Leader - Steve Tesh	Evening - Andy Santiago	P.M. - Tim Allen	P.M. - Brad Hoots
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Song Req. Gene Southern & Wayne Allen	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):	NURSERY (2 1/2-4):	Greeters: <u>February:</u>	FELLOWSHIP MEAL:
Morning - Sandy Warner	Morning - Meredith Southern	Sherrill Stewart &	Zone 4
Evening - Linda Flinchum	Evening - Jean Rose	Madelene Holbrook	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - February 24	John Allen
Wednesday: - February 27	John Allen

**Serving this Week: February 17, 2013*

Devotions:	Opening Prayer a.m. - Todd Hinson	Scripture Reader a.m. - Robbie Santiago
Scripture: Homer Holland	p.m. - David Prongay	p.m. - Randy Warner
Song: Joe Everett	Song Leaders: a.m. - Steve Tesh	Nursery #1: a.m. - Gaye Carothers
Prayer: Tommy Ridings	p.m. - Gene Southern	p.m. - Betty Hoots
	Wed. - Steve Tesh	Nursery #2: a.m. - Robin Hauser
		p.m. - Linda Flinchum

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

WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST 8999 LASATER ROAD

ELDERS

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Tommy Rose
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper
Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason