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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 27, 2020

“Learning from the Past: Dealing with Adversity”

Through the centuries some folks have had the mistaken idea that Christians are immune to any kind of adversity. Some have said that if you have trials and hardships in your life that God is missing from your life. But the Bible heroes of the past have always had to deal with adversity. Those heroes would include people like **Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Job, Moses, Jeremiah, Daniel, Peter and Paul.** While we may not have had the same type of adversity as them, we have all had our own share of those things in our life that cannot be called anything else but adversity. You may not have actually faced lions in their own den but have experienced the need to rely on God to bring you safely through a life-threatening experience. You may not have been beaten and left for dead, but have been falsely accused and/or your life threatened in some way. Most of us have experienced the need to come to grips with adversity and face it head on.

Nebuchadnezzar told Daniel, **“Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you.”** When the ordeal was over Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar, **“My God sent His angel and shut the lions’ mouths’, so they have not hurt me because I was found innocent before Him, and also, O King, I have done no wrong before you.”** (Daniel 6:16, 22) Paul wrote in Romans 12:9-21 a little treatise on dealing with adversity. He concludes it with, **“Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good.”** (Romans 12:21)

As we learn from the past we need to remember this teaching from the past, **“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.”** (Proverbs 3:5) We can learn from the past about how to deal with adversity.

~Frank Shepard

ELDERS CORNER

WHY CHRISTIANS WORSHIP ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

The children of Israel observed many holy days including the Sabbath day, the seventh day of the week, which was commanded by God through Moses. The keeping of these holy days and the commandments to remember the Sabbath day was given only to the Israelites (Exodus 31:16, 17). Christians have never been commanded to keep the Jewish Sabbath nor any of their holy days.

The Bible speaks of two covenants. God made the first covenant with Abraham, and gave his law through Moses, which would govern his people. This time was known as the Mosaic Dispensation. This dispensation continued until Christ came and died on the cross, at which time this first covenant was fulfilled. Christ took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross (Col. 2:14).

The second covenant was given by Christ and came into effect after his death, as any will (covenant) is of no effect while the testator (author) liveth (Heb. 9:17). This period of time is known as the Christian Dispensation, and the law that governs God's people now, (Christians), was given by Jesus Christ.

The night before Jesus was crucified, He instituted the Lord's Supper, instructing His apostles to partake of it whenever they met, in remembrance of Him. After His church was established on the Day of Pentecost which was on the first day of the week, we read of the apostles and other members of the early church meeting on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). Christians worship God every day of the week, but on Sunday, the first day of the week, is the day Christians meet, partake of the Lord's Supper, give as God has prospered them, exhorting and having fellowship with one another (Heb. 10:25).

~From the Elder's Pen

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2020-2021

December 28 - Revelation 19
December 29 - Revelation 20
December 30 - Revelation 21
December 31 - Revelation 22



January 1 - Matthew 1
January 2 - Matthew 2
January 3 - Matthew 3

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Elwood Flinchum, Abby Little, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lungren, Larry Hayes, Melvin Sapp, Caleb Massey, Terry Wood, Laurie Courtemanche, Edith Allen, Debbie & Gene Southern, Martha Kee, and Gave Ruark, Debbie Southern, Sandy Smith, and Lois Allen.

D.J. Harrison was scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on December 16th. Unfortunately, she began running a fever on the 16th and the surgery was postponed to a later date. Please keep her in your prayers.

Also, the Harrison's daughter, **Tammy Jones**, has had her neck surgery delayed until sometime in January due to the large number of people that have Covid and the hospital is overcrowded at this time.

Donna Duncan's daughter, **Angela**, has tested positive for Covid. She lives in Hagerstown, MD. Please add Angela to the Prayer List.

Please pray for **Caleb Massey** (2 year old son of Clayton's first cousin). He has now completed is fourth round of Chemo. He is currently at home.

Jesse Kollar's son, **Eden**, is having some health issues that doctors can't seem to pinpoint the cause. Please pray for answers and healing.

To the Warners Chapel Family:

*Thank you for all the prayers and inquiries about our grandmother and mother-in-law. **Ninny Murphy** is still in the hospital and she will have progress and then a set-back. She is not on a vent and that is a blessing so we can at least have brief telephone conversations with her. Please continue to pray for her. Merry Christmas and we love you all. Tommy, Lorie and Thomas Rose*

Letter of Gratitude

To the elders and brethren at Warner's Chapel

It has been ten long years for the Singh family. We want to once again extend our gratitude to you. Many of you have provided friendship, love, and support over the years, without which we could not be where we are today.

This month we received our US permanent residency cards (green cards) and words cannot adequately express how thankful we are to the Warners Chapel congregation. You allowed God to work through you to impact future generations in the church.

All four of us are continually in your debt and are rebuilding our life here together as we work in the Kingdom.

*Will Sincerest Appreciation,
The Singh Family (Surendra, Marsha, Joshua and Emily)*



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.

REMINDER

January 7 - "Journey through the Bible" class begins for the Ladies. Instructor: Teresa Glenn.

January 7 - "Developing Leadership practices that work" class begins for the men or ladies. Instructor: Mike Glenn.

HOUSE TO HOUSE

HTH involves congregations throughout the United States and beyond in evangelism. Each week we will highlight a participating congregation and solicit prayers for their work. This will bless them and introduce churches for you to visit in your travels.

This Week's Focus:

West Omaha church of Christ in Omaha, Nebraska

Join us in praying for the West Omaha church of Christ. This is a church plant that has been in the HTH program for 6 months. So far, they have mailed 2600 HTH into their community of 13,243 homes.

Their preacher, Jonny Royal, began working with the congregation in 2019. Jonny first learned about the church of Christ when his family received House to House in their mailbox. After being converted, Jonny went to preaching school and now uses House to House to reach his own community. West Omaha church of Christ has about 15 members.

Please pray for them today. Pray that their HTH mailings will produce prospects for salvation and for them to have success in leading these members of their community to become members of the kingdom of heaven.

Thank you for taking time to pray for the kingdom (James 5:16).

HOW TRUE

The Bible is not a good-luck charm; it brings a blessing only when studied and obeyed.

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR DECEMBER, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY -

Sunday, December 6 & Wednesday, December 9 - Todd Hinson
Sunday, December 13 & Wednesday, December 16 - Tim Allen
Sunday, December 20 & Wednesday, December 23 - Gene Southern
Sunday, December 27 & Wednesday, December 30 - Gene Southern

CLOSING PRAYER TO BE CHOSEN BY YOU PRIOR TO SERVICE BEGINNING ALONG WITH MAKING SURE ALL MEN SCHEDULED ARE REMINDED OF THEIR ASSIGNMENTS.

COMMUNION FOR DECEMBER: - Mike Glenn

OPENING PRAYERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY - a.m.

December 6 - Allan Knight

December 13 - Wayne Allen

December 20 - Carl Cooper

December 27 - Nathan Roy

SUNDAY - p.m.

Dec. 6 - Bob Tesh

Dec. 13 - Mark Minor

Dec. 20 - Brad Hoots

Dec. 27 - Don Minor

WEDNESDAY

December 9 - David Queen

December 16 - D.C. Mock

December 23 - Clayton Workman

December 30 - Charley Belch

SONG LEADERS FOR DECEMBER:

SUNDAY - a.m.

December 6 - Wayne Allen

December 13 - Clayton Workman

December 20 - Roger Allen

December 27 - Charley Belch

SUNDAY - p.m.

Dec. 6 - Wayne Allen

Dec. 13 - Clayton Workman

Dec. 20 - Roger Allen

Dec. 27 - Charley Belch

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 9 - Clayton Workman

Dec. 16 - Wayne Allen

Dec. 23 - Charley Belch

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SECURITY AND USHERS FOR MAIN BUILDING SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

NOTE: BE AT BUILDING BY 10:05 ON SUNDAY AND 6:25 ON WEDNESDAY TO SET OUT TABLES, THERMOMETERS, MASKS AND HAND SANITIZER EARLY. PEOPLE START ARRIVING ABOUT THAT TIME.

MAIN BUILDING: Ed O'Shields and Richard Hamann

ANNEX BUILDING: Tony Minor

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THIS TIME OF NEED

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE AS CALLED UPON, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE.

"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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