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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD

When Paul thought about the path to God, he called it the “high calling of God” (Philippians 3:14). There is no low road in our service to Christ. When we are faithfully walking in the footsteps of our Lord, there is only the high road of excellence. There is no road of mediocrity in our faithful service to God. Our heavenly Father and our Savior have sounded the call to excellence: Ecclesiastes 9:10: *“Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.”* Col. 3:23, *“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;”* Luke 10:27: *And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.*

The challenge to excel is the driving force in all the accomplishments of men. It is true, that we sometimes accidentally receive things we did not expect (serendipities) but it is usually because we or someone else was trying to do something to the best of our/their ability. In no endeavor is the characteristic of high expectations more important than in our spiritual service to the Lord and in the growing of Christian leaders. Brothers and sisters, don’t settle for giving God anything less than your best in time, energy, money and service.

Many years ago when I was a student heard Bro. Andrew Connally preach a sermon entitled: ‘The Challenge of Overcoming Mediocrity.’ That sermon has continuously made a difference in my life. I hope it helps yours as much as I share the main points with you.

In order to excel, the first key is that we must have the **courage to care**. That starts with an honest heart or “good ground” (Matthew 13:23). One who cares mourns for his own sins and those of the lost in the world (Matthew 5:6; Ps. 119:106). Such a one cannot get the lost off his mind. It

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becomes an obsession (as it ought to be, 2 Corinthians 5:11-15) to find ways to reach friends, family and acquaintances. We begin to examine ourselves and grow in Christian character and action. In the spirit of excellence, we realize that any word or action or attitude might either push a soul away or draw them nearer the Lord. We dare not let them pass by us without be willing to risk their displeasure to help them remove their sins. Every action will be motivated by the excellence of love (Luke 10:27).

Next, we must **dare to dream**, to believe we can do more than we are and that we can accomplish more than we have. As we pursue the high calling of God, we will be constantly asking what else can be done for the kingdom of God. All kinds of ideas will come to our mind. We must believe they can be done. God says so. Contemplate deeply the statements of Ephesians 3:20, 2 Chronicles 16:9 and Philippians 4:13. If there is no dream, no goal, no higher step, then there will be no accomplishment and nothing toward which we reach in our life. Dreams and goals call out the best in us, high standards.

Finally, we must have the **willingness to work**. A dreamer with no follow through is only a dreamer. A dreamer with a plan and a driving work ethic is an achiever. Jesus had a dream for us, but we are the workers (Matthew 9:37-38; John 9:4). Whatever you can envision for your congregation can be accomplished if 'all' will work. Don't be one of the thousands in our congregations who do no more than attend. Don't go through your spiritual life without a dream and a plan. Don't be mediocre. We pursue "the high calling of God."

Suggestions for the high calling of God:

- .. Have wants and deny them (Philippians 3:7)
- .. Have needs and control them (1 Corinthians 9:27)
- .. Have time and do not waste it (James 4:14-15)
- .. See opportunities and use them (Matthew 25:20-22)
- .. Stop sinful habits, start good ones (Roman s 6:16-17)
- .. Act, don't procrastinate (John 4:35)
- .. Repent always (1 John 1:6-10)
- .. Overcome fear with love (2 Timothy 1:7-8)
- .. Be weary but don't quit (Galatians 6:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58)

Brethren, fly with the eagles. Don't sleep with the dogs

Isaiah 40:31 - But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 56:10-11 - His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

~Mike Glenn

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

July 5 - Acts 13:26-52
July 6 - Acts 14
July 7 - Acts 15:1-21
July 8 - Acts 15:22-41



July 9 - Acts 16:1-21
July 10 - Acts 16:22-40
July 11 - Acts 17:1-15

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Meredith Southern, Neal Harper, Bonnie Landreth, Jaunita Doub, Kevin Fortner, Shannon Harper, Eddie Manor, Merry Beth, Thurmond Bennett, Bryan Byrd, Becky, Mary Ellen Dull, HM Latchmenarine, Madelene Holbrook, Kim Matthews, Jeff Chrysson, Jack Piper, Abby Little, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy & Wayne Hutchins. Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, & D.J. Harrison.

Neal Harper's heart procedure was successful on Thursday and he is now back at home. Thanks for all the prayers.

Steve Martin is still in the Novant Hospital. He continues to have problems with accumulation of fluid in his lung which causes him to not feel well and he sounds very weak so conversations have to be short. The doctors told him today that they might undergo a procedure on him tomorrow (Friday) and they would let him know by noon. Please remember him in your prayers.

Jack Piper still has pain that developed a number of weeks ago. He is still on medication from the ER, which helps him some. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please continue to keep **Roger Allen** in your prayers as he continues to overcome his health issues recovering from his recent surgery.

Tim Allen's sister, **Brenda Swain** is doing better following a heart problem that developed after she had knee surgery. She has had to have a stint put in and the hospital has released her to go home a week ago. Please keep her in your prayers.

Update: Betty Cloud's sister, **Mozzeta Dobbins**, has been released and is recovering at home. She is waiting on test results to determine the next steps. Cards are appreciated. Her address is 745 Perth Road, Troutman, NC. 28166.

Don Turnmire's daughter, **Hope**, has a serious health problem. They would appreciate prayers. (Don Turnmire was the preacher at Warners Chapel for a number of years).

FOR THE RECORD

SUNDAY WORSHIP –A.M.	June 30, 2021	- 120
SUNDAY WORSHIP –P.M.	June 30, 2021	- 100
WED. EVENING BIBLE STUDY	July 1, 2021	- ?

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Reminder: Each Sunday at 5 p.m. there is a Sunday Youth Class that meets in the Annex.

Carolina Bible Camp - If you are planning on attending the Carolina Bible camp this summer, it is recommended that you sign up for weeks 3, 4, or 7.

Vacation Bible School

Warners Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held on 5 Wednesday evenings beginning at 7 p.m. The Theme: "The Flood". The dates are:

July 14 - "The World"
July 21 - "The Man"
July 28 - "The Ark"
Aug. 4 - "The Animals"
Aug. 11 - "The Flood"

Please begin to think of friends and neighbors you would like to invite to attend our VBS.

VBS Request for Materials:

I am in search of two or three square bales of hay or straw to use for VBS. Also stuffed animals - not cartoons but more realistic animals. These may be handled some by children. Let me know if this is something you can help us out with! My phone number is 336-978-8977. **Nancy Minor.**



SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

JULY, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY:

COMMUNION FOR JULY:

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JULY:

SUNDAY A.M.

July 4 -
July 11 -
July 18 -
July 25 -

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July 4 -
July 11 -
July 18 -
July 25 -

WEDNESDAY

July 7 -
July 14 -
July 21 -
July 28 -

SECURITY AND GREETING:

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

SONG LEADERS FOR JULY:

SUNDAY A.M.

July 4 - Wayne Allen
July 11 - Nathan Roy
July 18 - Gene Southern
July 25 - Charley Belch

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WEDNESDAY

July 7 - Charley Belch
July 14 - Clayton Workman
July 21 - Wayne Allen
July 28 - Nathan Roy

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

<p>“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</p>

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ELDERS

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner	Gene Southern
Keith Warner	Shawn Thomason
Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Jody Everett	Adam Warner
	Jacob Woodbury