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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 30, 2018

BUILDING FAITH

The length of the book of Jude is an inaccurate representation of the truths contained therein. Within the inspired text of Jude, there are many things that could be considered as faith builders." I do not know the condition of your soul this day, but I know that I can always use a piece of encouragement from the almighty God, and I hope the same can be said of you. Let me direct your mind to Jude 20-22, where the Bible reads: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference."

When it comes to the process of making a dream become reality, we often hear the statement "let's build some dreams." The same goes for the reality of the spiritual walk. There is a building process involved, and it is extremely vital to the success and length of the journey. In the verses preceding verse 20, we are exposed to the idea of being set apart from those who are following after ungodly lusts. Enoch proclaimed for years that the Lord would return and repay vengeance to them who have rebelled against God. Then we come to verse 20. Jude says, "building up yourselves on your most holy faith." By saying this, and referencing the verses preceding, he implies that those who intend to be godly and separate from the world must have some sort of building process. The question is, on what do we build? Inspiration answers that question in the first letter to the Corinthians, through the inspired pen of Paul. Paul basically says that every man should think about how he is going to build. Realize that God has laid a foundation, and you are expected to build thereon. But, take heed how you build. You have to realize that Christ is the only foundation and if you miss that, your house is destined to fall (1 Cor. 3:9-11).

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Then notice the next course of action, Jude says, “keep yourselves in the love of God.” This requires continual action on the part of you and I. When we accept the “job” to build, we have to do our very best to maintain. When you build your nice, pricey house, you will do your utmost best to keep that piece of property in good shape. The same should be for the building process of the spiritual life; that is, doing our best to maintain that relationship with God that is pleasing unto Him. Paul deals with keeping ourselves in God’s love in a sense (Romans 8:38-39). He claims he was persuaded that there was not a single thing in this world that could separate him from the love of God. He had his mind set on keeping himself in the love of God. If ever you stray from the fold of God, ask yourself who moved. It sure isn’t God. The only person who can cause separation of you, and the only person who can keep that, is you. Next, observe “looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.” As was mentioned earlier, the building and keeping process is that of a continual action. There is no time to rest, or to quit working. We sing the hymn, “We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes,” but the question is . . . Will you really?

In the gospel of John 9:4, Jesus says that while it is day He is going to be doing the Father’s business because soon there will be a time when that work is o’er. He is influencing us to do the same. Work the work of the Father while you’re here, looking unto the day when Jesus takes you home if you’ve been faithful. The last statement made in Jude, at which we will look, is making a difference.” Once you have accepted the task to build your life upon the foundation of Jesus, you have committed yourself to a life of maintaining a pure life in the eyes of God, and looking to your home in heaven. Now, of course you would want yourself to be faithful because that is the only way into heaven. But, Jesus was concerned about making a difference in the world, and so should you and I. Jesus said, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” He put his conviction to practice. He made a difference. Remember, there is nothing as useless as a virtue untested. Build on the Lord Jesus, keep a healthy relationship, look unto eternity with eyes of faith, and make a difference. It is up to you!

Caleb J. Rutherford

Please Note:

If your email address has not been added to the list, please see Todd Hinson. This list is used to notify of delays and cancellations due to bad weather.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2019

January 1 - Matthew 1
January 2 - Matthew 2
January 3 - Matthew 3
January 4 - Matthew 4



January 5 - Matthew 5:1-26
January 6 - Matthew 5:27-48
January 7 - Matthew 6:1-18

OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Roger Allen is scheduled to have another spinal procedure on January 7th. Prayers are requested that the pain will be removed.

Di-Ann Moser is now at home under the care of Hospice. Please call before visiting.

Please continue to remember **Wayne Hutchins** who is at home recovering from recent surgery.

Mary Seal is still having some difficulty in overcoming a reaction to a medication she had been prescribed.

Sandy Smith has been released from the hospital and is in the Walnut Cove Health & Rehab Center for 3 weeks. The address of the center is 511 Windmill St., Walnut Cover, NC 27052.

Madelene Holbrook was reported this past week to not be feeling well.

Terry Brown, a friend of David Shoaf, has been diagnosed with Squamous Cell Cancer and began chemo and thirty-five radiation treatments this past week. David requested prayers for Terry and his wife.

Renee Morgan, Madelene Holbrook's niece is having a difficult time undergoing both chemo and radiation treatments - she has had 15 treatments and has 15 more to go. She is very weak and unable to eat. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Please continue to pray for one of Nancy Minor's students -Harper, who had surgery this past week for an pharyngeal abscess and is now at home recovering.

The family of Gene Southern's niece, Katherine Robbins requested prayers. Katherine's husband, Bobby Robbins, passed away suddenly on Christmas Eve at his home. Katherine and Bobby have a grandchild that is supposed to be born on Jan. 9th. Address will be on the bulletin board if you want to send a card.

Please pray for **Ken Proctor**, a member at the Shallotte church of Christ. He is on a kidney transplant list.

~In Sorrow~

Nita Kirkland passed away this past Wednesday evening in her sleep. Arrangements have not been completed at this time. Prayers are requested for Ellen and her family.

~Thank You~

Carolyn Moser would like to thank everyone for all the many acts of kindness following the death of her husband, Wayne, and the death of her father, Mr. Delmer Morley, who also passed away recently.



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:

Dec. 30 - Following the morning services, there will be a meeting for all that are single, not married, widows, widowers, or just not married. For those who are in this group, please participate and attend.

Jan. 8 - Sewing for missions will begin on Tuesday. We will meet every Tuesday from 9-12 in the Annex. This year we will be sewing for girls in Guyana and Panama.

Jan. 8 - The Tuesday Night Class will resume from 7-8 p.m. in the Annex.

Please Note!!

The Congregational Fellowship Meals will resume on the third Sunday in January.



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

A total of **2,247** items have been delivered to the SW Food Pantry for the year 2018. Thank you for your part in this good work of helping those less fortunate.

The suggested items for the month of **January, 2019**

Peanut Butter/Jelly (plastic containers)

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

FOR THE RECORD

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| Sunday Bible Study - December 23, 2018 | 145 |
| Sunday Worship Service | 183 |
| Contribution for December 23, 2018 | \$10,503 |
| Daily Adult Bible Readers: | 40 |
| Chapters Read: | 669 |
| Sunday Evening Worship Service | 129 |
| Wednesday Evening Bible study - 12-26-18 | 92 |

Lord's Day Appointments For December , 2019

Serving the Lord's Table For January:

Clayton Workman

Mark Minor Bill Carothers

Robby Landry

Emily Workman

Joe Everett

Caleb Rutherford

Preparing Communion for January:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - January 6, 2019

| DEVOTIONS: | OPENING PRAYER: | SONG LEADER | SCRIPTURE READERS |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Scripture - Rodney Brown | Morning - Tommy Rose | A.M. - Nathan Roy | A.M. - Jim Harrison |
| Song Leader - Wayne Allen | Evening - Daryl Cook | P.M. - Clayton Workman | P.M. - Gene Ruark |
| Prayer - Steve Martin | | Wed. - Allen Cooper | |

Greeters for January

Walter & Nancy Cruz

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - January 6 ~

Wednesday: - January 9 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - December 30, 2018

| DEVOTIONS: | OPENING PRAYER: | SONG LEADER | SCRIPTURE READERS |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Scripture - Walter Cruz | Morning - Todd Hinson | A.M. - Tim Allen | A.M. - Tommy Rose |
| Song Leader - Jason Allen | Evening - Jody Everett | P.M. - Youth Lead Service | P.M. - Keith Warner |
| Prayer - Shawn Thomason | | Wed. - Allen Cooper | |

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 30 ~ Mark Minor

Wednesday: - January 2 ~ Mark Minor

Greeter for December:

Atha Clark

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

“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

DEACONS

Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury