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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

NOVEMBER 25, 2018

IT ISN'T HEAVEN

It was early one spring morning. I was hiking a five and half mile trail along the bluffs of the Missouri River. The songs of several different types of bird could be heard, and the leaves were showing their early spring color. Dotting the forest floor were hundreds of purple and white flowers. As I descended a ridge toward the edge of a high bluff I could see the Missouri River. To the east, the sun seemed to be rising out of the river itself. I spooked some white tail deer with the sound of my hiking poles. It was a joy to watch them jump through the underbrush. When I reached my destination, I sat down a few feet from the edge of the cliff. I closed my eyes and prayed. I thanked God for the beauty and peace of the river and forest. Is this a little taste of heaven?

Early one morning toward the end of spring I was hiking the same trail. The temperature was high and the humidity higher. The air was thick and difficult to breathe. Not only was the air thick with moisture, but it was thick with mosquitoes. My friend and I walked quickly hoping the mosquitoes would not bother a moving target, but by the end of the hike we had been bitten all over our heads and arms. As we neared the parking lot to go home we were greeted with clouds of mosquitoes. It had begun to rain, but not even the rain could drive these angry insects away. I jumped into my car as quickly as I could, but several mosquitoes got into the car before I could close the door. All the way home I had to force myself to focus on the road while mosquitoes buzzed around me. Even with the window down I could not get them to leave me alone.

While that hiking trail may have seemed like a taste of heaven in early spring as summer neared I was dramatically reminded that it wasn't heaven. On this earth that which is pleasant can become unpleasant. That which is beautiful can become ugly. On this planet, good times last only for a moment and difficult times come to everyone. But the good news is that we don't have to stay on earth forever (Hebrews 9:27). We have a far better home waiting for us in heaven. In heaven, there will be no pain, sorrow, suffering, death, and yes, no mosquitoes (Revelation 21:4)

God's abundant mercy has given us a living hope of an incorruptible and undefiled inheritance in heaven, and it is in this we greatly rejoice (1 Peter 1:3-6). The love that we have for, and from other Christians may give us a little taste of heaven here on earth. The worship we focus toward God may give us a little taste of heaven on earth. However, we will go through trials here on this earth that will remind us that this earth isn't heaven. (1 Peter 1:6-9).

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Even when we suffer on this earth because of our faith we can still rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is our reward in heaven (Matthew 5:10-12). Someday we will hear the Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord (Matthew 25:21)." Some day we will hear, "come you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world (Matthew 25:34)." Someday, we will escape this, sometimes painful, world and go to the place of eternal life (Matthew 25:46)!"

Through God's blessings we can gain a little taste of heaven here on earth from time to time, but the pain, destruction and decay that has been characteristic of this earth since the fall of man will continue to remind us that this earth just isn't heaven. This world is not our home. We are citizens of heaven (Philippians 3:20). We are strangers and pilgrims on this earth who long for, look for, and live for our heavenly country (Hebrews 11:13-16).

~Kevin V. Rutherford



Congregational Singing Workshop November 30 - December 1

(All Sessions are for Congregation and Song Leaders)

Schedule:

**Friday: 7:00 p.m. - SESSION 1
Improving Our Congregational Singing**

**Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Coffee and Doughnuts
9:00 a.m. - SESSION 2
Improving Song Leading - For Leaders and Congregation**

12:00 Noon - Lunch Provided

1:00 p.m. - SESSION 3 - Singing

Instructor: Brother BJ Bruce

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

November 26 - 1 Peter 3
November 27 - 1 Peter 4
November 28 - 1 Peter 5
November 29 - 2 Peter 1



November 30 - 1 Peter 2
December 1 - 2 Peter 3
December 2 - 1 John 1



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember in your prayers: Roger Allen, Madelene Holbrook, Nita Kirkland, Fred Holder, Mary Ellen Dull, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins, & D.J. Harrison.

Becky Allen was reported to be ill this past week. Please remember her in you prayers.

Ashley Everett's father, **Hank Wade**, will undergo surgery this coming Tuesday for an aneurism. Please remember him in your prayers.

Mindy's sister, **Kathy Furches**, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Please continue to pray for her.

Kathleen Warner's uncle and aunt live near the "Campfire" in Northern California. They have been evacuated and are fearful they have lost their home. Please continue to pray for them and their safety.

Donna Duncan's mother passed away this past week in Michigan. Please pray for the family.

Rodney Miller, a relative of the Strickland's, lost his brother, **Sonny**, this past Sunday. He was 50 years old. Please pray for this family also.

~In Sympathy~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Wayne Moser, who unexpectedly passed away Friday evening. Prayers are requested for Carolyn and Family. More information will be given at a later date.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Mary Ellen Dull

Ernestine Martin
Carolyn Minor
Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers

What God Hath Promised!

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love.

~ Annie Johnson Flint



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:

Nov. 30-Dec.1 - Congregational Singing Workshop - The classes will be conducted by BJ Bruce, a member of Southside church of Christ in Galax, Virginia. There are sheets available giving information on the workshop on the credenza in the foyer. See page 2.

Dec. 2 - Baby Shower for Walter & Nancy Cruz from 2-4 p.m. in the Annex. They are registered at Target. (they are expecting a baby girl)

Please Note!!

* The Tuesday Night Class will resume on January 8th.

*The Congregational Fellowship Meals will be cancelled for November and December.

*The new 2018 Directory is on the credenza in the foyer. (1 per family please)

AREA EVENTS:

Dec. 1 - Ladies Day at Capernaum church of Christ. Theme: "Women" Kingdom Builders for Christ (Eph. 2:21-11) Guest speakers: Suzanne Brockenborough and Kenya Harley.

(See bulletin board for further information)



SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of November:

Toiletries (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, etc.) Also, please add Ramen noodles to list.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 18, 2018	132
Sunday Worship Service	175
Contribution for November 18, 2018	\$6,619
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	42
Chapters Read:	593
Sunday Evening Worship Service	137
Wednesday Evening Bible study - 11-21-18	105

Lord's Day Appointments For November, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For December, 2018

Sherrill Stewart

Mark Roy Andy Santiago
Jesse Power
Cindy Tesh
Brad Hoots
Roger Allen

Preparing Communion for December:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - December 2, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Charley Belch	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Bill Carothers	P.M. - Don Minor	P.M. - Clayton Workman
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. - Allen Cooper	

Greeters for December:

Atha Clark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 2 ~ Jason Allen
Wednesday: - December 5 ~ Jason Allen

Lord's Day Appointments - November 25, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Mike Lundgren	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Gene Southern	P.M. - Youth Lead Service	P.M. - Roger Allen
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Song Req. Service Roger A. & Walter C.	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - November 25 ~ John Allen
Wednesday: - November 28 ~ John Allen

Greeters for November:

Shawn & Terrie Thomason

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