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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

OCTOBER 7, 2018

MESSAGES FROM MALACHI

We fully recognize the fact that we are no longer bound by the Old Covenant given to Israel (Hebrews 9:15-17). However, we do understand there is much that can be learned from a study of the Old Testament (Romans 15:4). We can learn from the examples of those who lived while under the Law of Moses (1 Corinthians 10; Hebrews 11). We can also learn from the prophecies and laws that pointed toward the coming Messiah and His sacrifice (Isaiah 53; Exodus 12). In addition, we can learn much about the nature of God by studying the Old Law (Leviticus 10:1-4). Another way we can benefit from studying the Old Testament is by looking to see what general principles apply under both covenants. Some of those are brought out as important messages in Malachi.

As God addresses the wicked priests in Israel He says, "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am the Master, where is my reverence?" (Malachi 1:6). It is just as important to honor and reverence God under the New Law (Hebrews 12:28-29).

Another message from Malachi that is still relevant is found in God's condemnation of the priests for offering up poor sacrifices (Malachi 1:7-8). Today, we offer up the sacrifice of praise to God (Hebrews 13:15). Do we worship God half-heartedly? That would be a poor sacrifice. What about the fact that Christians are to give themselves as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1-2).

Malachi's message to the wicked priests of his day includes a rebuke for their ignorance (Malachi 2:7-9). The priests should have had good knowledge of God's Word, but these priests were not even able to teach the truth to others. As a result of their ignorance of the truth they caused many others to stumble. Christians need to give

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diligence to their study of the Bible (2 Peter 3:15). We want to know what the Bible says on a matter before we go and try to teach it to others. We most certainly do not want to be in the position of teaching untruths that will cause people to be lost (Galatians 1:8-9).

The priests of Malachi's day failed again when they chose to mix the true faith with that of the pagan religions of the land (Malachi 2:10-12). The truth originates with God and is found in His written Word (1 Corinthians 2:1-13; 2 Timothy 3:15-17). We must not mix the truth with the denominational errors of the day that originated in men (Matthew 15:1-9). We are no better than the priests rebuked in Malachi's message if we give in to teaching the conflicts with the truth.

Another important message from Malachi to the wicked priests of his day involved the fact that God was not going to accept their worship because of the way they viewed and treated marriage (Malachi 2:13-17). God said He was a witness between them and their wives. He had seen how they had dealt treacherously with their wives. God wanted them to remain faithful to the covenant they made when marrying their wives. They were to be faithful in marriage while having children they raised to become godly offspring. And yet, they must have been divorcing their wives because God said, He hates divorce. I am amazed that the translators of the ESV have failed to translate the statement "he hates divorce." They just left it completely out. Yet, this is a powerful statement that rings true even to this very day. God hates divorce so much He has only allowed for one cause for divorce (Matthew 19:1-9).

God further addresses the wickedness of the priests of Malachi's day by accusing them of robbing Him (Malachi 3:8-10). How can a man rob God? The answer in the text is that a man can rob God by not giving his offerings to God as he should. I believe most Christians today give very generously. However, let us not forget that the motives and manner of our giving must be pleasing to God even under the New Law (2 Corinthians 8-9).

These priests had become so wicked that they were actually telling people that "it is useless to serve God." (Malachi 3:14) Imagine being so bold! These priests needed to remember who God is, and they needed to turn back to God's Word (Malachi 4:4). Perhaps Christians today sometimes forget who God truly is. Any Christian who has strayed from God's Word needs to go back to thoughtful study and application of the Bible.

~Kevin V. Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

October 8 - Phil. 4
October 9 - Col. 1
October 10 - Col. 2
October 11 - Col. 3



October 12 - Col. 4
October 13 - 1 Thess. 1
October 14 - 1 Thess. 2



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Nita Kirkland is still very weak but she is getting better each day. Her Forsyth Room is 6122. The doctors were hoping she will be able to go to a rehab facility this past Friday.

David Elam was scheduled to have outpatient surgery this past Thursday at the Medical Park Hospital. Please remember him in your prayers.

Please pray for **Tim Harper**. He has been having some problems recently.

Kevin Rutherford's brother, **Brett Rutherford**, has M.S. and is experiencing complications at this time. He is in Tasmania, Australia. Please remember him in your prayers.

Paul Kirkpatrick underwent successful heart by-pass surgery this past week. Paul's daughter, Myca, has reported that he is doing well. His address is P.O. Box 748, Rush Springs, OK 73082.

Madelene's niece, **Renee Morgan**, was scheduled to return to the Duke Medical Center recently for more surgery. Her Cancer has returned. Renee is 38 years old and has a 16 year old son. Prayers are requested.

Carmen Parker's brother, **Randy Hendricks**, is reported to be doing well in his recovery from recent surgery.

Nancy Minor's mother, **Nancy Burns**, did very well in her elbow surgery. Please continue to pray for her through rehab and recovery.

Lorie Rose's friend, **Bruce Anne**, has received good news - her cancer is in remission. Lorie wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and cards you have sent her, her doctor has called this a miracle!

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



~PLACED MEMBERSHIP~

We are pleased to welcome **Robert and Manchel Tesh** into the family of Christ that worships here at Warners Chapel. The Tesh family's address is: 111 West Eden Course Drive, Advance, NC 27006. Telephone: 336-998-3670.

and

We also welcome **David Shoaf** into the family of Christ who worship here at Warners Chapel. David's address is: 9120 Great Meadows Drive, Clemmons, NC 27012. Telephone: 336-399-7194.

Please add them to your directory

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker

Ernestine Martin

Carolyn Minor

Kim Matthews

Di-Ann Moser

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers.



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:

Oct. 9 - Tuesday Evening Class from 7-8 p.m.

Nov. 3 - Chicken Stew

Nov. 4-7 - Gospel Mtg. with Brother Glenn Hitchcock as speaker. The topic is "The Bible is Still Right"

Nov. 30-December 1 - CONGREGATIONAL SINGING WORKSHOP - The classes will be conducted by BJ Bruce, a member of Southside church of Christ in Galax, Virginia.

(See bulletin board for further information)

Area Events:

Oct. 20 - Ladies' Day at the Eastside church of Christ in Winston-Salem. The speaker will be Sister Katonya Smith. Sister Smith is a Winston-Salem native and has been a keynote speaker at several ladies' day events over the last few years.

Oct. 20 - Ladies Day at Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville. The Theme: "A Christian Woman Service" - Speaker: Sister D'Lea McDaniel from the Corinth church of Christ.

(See Bulletin board for further information)

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for the month of October:
soup/beef stew/ramen noodles

Gospel Advocate:

It is time to renew or newly subscribe to the Gospel Advocate through the month of October. Please see Don Minor. The cost for a yearly subscription is \$17.50.

Please Note: The new House to House issue is available on the credenza in the foyer. Please take them and share a copy with a friend or neighbor.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - September 30, 2018	128
Sunday Worship Service	160
Contribution for September 30, 2018	\$7,427
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	33
Chapters Read:	582
Sunday Evening Worship Service	141
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Oct. 3, 2018	100

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Tommy Rose

Colin Robinson Wayne Allen
Rodney Brown
Faye K.
Todd Hinson
Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for October:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - October 14, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Shawn Thomason	Morning - Charley Belch	A.M. - Gene Southern	A.M. - Clayton Workman
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Nathan Roy	P.M. - Charley Belch	P.M. - Dwight Barringer
Prayer - Jack Piper		Wed. - Don Minor	

Greeters for October:

Gene and Gaye Ruark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - October 14 ~
Wednesday: - October 17 ~

Lord's Day Appointments - October 7, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Rodney Brown	Morning - Jim Harrison	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Roger Allen
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Jacob Woodbury	P.M. - Clayton Workman	P.M. - John Allen
Prayer - Steve Martin		Wed. - Allen Cooper	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - October 7
Wednesday: - October 10

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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