

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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## **A Living Faith**

Text: James 2:14-26

In James 1:22, we see that we must be DOERS of the word and not hearers only. This involves our faith and the kind of faith that we have. In this text that we have come to, James 2:14-26, we are going to expound upon this fact that is driven back in 1:22. James here asks a question in verse 14, "if someone says he has faith but does not have works, can faith save him?" I love the way that he explains how this is illustrated. If someone is naked and destitute of daily food, but you don't give him anything, WHAT DOES IT PROFIT? When we say that we have a faith in God that is good but we are unwilling to help our fellow man, then our faith is NOT expressed therefore we DO NOT HAVE the faith that we claim to have. Faith is something that is seen and not something that is just believed (2:18). A faith that isn't shown with works is DEAD (2:17).

James states a challenge to all of us by stating, "Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith BY my works." James is stating the fact that no one will ever know what one believes if they don't have the works that follow with the faith they claim to have. You cannot know what one believes if they don't SHOW YOU what faith they have. Please notice that James states that if we have a faith that does not show itself by works, it is NO BETTER than what the devil and his demons believe! They knew who Jesus was and even recognized who He was on numerous occasions (Matt. 8:29, Mk. 1:24, etc). So we know that the demons are bound for Hell, but what makes the difference

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between their faith and their eternal destiny - THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO ACT IN OBEDIENCE. Their works do not show the faith that is obedient to God and therefore they are bound for Hell. We will be bound for the same if we have the same type of faith that the demons have.

Notice that James uses 2 different illustrations to prove that faith and works are harmonious. He first uses Abraham and then uses Rahab. Abraham was JUSTIFIED BY WORKS when we offered Isaac on the altar. Since this expresses the faith (belief, trust, and obedience) in what God said to Abraham, then his faith is "accounted to him for righteousness". This expression of "accounted to him" means to cause one to consider that his actions are in correspondence to righteousness. The only way that Abraham could cause God to look upon him and consider him faithful is TO DO or act upon what his faith was telling him. Likewise, Rahab is seen to be JUSTIFIED BY WORKS when she believed in the truth of God through the spies and then sent them out another way. It was her actions that showed God that she believed in Him.

We must realize that faith is ONLY JUSTIFIED when works are accompanying the faith. Otherwise, it is DEAD! It only takes God one time to state something for it to be the case. In this text, God mentions 3 times, that faith without works is a DEAD FAITH (2:20, 2:24, 2:26). Do you think that God is trying to tell us something? I love how he ends this section of scripture by likening faith without works with a body without a spirit. This is how dead a faith is that does not have works that show it!

What type of faith do we have: living or dead?

- Wes Garland



THE VALUE of a clock is in its reputation for accuracy.

THE VALUE of a wrench is its ability to adjust to a problem.

THE VALUE of a car is its ability to perform well up-grade,

THE VALUE of a stamp is its ability to stick to the end.

THE VALUE of a tack is its head to keep it from going too far.

THE VALUE of a Christian is his ability to combine all these virtues.

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## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022**

October 2 - Eph. 5:1-16

October 3 - Eph. 5:17-33

October 4 - Eph. 6 October 5 - Phil. 1

October 6 - Phil. 2

October 7 - Phil. 3

October 8 - Phil. 4

# OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Gene Southern, Brad & Betty Hoots, Pat Grady, Perry Cooper, Randy Clemmons, Rosemary Clemmons, Mickey Parsons, Toni Lucas, Cheryl Culler, Mickey Parsons, Nicole Roy, Mike Ford, Sharon York, Sherrill Stewart, Patricia Wood, Roger Allen's mother, D.J. Harrison, Cleave Binkley, Trooper Josh Church, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Clayton Workman has had a problem with a weak condition following being a song leader at Warners chapel and collapsed. An ambulance was called to take him to the hospital. He had an MRI but the doctors could not find anything wrong. Pray that he will be okay.

**Aldene Cloud** had a procedure and it went well. he is resting and feeling much better. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Gene Southern** is doing well he says. Pray he will be able to be out and about soon.

LaDonna Gordon - Jim and D.J. Harrison's oldest daughter. She had a heart attack last week and has only been home only a couple of days. We just took her back to the hospital recently. The hospital has given her a monitor for recording the heart for 14 days. —Jim and D.J. Harrison. Please pray for her to not have another heart attack.

Erica Stewart's father has Colon Cancer and is taking treatments at this time. Please put them on our prayer list and send cards. Address: Gene & Ilene Hackney, P.O. Box 63, Lewisville, NC 27023. Thank you. - Sherrill Stewart.

Karen Clemmons sister, **Polly Tatum**, has a large mass of cancer of the stomach. The doctors will be testing her to see if there has been any spreading throughout her body. Please pray for her and her family.



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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

## **EVENTS AT WARNERS CHAPEL:**

November 5 - Warners Chapel will have our yearly Chicken Stew in the Annex at six p.m.

November 27-30 - Warners Chapel Gospel Meeting/ The speaker will be Eric Owens. More information at a later date.

## **AREA EVENTS:**

October 1 - Ladies Day at the Lexington Church of Christ. Speaker: Wanda Cline. the Theme: "Working For the Lord". Registration: Beginning at 10 a.m., Refreshments and Coffee - (10:30 a.m. - Program), (12 p.m. Lunch). Address: 1330 Piedmont Drive, Lexington, NC.

October 7-9, 2022 Gospel Meeting at the NW Church of Christ in Greensboro, NC on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Meal at 1:00 p.m. The speaker will be Billy R. Smith from Henderson, TN. Invitation to the Warners Chapel Members only.

October 10th- Charlotte Avenue Church of Christ, Rock Hill, SC (More information to come).

A smile is a gentile curved line that sets a lot of things straight.

It isn't your position, but your disposition, that makes you happy or unhappy.

He who falls for soft soap is soon washed up.

## SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

October, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: TODD HINSON

COMMUNION FOR OCTOBER: ALLEN KNIGHT

**DEVOTIONS FOR: OCTOBER** 

<u>SCRIPTURE</u>	SONG LEADER	<u>PRAYER</u>
October 2 - Wayne Allen	Clayton Workman	<b>Todd Hinson</b>
October 9 - Mark Minor	Charley Belch	Mark Roy
October 16 - Andy Santiago	Steve Ťesh	Al Lawson
October 23 - Rodney Brown	David Shoaf	Wes Garland
October 30 - Johnny Spillman	Gene Southern	David Moore

### **OPENING PRAYERS FOR: OCTOBER**

SUNDAY A.M.	SUNDAY P.M.	WEDNESDAY
Oct. 2 - Randy Warner	Mark Minor	Oct. 5 - Andy Santiago
Oct. 9 - Rodney Brown	Adam Warner	Oct. 12 - Bob Tesh
Oct. 16 - Steve Tesh	David Moore	Oct. 19 - David Shoaf
Oct. 23 - Carl Cooper	<b>Charley Belch</b>	Oct. 26 - Charley Belch

SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK ROY & MARK MINOR

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

#### **SONG LEADERS FOR: OCTOBER**

SUNDAY A.M.	<u>SUNDAY P.M.</u>	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>
October 2 - Tristan Roy	Wayne Allen	October 5 - David Shoaf
October 9 - David Shoaf	Charley Belch	October 9 - Steve Tesh
October 16 - Wayne Allen	Charley Belch	October 19 - Wayne Allen
October 23 - Charley Belch	Steve Tesh	October 26 - Charley Belch
October 30 - Triston Roy	Youth Led Sve Coordinator-Adam	

## PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

"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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Tim Allen Randy Warner
Todd Hinson Keith Warner
Steve Tesh Mark Minor
Andy Santiago Jody Everett Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner