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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

JANUARY 9, 2022

Be Strong in the Lord

We must be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might as we stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-11). Our war is not against flesh and blood, but rather against spiritual forces of wickedness (Ephesians 6:12). The head of these spiritual forces of wickedness is the cunning devil who walks about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8). God through Peter says we must, “resist him, steadfast in the faith” (1 Peter 5:9). Paul says we must “stand against the wiles of the devil,” and “having done all to stand” (Ephesians 6:11, 13).

In order to be able to stand against the devil we must take up spiritual weapons to fight this spiritual war. Paul says, our war is not “according to the flesh,” and so we do not use material, physical weapons (2 Corinthians 10:3-4). The spiritual weapons God has given us for this war against Satan are “mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4, 5). We can use the spiritual weapons God has given us to pull down the strongholds of Satan in ways that help others, and in our fight our own personal battles against the devil. Individually, Christians need to pull down Satan’s strongholds, cast down arguments that exalt against God, and bring thoughts in captivity to the obedience of Christ through the weapons God has given us.

One of the weapons God has given us for this war against Satan is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17). The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Through careful contemplation, and diligent study of the Holy Scriptures we come to a knowledge of the truth that changes us, builds us up, strengthens us, and gives us power in this spiritual war against the devil. The word of God can be used as a weapon to defeat the lies of Satan, save the souls of others, and strengthen our own souls in those times when Satan is attacking through temptation. It is a powerful weapon that develops, builds, and strengthens faith. Even as a physical soldier

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in a material war must know his weapon well and be proficient in its use so too must those spiritual warriors who fight against Satan. Use the sword to defend yourself and others. Use the sword to attack the lies of your enemies. Have the sword with you at all times, if not in hand, at least in heart, soul, and mind. As the Jews under Nehemiah's leadership had tools to work and carried weapons to defend, so too must we keep our spiritual sword with us as we go about the work of the Lord.

As we fight this war against forces of spiritual wickedness, we will also need to put our fighting armor on. We need to put it all on so that we can make a proper stand against Satan and not become a casualty of war. The armor of God includes truth, righteousness, preparation of the Gospel of peace, faith, and salvation (Ephesians 6:14-17). We wear the belt of truth when we properly interpret, and therefore understand the Word of God. We wear the breastplate of righteousness when we make application of the truth in our own lives. We have on our feet the preparation of the Gospel of peace when we are prepared to show others the beauty and glory of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We carry the shield of faith when our faith is developed, built, and strengthened by the Word of God. We wear the helmet of salvation protecting our minds through the knowledge of our salvation and confidence in our salvation that comes through complete submission to the will of God and full trust in His promises.

Put on the spiritual armor, pick up the spiritual weapons, and go to war against the spiritual forces of Satan. Fight for your own soul, fight for the souls of your family members, and fight for the souls of others. Fight against the sin, sorrow, and wickedness Satan has brought to this world. Fight like your soul depends upon it because it does. Fight like your eternal destiny depends upon it, because it does. Fight like the one's you love are depending upon you, because they are. "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might," and stand against the wiles of the devil!"

~Kevin Rutherford

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022

Jan. 10 - Matt. 8:1-17
Jan. 11 - Matt. 8:18-34
Jan. 12 - Matt. 9:1-17
Jan. 13 - Matt. 9:18-38



Jan. 14 - Matt. 10:1-20
Jan. 15 - Matt. 10:21-42
Jan. 16 - Matt. 11

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Teresa Brown's mother, Nikki Santiago, Chuck Moore, Gene Ruark, David Queen, Stephen Williams' Wife, Jack Piper, Terrie & Melanie Williams, Annie Burns and Lori Spencer, Lauren's friend - Sandy, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, Jeff Chrysson, D. J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

Don Minor's procedure went well. They did not find any blockage in his heart, and he was able to go home on Thursday evening. Thanks for your prayers. Nancy & Mark.

Russell Queen, David and Gale Queen's son has become ill with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Pulmonary Thrombosis recently. His address is 1401 Kendalwood Drive, Kernersville, NC 27284. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep our niece, **Dianna Walker**, in your prayers, she is in the hospital in serious condition. --Doris Cooper.

Hannah Rutherford has recently been tested positive for COVID. Please keep her in your prayers. Kevin and Vicky are quarantining because of Hannah.

Prayers are requested for **Rose Whitt** (Andy's sister). She has the COVID Virus.

Shiela Landman, is in the Ladies Zoom class on Thursday. She is in the hospital with COVID. She lost her husband to COVID this past Wednesday. Prayers are requested.

Carolyn Plunk went to Florida for Christmas and got caught up in the family COVID quarantines which caused her to have to stay much longer than planned. She was able to get home on Monday, Jan. 3rd. and plans to be back at Warners Chapel this Sunday.

Happy New Year everyone! Words are not just enough to convey my gratitude for all the love & support for our family during these difficult days. Thank you for the many cards, calls, texts, food and especially the continued prayers. I feel so humbled and blessed to be a member of the Lord's body and experience such thoughtfulness and kindness. Thank you all so very, very much. —In Christian love, Mindy

Joann Landry is asking for prayers for two dear acquaintances: Pousante and Army Ranger's son who are ill with **COVID**. Please pray for their rapid recovery.

Thank you for all the food, cards, and prayers on our behalf while our family was sick with **COVID**. It is a blessing to have such a wonderful Christian family. **We love you all**, Mike, Laura, Allen, Olivia, Walter & Nancy.

Help is needed in preparing meals for Jack Piper.

If you can help, please get with Mindy Santiago.

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.

Who Will You Choose To Follow?

We are living in a time when most of society are saying "yes" to things that they should say "no" to and "no" to things they should say "yes" to. It is no surprise that our young people seem confused. Our adults are confused, so naturally our youth who follow them are going to be just as confused. It goes without saying that every individual is prone to follow someone or something. The one person chooses to follow will, in all likelihood, determine the kind of mortal he/she will become. All too often we put human beings on a pedestal, only to be fooled by some misdeed that they have done or alleged to have done. Therefore, we should choose carefully those we seek to follow.

When Christ saw Peter and Andrew, He told them to "follow me and I will make you fishers of men," (Matt. 4:19, Mark 1:17). What Christ was asking these two brothers to do may seemed strange to them and, from the indications, fishing was their livelihood; and yet the Bible says, "and straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him" (Mark 1:18). When we look at giving up a "net and boat" we may think this was not much to give up, although in those days it may have been considered a lot ... but they gave up everything to follow Christ. How much would we give up to follow Christ! How much would we give up to follow Christ, the Savior of the world?

Selected from the Elder's Pen

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

JANUARY, 2022

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: GENE SOUTHERN

COMMUNION FOR JANUARY: JOHNNY SPILLMAN

DEVOTIONS:

SCRIPTURE

Jan. 2 - Wayne Allen
Jan. 9 - Mark Minor
Jan. 16 - Andy Santiago
Jan. 23 - Rodney Brown
Jan. 30 - Johnny Spillman

SONG LEADER

Nathan Roy
Charley Belch
Steve Tesh
Gene Southern
Justin Little

PRAYER

Todd Hinson
Mark Roy
Kevin Rutherford
David Moore
Mike Glenn

OPENING PRAYERS FOR JANUARY:

SUNDAY A.M.

Jan. 2 - Allen Knight
Jan. 9 - Justin Little
Jan. 16 - D. C. Mock
Jan. 23 - Jason Allen
Jan. 30 - Al Lawson

SUNDAY P.M.

Jan. 2 - Wayne Allen
Jan. 9 - Brad Hoots
Jan. 16 - David Moore
Jan. 23 - Mark Minor
Jan. 30 - Mark Roy

WEDNESDAY

Jan. 5 - Adam Warner
Jan. 12 - Todd Hinson
Jan. 19 - Carl Cooper
Jan. 26 - Rodney Brown

SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK ROY AND RJ LANDRY

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

SONG LEADERS FOR JANUARY:

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“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
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Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner