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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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LET'S GO FIGHT!

By Kevin Rutherford

The true church of Christ will never call for a physical war. We understand our war is a spiritual one, and so we put on the armor of God to go and fight (Ephesians 6:12-17).

We war against an ancient adversary who seeks to destroy us (1Peter 5:8). He will do all that he can to pull us away from the truth, and to destroy our souls. He is the arch-enemy of all that is good, righteous, pure, and holy.

We go and fight so that we might save our own souls and win others to Christ (Mark 16:15, 16). We wield the sword of the Spirit mightily in battle while pressing on toward our ultimate and final victory (Ephesians 6:17; Philippians 3:12-14).

In order to win the war, we must win the battles. When Satan tempts us we are in battle. When we talk to others about Christ we are in battle. When we face painful and discouraging moments in life we are in battle. Who can lead us to victory in this battle? None other than our glorious King and Leader, Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:18). It is He who can give us the strength to endure the battles so that we might win the war (Phil. 4:13).

As we age we gain strength from victories won in numerous battles. Sometimes we bear battle scars from painful lessons learned, but we get up and fight on (Acts 8:22). We will never let Satan keep us down for long. We will rise from defeat, and we will push on in victory. We will never give up, we will not lose.

The fight is on! Satan is corrupting culture. The fight is on! Satan is persecuting Christians. The fight is on! Satan is turning the minds of men to perversion. We must run to the battle! Satan is deceiving the hearts and minds of men and women. Let's go fight! Let us "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong" (1 Corinthians 16:13).

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I read recently about the death of Alexander the Great. While we do not hold him up as a spiritual hero, we do believe his life makes a good illustration. At age 33 he had conquered all the major military forces of the Mediterranean region, but he died. One author suggests he died of a combination of causes. He was battle weary, scarred, wounded, and a drunkard. The combination led to a fever which ended his life. *As a drunkard he is certainly no example, but let us consider a spiritual application.* We fight to conquer Satan and his forces in our lives and in the lives of others. As we fight we may at times become battle weary, scarred, and wounded. But, if we press on we shall succeed. If we push forward we shall grow stronger.

Paul told Timothy to be watchful in all things and to endure afflictions (2 Timothy 4:5). Certainly Paul had done the same. As a mighty spiritual warrior for Christ he dealt some definitive blows against evil, but soon he would die. Paul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7). In death Paul would soon receive victory. In life Paul had fought valiantly for the cause of Christ.

While we have life, let us go to the fight. As long as there is breath in our bodies let us conquer the enemies of truth. Until we no longer walk on this earth let us push, press, struggle, reach, strain, and endure. It is not always easy, but it is always worthwhile. "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us" (Romans 8:18). "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).



THANK YOU:

We have shipped 16 suits and sport coats and several dozen ties to the Kansas Expressway church of Christ to be carried to Zambia in June for the Preacher Students there. Thank you for your help with this need.

You can be assured that the clothes will be appreciated and worn every Sunday until they are worn out.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

May 22 - John 7:28-52
May 23 - John 8:1-27
May 24 - John 8:28-59
May 25 - John 9:1-23



May 26 - John 9:24-41
May 27 - John 10:1-23
May 28 - John 10:24-42



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Don Jackson, Bob Plunk, & Wayne & Cathy Hutchins in your prayers.

Sherrill Stewart is having some back and hip problems and is under his doctor's care at this time.

Please remember **D.J. Harison** in your prayers as she will be having more injections in her back and hip.

Virginia Kee (Emily Workman's Grandmother) has experienced some minor health setbacks this past week. Cards to cheer her up would be appreciated. Her address is on the bulletin board.

Sofie Zuluaga, a young girl from Lewisville who has been afflicted with cancer for a number of years (beginning around the first grade) is now under Hospice Care and the end seems to be near. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

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



SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

Dot Pegram
Eva Nelle Sidden

Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)

Graduation

*Is a time
For **Reflection**
On the **Labors**
Of the past
The **Accomplishments**
Of the Present
And the **Possibilities**
Of the Future*



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:

May 21 - There will be a celebration get-together and pot-luck meal in honor of the Warners Chapel Graduates of 2017 in the Annex following the morning worship service. Those to be honored are listed in the insert. Everyone is invited!

May 23 - Sewing for Nicaragua - from 9-12 a.m. in the Annex.

June 4 - There will be a Baby Shower for Danielle and McKayne Hill in the Annex from 2-4 p.m. Danielle is registered at Babies R Us and Target.

June 16-24 - Nicaragua Campaign - There are five members going. Envelopes are in the foyer for those who want to make a contribution.

June 18-21 - VBS - Theme: God's Team - Stories of God's Power. (Sunday through Wednesday). If you would like to help with VBS, please see Jason Allen. the class material has come in and is located in the supply room.

LOCAL EVENTS:

May 21-25 - Spring Gospel Meeting at the West Jefferson church of Christ with guest speaker John Daniels.

See bulletin board for details

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested items for May - instant potatoes/stuffing/macaroni and cheese.

PLEASE NOTE: Issue #3 of the House to House is available on the credenza in the foyer.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - May 14, 2017	128
Sunday Worship Service	195
Contribution for May 14, 2017	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	46
Chapters Read:	499
Sunday Evening Worship Service	125
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 5-17-17	91

Lord's Day Appointments For May, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For May:

Tommy Rose

Mark Clemmons	R. J. Landry
Dwight Barringer	Richard Hamann
Grace Allen	
Jim Harrison	
Mark Minor	

Preparing Communion for May:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - May 28, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Todd Hinson	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Gene Southern
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Shawn Thomason	P.M. - Jason Allen	P.M. - Daryl Cook
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don M.	
<u>Greeters for May:</u>			
Randy and Linda Warner			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - May 28	~	Mike Cooper
Wednesday: - May 31	~	Mike Cooper

Lord's Day Appointments - May 21, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Jason Allen	Morning - Brad Hoots	A.M. - Nathan Roy	A.M. - Mark Clemmons
Song Leader - Wayne Allen	Evening - Wesley Huff	P.M. - Wayne Allen	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - Carl Cooper		Wed. - Don Minor	
Opening and Closing Building		<u>Greeters for May:</u>	
		Randy and Linda Warner	
Sunday: - May 21	~	John Allen	
Wednesday: - May 24	~	John Allen	

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

David Moore	Randy Warner	Jody Everett
Tim Allen	Keith Warner	Gene Southern
Joe Everett	Andy Santiago	Shawn Thomason
Todd Hinson	Mark Minor	Mark Roy
Steve Tesh	Jason Allen	Adam Warner
	Mike Cooper	Jacob Woodbury