

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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"DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE BIBLE KNOWS?"

There is a Christmas song that you hear over the radio entitled, "Do You See What I See?" Of course, you know the melody, so "sing" the title of this article in your head. The melody and words of one of the stanza's [do you know what I know] is the inspiration for the title. But, do you know what the Bible knows? Have you studied it so that you could answer a few simple questions? Well, let's find out.

Question One: Matthews Gospel account begins with the genealogy of Jesus. At the end of the listing he states that the time periods from Abraham to David, from David to the Babylonian captivity, and from the captivity to Jesus were the same. In each case it was...

- A. Ten generations
- B. Fourteen generations
- C. Eight generations
- D. Twelve generations
- E. Sixteen generations, many moons, three days, a little while, two shakes of a lambs tail, and a New York minute.

Question Two: Where were Joseph, Mary, and Jesus when King Herod died?

- A. Galilee
- B. Samaria
- C. Jerusalem
- D. Egypt
- E. Still at the Inn eating Ball Park Franks

Question Three: Unlike Matthew, Mark's account of the Gospel does not include...

- A. Jesus' temptation
- B. Jesus' baptism
- C. Jesus' birth
- D. Peter's mother-in-law issues

Do you know what the Bible knows?

ELDER'S CORNER:

Public Opinion right or wrong

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Harry S. Truman once asked this series of questions:

How far would Moses have gone if he had taken a poll in Egypt? What would Jesus Christ have preached if he had taken a poll in the land of Israel?...It isn't polls or public opinion of the moment that counts. It is right and wrong and leadership.

In a day of polls and approval ratings, we often lose sight of the main point. Doing what's right no matter what. I've heard it said many times, and it bears repeating, "It's always right to do right, and it's always wrong to do wrong." We might add to that, "It's always right to do right, no matter what public opinion is."

Think about it for a second. If Noah had listened to the popular voice of his day, he never would have built the ark and consequently would have died in the flood along with his family and every other person on the planet (Gen. 6-7). If Lot had not listened to God's messengers then he would have been consumed in the destruction in Sodom, right along with his wife and daughters (Gen. 19-20). Had Peter continued to deny the Lord, the popular thing at the moment, he never would have preached the gospel, unlocking the doors to the kingdom of Christ (Acts 2).

Are we concerned more about public approval than the approval of God? In the book of 1 Corinthians, the apostle Paul writes about three courts of approval: one's own court, the people's court, and the court of God. Listen to the inspired penman's words:

But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not herby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord (1 Cor. 4:3-4).

We need to be careful that we do things and say things in such a way that we can live with ourselvesthe court of our own conscience. Paul said that he wanted to act so as to have his conscience "void of offense" (Acts 24:16).

When it comes to the people's court, it's okay to have the approval of our peers. It is said of Jesus that he increased in the favor of man (Lk. 2:52).

But more importantly than these two courts is the courtroom of God. He is ultimately the one who judges us, and at the end of the day, the only one who really counts (2 Cor. 5:10). He will judge us openly even for what we do secretly (Rm. 2:16).

Public opinion should concern us very little, provided we have the approval of God. That goes for citizens, world leaders, church leaders, preachers, and you and me.

December 23 - Revelation 14 December 24 - Revelation 15

December 25 - Revelation 16

December 26 - Revelation 17



December 27 - Revelation 18 December 28 - Revelation 19

December 29 - Revelation 20

OUR SICK

Please Remember in your prayers

- Mary Ellen Dull was not feeling well this past week and was unable to attend services on Wed. evening.
- **-Virginia Elam** has been having some problems with an infected toe and was also unable to attend Wed.
- Jack Piper fell this past week and was unable to attend Wed. evening services.
- **Don Minor** was unable to attend Wed. evening due to a cold.

Sherrill Stewart's brother-in-law, **Terry Wood**, had shoulder surgery this past week. The family would appreciate prayers in his behalf.

Please continue to pray for **Ronnie Wright** who is in the hospital at this time.

Please pray for Ellen Wingo's father, **Ernest Kirkland.** His cancer has spread to his lungs and liver. The doctors have changed his chemo to help stop the spread.



The **Prayer List** is available on the credenza in the foyer.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker Mary Holder
Lutrelle Chipman Bob Hoots
Eula Harper Dot Pegram
Gladys Harper Don Richards
Hilda Hauser Eva Nelle Sidden

Please remember the shut-ins with cards, visits, and phone calls throughout the year whenever possible.

NEW ADDRESS

John and Mary Anne Allen's new address is:

2544 US 601 Hwy Yadkinville, NC 27055

NEW ADDRESS

Don Richards was moved to Mallard Ridge Landing Assisted Living facility in Clemmons this past October. His new address is:

Mallard Ridge Landing 9420 N. Hwy. 150 Clemmons, NC 27012

Please keep **Don** 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 MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Dec. 22 - Pew Packers at 5:30

<u>Dec. 25</u> - Wed. evening service will be moved to the 26th.

<u>Dec. 26</u> - Mid-week Bible study - Regular classes.

<u>Dec. 29</u> - 5th Sunday Contributions will go to the Building Fund.

<u>Dec. 31</u> - (Tuesday) Song and Prayer Service from 7-7:30 p.m. (no classes) 7:30 p.m. until—New Year's Eve Fellowship and devotional; songs, games, etc., Bring finger foods.

Jan. 1 - No Wed. Evening Service

Jan. 5 - Elders/Deacons Meeting at 5 p.m.

NOTE: The 50 and Older Class will not meet again until Jan. 9th due to the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS!! Our congratulations to Mary Tesh who recently graduated from Freed Hardeman University summa cum laude with a B.A. Degree in Communication.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - December 15, 2013	137
Sunday Morning Worship Service:	169
Contribution for December 15, 2013	\$6,611
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	29
Chapters Read:	570
Daily Children Bible Readers:	
Chapters Read:	
Sunday Evening:	135
Wednesday Evening: December 18, 2013	117

Lord's Day Appointments - December 29, 2013

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

P.M. - Youth Lead Service

Scripture - Jake Thomason Morning - Clayton Workman A.M. - Steve Tesh A.M. - Randy Warner

Prayer - Shawn Thomason

Song Leader - Jason Allen

NURSERY (0-2 1/2): NURSERY (2 1/2-4): Greeters: December FELLOWSHIP MEAL:

Morning - Robin Hauser Morning - Abby Little D. C. and Ingrid Mock

Evening - Mark Minor

Evening - Betty Hoots Evening - Jeannie Moore

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 22 Frank Shepard
Wednesday: - December 26 Frank Shepard

Lord's Day Appointments - December 22, 2013

Devotions: Opening Prayer a.m. - David Moore Scripture Reader a.m. - Al Lawson

Scripture: John Allen p.m. - Bill Carothers p.m. - Don Minor

Song: Don Minor Song Leaders: a.m. - Roger Allen Nursery #1: a.m. - Meredith Southern

Prayer: Neal Harper p.m. - Jason Allen p.m. - Debbie Southern

Dec. 26 - Roger Allen Nursery #2: a.m. - Mary Anne Allen

p.m. - Jessica Lay

P.M. - Homer Holland

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 MooreRandy WarnerMike CooperTim AllenKeith WarnerJody EverettJoe EverettAndy SantiagoGene SouthernTodd HinsonMark MinorShawn ThomasonSteve TeshJason Allen