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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

December 4, 2016

FLATTERY

By Larry Pasley

Flattery is saying positive things about people that you do not really believe, and it is condemned in the Bible.

Flattery is a trap. Proverbs 29:5 asserts, "A man who flatters his neighbor, spreads a net for his feet."

Flattery is used to gain advantage over someone. "These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage" (Jude 1:16).

Flattery is deceptive. Paul wrote, "Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple" (Romans 16:17-18).

Flattery brings ruin. "A lying tongue hates those who are crushed by it, And a flattering mouth works ruin." (Proverbs 26:28). It is important that we are truthful in our speech toward others. But we need to be kind in speaking that truth.

Our words should be filled with grace. "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." (Colossians 4:6).

Our words control our destiny. "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:36-37).

Say what you mean and mean what you say but don't be mean with what you say.

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ELDERS CORNER:

The Truth Is Not Our Enemy

By W. A. Martin

The truth is not our real enemy. Sin and error are our real enemies. Truth must be evident in one's life not put away in cold storage. "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction and understanding." (Proverbs 23:23). The truth is, Christ doesn't merely rule the church: He rules the world! Those who live in rebellion to His laws are not only accountable to those laws, they will be judged by them (John 12:48).

Jesus was unique! He was one of a kind because of that for which he stood. He did not back away from issues, but dealt with them in truth. He was known as one who taught with authority, honestly. He dealt with the issues in the light of truth. He revealed truth in such a way as to tie all things together. He never let the truth suffer under any circumstance, we must not. We back off from truth and become soft on Bible issues that will make the difference whether a person will go to heaven or not. The soldiers said about Jesus: "Never a man spake like this man."

The question is not whether the methods work, but rather what the Bible says. Christ did not use gimmicks to bring men to Him. We have to believe if we settle for less than the truth that is exactly what we get. The challenge to man is to deal with the whole truth, not in personalities. If we want God's best, we must give our best. Some would modernize the church to fit modern man. You cannot "update" that which is never out of date. Progress, so-called has not brought a change in man's needs. We still need direction, forgiveness, comfort, hope—in short, we still need Christ.

The truth is not our real enemy. The danger is being satisfied, not saved. We should not deceive ourselves into thinking God is satisfied because we are. The danger is making a good living while forgetting God. Israel escaped the bondage of Egypt only to perish longing for what they left behind. We might dispute it, argue against it, and even try to discredit it, but authority has spoken (Matthew 28:20). All the right kind of teaching in the world will not help us if we are not the right kind of hearer. (John 8:32).

The truth of the matter is salvation depends upon doing the will of God regardless of the cost. The question is not, "Can we?" but "Will we?" You see it all depends upon the level of our commitment. The escalator to spiritual success is out of order, you have to climb the stairs.

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READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2016

December 5 - I John 4
December 6 - I John 5
December 7 - 2 John
December 8 - 3 John



December 9 - Jude
December 10 - Rev. 1
December 11 - Rev. 2



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank Shepard, Wanda Elam, Elwood Flinchum, Curtis Doss, and Mary Tesh in your prayers

Dot Pegram has been released from Bermuda Commons and is back at Clemmons Village #1.

Shannon Harper requests prayers for her Aunt Carol Johnson who is in the Forsyth ICU after suffering another heart attack Wednesday evening. Please keep her in your prayers.

Jeff Potts' surgery is scheduled for Dec. 15th.

Lutrelle Chipman's granddaughter, Elise Cave, was able to return home for Thanksgiving, but will be returning to the hospital in Ohio.

A friend of the Huffs: Barb Clark, is in the hospital being treated for a platelet disorder. Her prognosis is good, but needs a few more days in the hospital.

Prayers have been requested for Sherman Transou, brother to Keith Transou. Sherman is having heart problems and prayers have been requested in his behalf.

Betty Sue Norman, Madelene's niece, is not expected to live much longer. The doctors say everything has been done to make her better. Please keep her in your prayers.

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



GATLINBURG

Warners Chapel will be sending funds to aid the victims of the firestorm in Gatlinburg, TN. If you wish to contribute to the fund, in addition to your regular contribution, please write your check to Warners Chapel and place it in an envelope (on the desk in the foyer) and designate for Gatlinburg on the envelope. Thank you!



IN LOVING MEMORY

The beautiful red poinsettias in the auditorium have been placed there by the family of Barbara Minor in loving memory.

Also:

The beautiful white poinsettia in the auditorium has been placed there by Jack Piper in loving memory of Joanne Piper.

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.

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Dec. 4 - The ladies are invited to a miscellaneous Bridal Shower for Nancy Cooper in the Annex this afternoon from 3-5 p.m.

Dec. 4 - Deacons Meeting in the Annex at 5 p.m.

Dec. 4 - Bundling of House to House in Annex following the evening worship service.

Dec. 8 - 50 and Older Class will meet in the Annex at 10:30 a.m.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

Suggested Items for the month of December: canned meat (chicken/tuna)

160 Items were delivered to the Southwest Food Pantry this past week. In the month of October, The Food Pantry served 19 families which amounted to approximately 100 people.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman

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)

BOOK BOX

Mary Anne Allen has placed a yellow box in the foyer to collect books for students at her elementary school. Please let her know if you would like to make a monetary donation.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - November 27, 2016	130
Sunday Morning Worship Service	180
Contribution for Nov. 27, 2016	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	32
Chapters Read:	363
Sunday Evening Worship Service	101
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 11-30-16	85

Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2016

Serving the Lord's Table For December:

Steve Martin

Robby Landry	Mark Roy
Tommy Ridings	Allen Cooper
Carmen Parker	
Jim Harrison	
Roger Allen	

Preparing Communion for December :

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - December 11, 2016

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - Brad Hoots
Song Leader - Joe Everett
Prayer - Michael Cooper

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Michael Cooper
Evening - Nathan Roy

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Gene Southern
P.M. - Tim Allen
Wed. - Don Minor

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Michael Cooper
P.M. - Sherrill Stewart

Greeters for December:

Nancy Cooper & Walter Cruz

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 11 - Al Lawson
Wednesday: - December 14 - Al Lawson

Lord's Day Appointments - December 4, 2016

DEVOTIONS:

Scripture - Daryl Cook
Song Leader - Roger Allen
Prayer - Todd Hinson

OPENING PRAYER:

Morning - Brad Hoots
Evening - Wesley Huff

SONG LEADER

A.M. - Clayton Workman
P.M. - Wayne Allen
Wed. - Mark Roy

SCRIPTURE READERS

A.M. - Shawn Thomason
P.M. - Gene Ruark

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday:	- December 4	-	Shawn Thomason
Wednesday:	- December 7	-	Shawn Thomason

Greeters for December:

Nancy Cooper & Walter Cruz

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

David Moore
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

DEACONS

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen