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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

OCTOBER 15, 2017

THE CHURCH CANNOT AUTHORIZE

By Kevin Rutherford

The Roman Catholic Church arrogantly states that it gave the Bible to the world. In reality the Catholic Church has done all that it can in the past to inhibit the availability of the Scriptures. Roman Catholicism also believes that the church has the right to authorize religious practice, and that the religious practices authorized by the church take precedence over any practices authorized by the New Testament. Or, if the New Testament does not authorize the practice, it doesn't matter in the eyes of Catholic leaders. The church can authorize whatever it wants to, even if what it authorizes directly contradicts the Bible.

I have noticed within the past fifteen years a dangerous trend within the church of Christ. That trend is for people to ask questions such as "what is church of Christ doctrine on this matter?" Our standard of authority is not the Roman Catholic Church and it is not the church of Christ. The church of Christ is the one body established by Jesus (Ephesians 4:4; 1:122, 23). But, while it is the Lord's true church it does not have the power to authorize religious practices.

Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church, is the only one with the authority to authorize religious practice for His church (Matthew 28:12; Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:18). How does Jesus lead, govern, and reign over His church? Or, we might ask, "How does the church determine what Christ has authorized?" The answer is that Jesus rules through the New Covenant that became rule and law at His death (Hebrews 9:15-17; Colossians 2:14-17).

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ revealed His law for the church (John 14:26; 16:13). Inspired men wrote down the very words that Christ supplied through the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:13). Those words, which have been recorded and preserved for us make up the New Testament. The New Testament of Jesus Christ is the law and authority for the church of Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel of Christ is the authority and standard for man's religious practice and devotion to God. It is the standard that gives us all we need to make us spiritually complete (2 Timothy 3:15-17). We need no other standard. Accepting another standard, including Roman Church tradition, will cause us to be lost (Galatians 1:6-9). The New Testament is our final guide and religious authority.

Because the New Testament is our final guide and religious authority we ought not accept the doctrines of the pope, priests, or preachers over the doctrine of Christ. Should we do so, we shall be lost (2 John 9:11). Jesus Christ has already given us all the authority and instruction necessary for faithful service and worship. He did so through His New Testament. To accept any other standard is to be lost. Therefore, we need not be concerned about what the church authorizes because it has no power to authorize religious practice. We simply ought to make sure the church is following the standard of authority that the Lord set out for us. Don't ask, "What is church of Christ doctrine on this matter?" Ask instead, "What does the New Testament say concerning this matter."



CHANGES OF ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS:

(Please make these changes in your 2017 phone book)

NEW ADDRESSES:

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CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBERS:

Patricia McBrayer - 336-941-7184
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NCSBS 2017-2018 WINTER QUARTER

- * The classes for the Winter Quarter will begin on
- * Tuesday, October 31st and Thursday November
- * 2nd. The Tuesday class will be an Introduction to
- * the New Testament taught by Kevin Rutherford
- * from 6-9 p.m. The Thursday class will be
- * Restoration History taught by Alan Martin from 6-
- * 9 p.m. The class schedule for the entire Winter
- * Quarter is listed in the NCSBS catalog which can
- * be seen by going to the church website, clicking on
- * the link for the school, and accessing the catalog.
- * The elders would like to encourage everyone who
- * can to take advantage of these classes and invite
- * your friends to attend as well. The classes for the
- * Fall Quarter were well attended and we hope the
- * Winter Quarter will be also. "Study to show
- * thyself approved unto God" (2 Timothy 2:15).

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

October 16 - 1 Thess. 4
October 17 - 1 Thess. 5
October 18 - 2 Thess. 1
October 19 - 2 Thess. 2



October 20 - 2 Thess. 3
October 21 - 1 Tim. 1
October 22 - 1 Tim. 2



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Bob Plunk will undergo outpatient surgery at Medical Park Hospital on Tuesday, October 17th to have a pain pump inserted. He will spend that night in the hospital. Please keep Bob and Carolyn in your prayers.

Jeannie Moore had a 101 degree temperature this past Wednesday even after taking Tylenol. All the blood work that was done last week came back good except that her hemoglobin was low. So please continue to pray they will find what is causing her problems.

Debbie Southern went to the hospital with a episode problem (afib/aflutter) this past week. Saw doctors and problem corrected on its own. She will see a cardiologist on November 8th. Please remember her in your prayers.

Mary Ellen Dull was not feeling well this past Tuesday. Please keep her in your prayers.

Renee Morgan (Madelene's great niece) will be having major surgery - removing her colon and one kidney on Oct. 23rd at the Duke Hospital. She is 37 years old. Prayers are requested.

Please pray for D.J. Harrison's sister, **Linda Bateman**. She is to undergo major heart surgery at the end of this month.

Please pray for **Julie Galloway**. She is the wife of David Galloway, minister at Deep River church of Christ. She had emergency surgery Oct. 6th for a brain aneurism. The surgery was successful but on Sunday she had low blood pressure and irregular heartrate. She is at the Forsyth Medical Center. —Christa & Joe Byrd. Update: She is still in the hospital - cannot have visitors at this time.

An associate of Kathleen Warner - Lisa Lambert, very suddenly lost her husband this past Friday morning. He was in his mid-forties; we think he may have had a heart attack. She lives in the Mt. Airy area, most of their family and friends are in West Virginia. They have two small children and their entire family needs our prayers.

MOVING:

Kim Matthews will soon be moving into Salem Terrace Assisted Living. She wants to offer her furniture, dishes, photos, and frames to anyone who needs or wants them. She also needs a home for her cat, **Maggie**. Please let Mary Anne Allen know if you would like anything.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested food items for October is - soup/beef stew/ramen noodles.

SHUT-INS

*Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Ernestine Martin
Kim Matthews*

*Di-Ann Moser
Dot Pegram
Bob Plunk
Eva Nelle Sidden*



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.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A COVERED DISH CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEAL TODAY IN THE ANNEX NEXT DOOR FOLLOWING THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUESTS!

WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

Oct. 15 - Congregational Fellowship Meal in Annex following morning worship service.

Oct. 15 - House to House Bundling in Annex following evening worship service.

Oct. 21 - The Seniors will have an outing on Saturday, October 21st to Cody Creek Restaurant. Reservations are at 5 p.m. All are invited. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the foyer this morning.

Oct. 25 - Cusco Mission Update—Ryan Davis

Nov. 4 - Warners Chapel Annual Chicken Stew.

Nov. 5-8 - Gospel Meeting - Speaker: Edwin Jones from Bowling Green KY. Theme: Hidden in Plain Sight.

AREA EVENTS:

Oct. 15-18 - Gospel Meeting at the Mooresville church of Christ with R. D. McDaniel speaking. Theme: "Victory in Jesus" - 1 Cor. 15:57.

Oct. 21 - Ladies Day at the Highland Acres church of Christ in Statesville. Reg. 8-9 a.m. The theme: "I See You" with speaker Sis. Lillian Moss of the Centergrove church of Christ.

Oct. 21 - Community Fun Day at the West Innes St. church of Christ from 3-9 p.m. Bring friends and family.

Oct. 29 - Gospel Meeting at the Rutherford church of Christ, in Rutherford, NC. Speaker: Jim Hobbs

See Bulletin Board For Details

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Oct. 8, 2017	151
Sunday Worship Service	179
Contribution for Oct. 8, 2017	\$7,145
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	35
Chapters Read:	503
Sunday Evening Worship Service	147
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 10-11-17	101

Lord's Day Appointments For October, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For October:

Al Lawson

Jacob Woodbury Andy Santiago
Robby Landry
Linda Warner
Joe Everett
Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for October:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - October 22, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Robby Landry Song Leader - Steve Tesh Prayer - Al Lawson	Morning - Jim Harrison Evening - Rodney Brown	A.M. - Nathan Roy P.M. - Don Minor Wed. - Song Req. Service Roger A. & Tim A.	A.M. - Sherrill Stewart P.M. - Jacob Woodbury
<u>Greeters for October:</u> Gene & Gaye Ruark			

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Oct. 22 ~ Mark Roy
Wednesday: - Oct. 25 ~ Mark Roy

Lord's Day Appointments - October 15, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Mark Minor Song Leader - Tommy Rose Prayer - Andy Santiago	Morning - Tim Allen Evening - Shawn Thomason	A.M. - Steve Tesh P.M. - Roger Allen Wed. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Gene Ruark P.M. - Michael Cooper
Opening and Closing Building		<u>Greeters for October:</u> Gene & Gaye Ruark	
Sunday: - Oct. 15 ~ Brad Hoots			
Wednesday: - Oct. 18 ~ Brad Hoots			

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
Tim Allen
Joe Everett
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh

Randy Warner
Keith Warner
Andy Santiago
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Mike Cooper

Jody Everett
Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury