

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

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## A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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#### **'HE HEARD ME"**

#### By Kevin Rutherford

King David of Israel was blessed in many ways by God. He was delivered from many enemies and was given authority as king over Israel. While David enjoyed many blessings, he also faced his share of suffering. He suffered because of his enemies. He suffered because of some of his own choices. He suffered with family problems. He suffered with the agony of lost loved ones. Sometimes David's suffering was so intense it seemed the grief, stress, and pressure would overwhelm him. Perhaps you have felt that way at times. If so, then it might do you some good to read the Psalms. David wrote many of them, and most of the ones he penned expressed his thoughts during times of suffering.

In Psalm 34 David begins by expressing praise to God and encouraging others to do the same (Psalm 34:1-3). Then David speaks of times when he needed the Lord, and the Lord came to his aid. David said, "I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from my fears" (Psalm 24:4). David then goes on to teach us that those who are righteous are the ones who can expect to receive help from God during times of trouble. He encourages us to be righteous and says, "The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil . . ." (Psalm 34:15, 16)."

Thus, for the righteous, there is the promise of help. For those who faithfully follow God there is the comfort of knowing God is there for us. God will listen to our woes, and God will aid against our foes. Our foes may be individuals who hate us for our righteous lives. Our enemies may be pains and sorrows that attack our lives. Our adversary is the devil who seeks to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8). When facing those enemies we can turn to God in trust and confidence for help. He will hear our prayers, and he will assist us.

Being righteous does not mean we shall escape adversity. However, it does mean God will help us get through the difficult times. David said, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

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but the Lord delivers him out of them all." (Psalm 34:19). Though we would rather not sorrow or suffer, we can be assured that God will help us when we do. For this reason, Christians ought to frequently go to God in prayer. Daily prayer is one of the most important ways in which we spend our time. During prayer to God we pour out our innermost thoughts, feelings, sorrows, and pains. We speak to God of our agony, and of our struggle, and we never forget to thank Him for what He has already done. When we pray like this, God will bless us with that peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:6, 7).

Perhaps one of the greatest sources of encouragement that God has given us is the knowledge that someday we shall be rewarded in a place where there is no more sorrow and suffering. David concludes the 34th Psalm by saying, "The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, and none of those who trust in him shall be condemned" (Psalm 34:22). No matter what this life may bring against us, we can always know that something better is coming. Paul said, "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.



#### LIVELY STONES

"Ye also, are lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 2:5

As we will soon approach a new year, each of us should examine ourselves to determine whether or not we are "lively stones" that are part of a spiritual house. If we are not seeking to do God's will by being present with the other "stones" and participating actively in the work of the church, can we really be consider "lively stones". If we are haphazard in our service to God, never giving up anything personally in time or resources, are we offering spiritual sacrifices" or just passing on the crumbs that fall from our tables. Think on these things and resolve to be more pleasing to God in the coming year.

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## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017**

November 27 - 1 Peter 4 November 28 - 1 Peter 5 November 29 - 2 Peter 1 December 1 - 2 Peter 2



December 2 - 1 John 1 December 3 - 1 John 2 December 3 - 1 John 3



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to remember Bob and Carolyn Plunk, Jane Shepard, Wayne & Cathy Hutchins and Mary Ellen Dull in your prayers.

On November 29th **Jack Piper** will undergo an injection in his spine to help him with the pain that he has been enduring for quite some time. Please pray that it will help relieve some of his pain.

Gaye Ruark will undergo her second cataract surgery on December 7th, and Alyssa Southern will undergo her second foot surgery sometime in December. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Bonnie Landreth** will enter the Clemmons Medical Center on December 11th to have knee replacement surgery. She will remain in the hospital two days and then undergo rehab at home.

**Ingrid Mock** was reported to be ill this past Wednesday night and prayers were requested for her early recover.

Carolyn Griffith's mother, **Hazel Bailey**, has been moved recently to the Arbor Acres Nursing Home.

Please continue to pray for **Wiles Ayers**, a preemie and his mother **Amy**. He is not doing well and needs prayers as does the family for they are very worried for his life. Thank you!

Clayton Workman's aunt, **Karen Massey**, found out she has cancer. She will have surgery soon to remove the tumor and further testing is planned to determine if more will be needed. Please pray for her and for her family.

Madelene's niece, **Renee Morgan**, is at home again from Duke Hospital after being treated for a severe infection following her surgery. She is doing some better at this time.

## **SHUT-INS**

Mildred Barker	Di-Ann Moser
Lutrelle Chipman	Dot Pegram
Ernestine Martin	Bob Plunk
Kim Matthews	Eva Nelle Sidden

Please continue to keep the shut-ins 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 MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.

#### **WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:**

<u>Dec. 16</u> - There will be a <u>Security Class</u> beginning at 8 a.m. (Saturday morning) All are encouraged to attend. Any questions, see Tim Allen. <u>ALL THAT CAN NEED TO ATTEND THIS CLASS</u>. Lunch will be provided.

#### **SHOWER**

Caleb-Jun Hee-Chul Rutherford and Kaylon Davis will wed on December 1, 2017, in Marion, Arkansas. A gift bag has been placed on the credenza in the foyer for a shower of gift cards or cash for the couple.

They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Amazon, Pottery Barn and Home Depot. This will be the last week the gift bag will be available.

## PLEASE SEE WEDDING INVITATION POSTED ON BULLETIN BOARD IN FOYER



#### **SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY**

166 items were delivered to the Southwest Food Pantry this past week. The total delivered this year is 2,635 items. Thank you for your help!

The suggested food items for Dec. is: Canned Meat (chicken/tuna)

#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Nov. 19, 2017	146
Sunday Worship Service	185
Contribution for November 19, 2017	\$8,041
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	40
Chapters Read:	483
Sunday Evening Worship Service	135
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Nov. 22, 2017	117

## Lord's Day Appointments For December, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For December:

Tommy Rose

Wayne Allen Tim Harper

Gene Ruark Ellen Wingo Brad Hoots

Roger Allen

Preparing Communion for December: Making Announcements on Sunday: Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - December 3, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Daryl Cook Morning - Al Lawson A.M. - Clayton Workman A.M. - Shawn Thomason Song Leader - Roger Allen Evening - Gene Ruark P.M. - Steve Tesh P.M. - Gene Ruark

Prayer - Todd Hinson Wed. - Roger Allen

**Greeters for December:** 

Gene and Debbie Southern

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - December 3 ~ Shawn Thomason Wednesday: - December 6 ~ Shawn Thomason

## Lord's Day Appointments - November 26, 2017

DEVOTIONS: OPENING PRAYER: SONG LEADER SCRIPTURE READERS

Scripture - Allen Cooper Morning - Tommy Rose A.M. - Wayne Allen A.M. - Gene Southern
Song Leader - Tim Allen Evening - Allen Cooper P.M. - Tim Allen P.M. - Daryl Cook

Prayer - D. C. Mock Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A. & Don M.

Opening and Closing Building <u>Greeters for November:</u>

Sunday: - Nov. 26 ~ Mike Cooper Wednesday: - Nov. 29 ~ Mike Cooper Mike Cooper

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