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“The churches of Christ salute you” Rom. 16:16

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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PREACH THE WORD WITH LONGSUFFERING

Some brethren preach the word without longsuffering. Paul said preach the word ... with all longsuffering and teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:2) Are we truly balanced and just in our faith if we rebuke, but are not longsuffering? You know we cannot be, because God told us to preach with longsuffering. If we were longsuffering but didn’t preach the word to convict, rebuke, and exhort we would not be balanced. Why would we think ourselves balanced if we preach the truth but do so without longsuffering? Surely to be balanced we must preach the truth without compromise, but preach it with longsuffering. We must be patient with people while slowly, and lovingly trying to pull them out of error.

It was Jude who said, “... I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered for all of the saints.” (Jude 3) But after rebuking the false teachers, Jude said, “And on some have compassion, making a distinction; but other save with fear, pulling them out of the fire, hating even the garment defiled by the flesh.” (Jude 22-23) Jude rebuked the false teachers, exposed their error, then said, now lets have compassion and try to save some of them. Are we faithful if we expose error to feed our egos instead of to help save the lost souls caught up in the error?

Consider the book of Galatians. Paul rebuked the church there for having accepted another Gospel (Galatians 1:6-10). He even rebuked Peter and Barnabas because they had compromised with false teachers (Galatians 2:11-13). As Paul took this strong stand against error he said, “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!” (Galatians 5:13-15) Even in a book that exposes false doctrine, Paul emphasized the importance of love. Christians cannot be sound and faithful without true, sincere, pure Christian love!

Isn’t this exactly what Paul was trying to get across to the church in Corinth? They were fighting over all kinds of things. Paul addressed their problems one by one, but then got to the heart of the matter in 1 Corinthians 13. In chapter twelve they were fighting about miraculous gifts. In the last verse of chapter twelve Paul said, “And yet I show you a more excellent way.” What is “the more excellent way”? Chapter thirteen tells us. It is love. Not a superficial or artificial love, but a genuine brotherly love. The reason the church in Corinth fought all the time is because there was no deep, true, and abiding Christian love. It is both the truth and proper Christian love that keeps a church united, growing, and strong.

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Look at 1 Peter 1:22. Peter said, “Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart ...” Can we purify our souls without obedience? Of course not! We must preach the importance of obeying God. But don’t fail to see what else he said in the verse. When we are converted we are to have a sincere, fervent, and pure love of the brethren. If we don’t have a sincere, fervent, and pure love of the brethren we are not sound, or faithful, or truly converted.

Ephesians 4:15-16 tells us how we can develop a powerful love and unity in the church. It is by everyone doing their share to edify (not destroy) one another. It is by speaking the truth to one another in love. If one speaks the truth, but doesn’t do so in love, he is not sound. We don’t want love without the truth, nor do we want the truth without the love.

Jesus said, “Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.” (John 7:24) How sad it is that people tell us all the time that we cannot judge whenever we recognize sin. Jesus here told us we must judge. But, note carefully, He also told us to make a righteous judgment. Would an unbalanced, unkind, unsound, unloving judgment be righteous? Notice also the command to make righteous judgments comes with the warning not to judge according to appearance. So, it is possible to judge in the wrong way.

Have you noticed how many people abuse Matthew 7:1, and take it out of context? People often quote this passage and say we can’t judge sin. I think this is the only verse in the Bible some people know. The context is not a condemnation of the judging. The context is a condemnation of hypocritical judgment (Matthew 7:1-5). But, don’t neglect to take note of what Jesus said in verse two. “For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.” Surely this powerful and fearful warning should make us think very carefully about whom we want to write off. Do you want to be judged by God with or without mercy? How do you judge others? Look at the balance in James. James strongly condemned disobedience (James 2:10-12), but in the very same context said, “For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.” (James 2:13)

Preach the truth, stand for the truth, never compromise the truth, but do it all with love and longsuffering.

~Kevin Rutherford

What’s In It For Me?

We live in a society today in which many people often look at most things from a standpoint of what their personal gain will be. While we should never approach anything we do with a selfish attitude, we can realize rewards for things we do.

- * **When we visit the sick and shut-ins, it will make us feel better.**
- * **When we teach a Bible class, we will learn even more than our students.**
- * **When we share the gospel with someone who is lost, we move toward our own goal of eternal life.**
- * **When we participate fully in worship, we are edified.**

The list above could go on and on because everything we do in the work of the church helps us personally. If each member of the congregation sets goals and works toward them, much can be accomplished personally for the congregation and the Lord.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2018

February 26 - Mark 5:21-43
February 27 - Mark 6:1-29
February 28 - Mark 6:30-56
March 1 - Mark 7:1-13



March 2 - Mark 7:14-37
March 3 - Mark 8:1-21
March 4 - Mark 8:22-38



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Elwood Flinchum had a recent PET Scan and it was reported to be very good.

Kim Sheets is doing better in recovering from his bout with the flu.

Rick Clemmons fell recently and broke his knee cap. He is in pain but is getting around with some help from a cane and walker.

Don Minor was reported to be ill with the flu.

Rodney Brown underwent shoulder surgery this past Monday.

Please pray for Vicky Rutherford's mother, **Martha Andrews**, who has been recently diagnosed with lung cancer. Mrs. Andrews lives in Florida and if you would like to send her a card, her address will be posted on the bulletin board.

Robin Hauser's mother fell recently and had been in the hospital in Mt. Airy. She is now in a rehab in Elkin and doing some better at this time.

Fred Watkins, a member at Taylorsville church of Christ is in the Baptist hospital with fluid on his lungs and an irregular heart beat.

Please pray for my cousin, **Hector Gonzalez**, who is in the hospital with an infection for an injury and very high blood sugar.—Andy Santiago

Bonnie Landreth's daughter, **Tammy**, is having some health issues at this time.

SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Ernestine Martin

Kim Matthews
Di-Ann Moser

~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jeannie Moore, who passed away on Monday, February 19th at the Duke Hospital. The Memorial Service was held this past Saturday, Feb. 24th, at Warners Chapel. Jeannie will be greatly missed by all.

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of Lutrelle Chipman, who passed away on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at the Forsyth Medical Center. Visitation will be held on Monday, Feb. 26th at Hayworth Miller at 3315 Silas Creek Pkwy. from 6-8 p.m. and a graveside service at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27th.

SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

The suggested item for the month of March is:
Pasta/pasta sauce—No glass please



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:

Feb. 25 - Deacons Meeting at 5 p.m.

Feb. 27 - Sewing for Nicaragua at 9 a.m. in Annex.

Mar. 1 - **The 50 and Over Class** will meet at 11 a.m. in the Annex.

Mar. 4 - **Ladies Day Work Session** will be held following the morning worship service. Please bring a covered dish and we will work on the "gift bags" after lunch. (Also, please sign up to decorate a table. All that is needed is a center piece!)

Mar. 24 - **Ladies Day** at Warners Chapel. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board. The speaker will be **Brenda Rutherford**. The topic: **"How do I Worship An Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent God?"** - *"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him" (Psalms 89:7)*

"Do you see more and more lack of reverence and respect for God in our worship services? People who have come into the presence of the Lord Almighty are texting, playing games on their I-phones, talking and dressed like they are going on a picnic. How do you personally worship God on the Lord's Day?"

AREA EVENTS:

Mar. 10 - **Men's Fellowship** from 9 a.m. to 3:p.m. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Mar. 23 - **Area Singing Fellowship** at the Northwest church of Christ in Greensboro at 7 p.m.

Mar. 24 - **Men's Retreat** at the Northwest church of Christ. 8:30 to 12 noon.

Apr. 13-15 - **Youth Rally** at the Lake Norman church of Christ.

May 5 - **Ladies Day** at Northwest church of Christ Theme: "Soothe Your Soul" Speaker: Jonee' Lewis from WXII News. 8:30-1:00.

SEE BULLETIN BOARD FOR DETAILS

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - February 18, 2018	124
Sunday Worship Service	167
Contribution for Feb. 18, 2018	
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	38
Chapters Read:	523
Sunday Evening Worship Service	121
Wed. Evening Bible Study - Feb. 21, 2018	105

Lord's Day Appointments For March, 2018

Serving the Lord's Table For March:

Andy Santiago

Richard Hamann Keith Warner

Jody Everett

Rebecca Allen

Tim Allen

Mark Minor

Preparing Communion for March:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - March 4, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Daryl Cook	Morning - Sherrill Stewart	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Jacob Woodbury
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Jason Allen	P.M. - Steve Tesh	P.M. - Mark Clemmons
Prayer - Todd Hinson		Wed. - Roger Allen	

Greeters for March:

Elwood & Linda Flinchum

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - March 4	~	Shawn Thomason
Wednesday: - March 7	~	Shawn Thomason

Lord's Day Appointments - February 25, 2018

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Allen Cooper	Morning - Roger Allen	A.M. - Wayne Allen	A.M. - Dwight Barringer
Song Leader - Tim Allen	Evening - Allen Cooper	P.M. - Tim Allen	P.M. - Tommy Rose
Prayer - D. C. Mock		Wed. - Song Req. Service Wayne A.-Walter C.	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - February 25	~	John Allen
Wednesday: - February 28	~	John Allen

Greeters for February:

Jim and D.J. Harrison

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