

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

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A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

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THANK YOU!

"Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). This is a statement made to the church at Ephesus in the context of a discussion concerning that which wise Christians are regularly involved (Ephesians 5:15-21). It should be a frequent habit of ours to stop and say thank you to God. At any moment in any day there can be numerous blessings from God involved in our lives. Some we can see and know, but there are surely so many blessings God has placed within our lives that we cannot even see.

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). Even as this passage emphasizes the authority of the Lord, it emphasizes the importance of maintaining a healthy prayer life that is constantly giving thanks to God even as we do all in the name of the Lord.

This is similar to Paul's admonition to the church at Thessalonica. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). In everything give thanks! We should be in a constant frame of mind and heart that is characterized by gratitude. We should be continually amazed at the blessings of God. We should be in such a frame of thought that we can easily see God's blessings, and each time readily thank Him.

There are so many passages that speak of the gratitude we owe God. We could write many pages about those things for which we should be thankful. As Christians we have eternal life, we have the Scriptures, we have the church, we have opportunities to worship and fellowship, we have hope, peace, contentment, perspective, and comfort. The list of spiritual blessings seems endless, but so to is the list of blessings God has given us in our every day

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lives. Stop, think about, and see God's blessings. He is always blessing us, and we should always be thanking Him.

If there lives within us a heart of gratitude toward God it will most assuredly cause us to learn to be grateful toward those people in our lives who are blessings to us. That may include friends and family members. But it should also include our brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us thank God frequently for our fellow Christians, but let us also learn to thank one another for those ways in which we find one another to be a blessing. We can be thankful that our brothers and sisters in Christ are there to help us and to encourage us. We can be thankful for the association and fellowship we have with such fine Christian people. There is not a price you can place upon the value of Christian fellowship.

Let's thank the elders for the very difficult decisions they have made in consideration of Covid. Let's thank them for their care, their caution, and their thoughtfulness. The elders have worked out a plan for worship that includes suitable virus precautions. Worship with Christians should be the highlight of the week for us. It should be a highlight because we can express our gratitude to God in our worship. It should be something we value and cherish because we can associate with our Christian family. The plans made for service by the elders have been a tremendous source of encouragement to me and I am truly grateful, first to God, and then to the elders for these opportunities.

It is also a blessing to be in a congregation where the elders want the Bible to be preached, and where the elders are looking for ways to continue the work of the Lord despite the present distress. We can be thankful to God for this and we can be thankful to the elders for not retreating into nothingness despite the stresses placed upon us. Be happy, be hopeful, be grateful, and give God the thanks and the glory!

~Kevin V. Rutherford



Begin a Correspondence Ministry:

Many are sick or lonely or need encouraging words. Send notes, cards, texts - be creative.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021

February 15 - Matthew 27:27-50

February 16 - Matthew 27:51-66 February 17 - Matthew 28

February 18 - Mark 1:1-22



February 19 - Mark 1:23-45

February 20 - Mark 2 February 21 - Mark 3:1-19

OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Elwood Flinchum, Doris Copper, Abby Little, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins, Steve and Ernestine Martin, Don Jackson, Sandy Smith, Mike & Dora Lundgren, D.J. Harrison, Tim and Lois Allen, Lisa Stuart, Edith Allen, Martha Kee.

Please remember **Abby Little** as she is recovering from her recent surgery on February 9th.

Roger Allen has been undergoing spinal epidermal treatments, following a procedure to drain fluid from his back on Feb 5th. He has been in severe pain during the procedures and is still experiencing pain that he hopes will subside with healing.

Steve Martin had an appointment recently to see what could be done about his voice. Hopefully they can help him. He says he is walking and getting stronger and will be ready to plant tomatoes by Spring. Thank you for your continuous prayers. - Steve and Ernestine Martin.

Doris Cooper was feeling well enough to attend the services last Sunday.

Also, D.J. Harrison is doing better at this time.

Please remember **Ronnie Knost** who broke her arm recently. She is doing well but is still suffering some pain in the healing process. Please keep her in your prayers.

Robin Hauser's aunt, **Claudine Goins**, had pneumonia and COVID-19 and has been in a special care facility. She is now at home but has not fully recovered from the pneumonia and is still on oxygen. Please pray for her.

Allyssa Southern has a good friend whose father is being treated at this time for cancer. Please remember the father and family in your prayers.

Attendance for Sunday a.m., February 7—85 Attendance for Sunday p.m., February 7—63





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.

Pictorial Directory

If you did not have a time slot for the February 5-7 scheduling for pictures, there is a new schedule on the table in the foyer to sign up to have your picture taken for the new Pictorial Directory.

HOUSE TO HOUSE

Pray with us for a sister congregation

House to House involves congregations throughout the United States and beyond in evangelism. Each week we highlight a participating congregation and solicit prayers for their work. This blesses and introduces churches you to visit in your travels.

This Week's Focus: Buhl church of Christ

Buhl church of Christ in Buhl, Idaho, has done two issues of House to House. So far, they have mailed 2800 HTH into their community of 4,407.

Their preacher, Britton Bidigare, is a graduate of the Memphis School of Preaching. He began working with the congregation in July of 2019. The Buhl church of Christ has about 70 members and is primed for growth. They just finished hosting the House to House School of Evangelism, and are preparing to teach their friends, family, and neighbors, and follow up with visitors.

Please pray for them today. Pray that their HTH mailings will produce prospects for salvation and for them to have success in leading these members of their community to become members of the kingdom of heaven.

Thank you for taking time to pray for the kingdom (James 5:16).

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

FOR February, 2021

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: ANDY SANTIAGO

COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY: JIM HARRISON

OPENING PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY - a.m. WEDNESDAY - p.m.

February 7th - David Queen February 3rd - Bob Tesh

February 14th - Tim Allen February 10th - Don Minor

February 21st - Robby Landry February 17th - Kevin Rutherford

February 28th - D. C. Mock February 24th - Adam Warner

BUILDING SECURITY: OPENING, SETTING UP FOR TEMPS, AND LOCKING BUILDING:

SUNDAY AM OPEN BY 10:10, PM BY 5:25, AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:25

MAIN BUILDING: ED O'SHIELDS AND R.J. LANDRY

ANNEX: MARK MINOR

SONG LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY:

SUNDAY - a.m. SUNDAY - p.m. WEDNESDAY

February 7th - Wayne Allen
February 14th - Clayton Workman
February 21st - Roger Allen
February 28th - Charley Belch

IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ASSIGNED DATES, PLEASE GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

GENE SOUTHERN

"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

Tim Allen
Todd Hinson
Steve Tesh
Andy Santiago

Tim Allen
Keith Warner
Mark Minor
Jason Allen
Jody Everett

Gene Southern
Shawn Thomason
Mark Roy
Adam Warner
Jacob Woodbury