

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

*January 8, 2023*

## **DOES JOHN 3:16 TEACH "FAITH ONLY"**

Amazingly, the most known passage in the "Christendom" world is John 3:16 and it has come to mean so many different things. Among these things, people have come to teach from this verse that it teaches that all a person needs to do is believe in Christ and they will have eternal life. Is that what this verse teaches or does it teach something a lot deeper? The way we are going to evaluate this question is to look at this passage in its context and then make a proper application.

The conversation where Jesus makes this statement begins in verse 1 and he is speaking to Nicodemus who comes to Him by night. The initial teaching that Jesus teaches him was the necessity of being born again (3-8). Now, Nicodemus had some misunderstandings about this because he could not get over the understanding of the spiritual birth (baptism - born of water), thinking it was about the physical birth. Jesus addresses this in verses 9-13 where He was speaking of the spiritual and not the physical. But then in verses 14 and 15, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the reason that He came into the world was to be lifted as Moses lifted the serpent in the wilderness so that anyone who would believe in Him, just as they believed in the power of the brazen serpent, would have eternal life. **THEN HE MAKES THE STATEMENT**, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." He is making an explanation of His purpose of coming and

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the power of trusting in Him as the Son of God. Verse 17 speaks of His purpose and also establishes His authority to demand what He demands. Notice that His purpose is NOT to condemn the world but that the world THROUGH HIM might be saved and then He addresses our responsibility to respond to HIS AUTHORITY in the words “believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” So now, something about authority has been made in both 13 and 17. But the big point that we need to understand is in verses 20 and 21. In these verses, Jesus makes it very clear that to believe in Him involves coming to the light and doing the truth. This is vitally important to understand because we see that there is more than just believing that is going on in this text.

When we put everything together, we see that belief in Christ involves 4 specific things: being born again - aka. baptism (3,5,7), belief in Christ and His authority (15-18), coming to the light (20-21), and doing the truth (21). All of these things, PUT TOGETHER, makeup what it means to BELIEVE (TRUST) in Christ. When we truly believe (trust) in Christ, then we will acknowledge and respect His authority and do what He says for us to do. There will be no question, as to whether I will obey or not obey, but we will trust in the instructions of Christ to lead us to eternal life. And when we continually do this, then the trueness of the phrase “should not perish but have everlasting life” will come to be.

If it is true that this verse teaches that the only thing we have to do is believe then does an individual have to repent (Acts 17:30), confess Christ (Matt. 10:32-33), walk in the light (1 John 1:7), etc.? I know that all of these are included in our salvation because He states them in other places. The word “believe” here in John 3:16 is used as a synecdoche and it means a part for the whole. Jesus uses this one word “believe” to emphasize what true belief is and that is trusting and obeying what He says to do.

**Can it be said that we truly BELIEVE in Christ?**



## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2023**

January 8 - Matt. 6:19-34  
January 9 - Matt. 7  
January 10 - Matt. 8:1-17  
January 11 - Matt. 8:18-34



January 12 - Matt. 9:1-17  
January 13 - Matt. 9:18-38  
January 14 - Matt. 10:1-20

## ***OUR SICK*** ***Please Remember***

**Rick Maiers, Susan Huey, Chris Smith, Ed O'Shields, Edith Allen, Elizabeth Warner, Tish Clarke, Holly Tatum, D.J. Harrison, Cleave Binkley, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.**

**Tim Allen** will have surgery on his back on January 6th. Please keep him in your prayers that he will be helped by having the surgery.

**Roger Allen** has been released from the hospital and is waiting for the PET Scan that will help to determine what treatment to use to help him. Please keep praying for Roger Allen. Roger also thanks for so many cards and for the prayers.

**D.J. Harrison** has recovered from the COVID. She will be having a couple surgeries that are needed. **Jim and D.J.** would like to thank the congregation for all the cards and prayers in our behalf.

Please pray for my daughter, **Katherine**, who is going through a difficult time. —David Moore.

**John Ransom** is slowly improving and possibly may go home on Friday and back to the hospital next week. He will need more checking if there is any more cancer found. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Toby Hardister**, Rhonda Hardister's husband, underwent Colon surgery this past week and could possibly be at home now. The surgery went well.

**Bobby Childress** is waiting to receive treatment for his COPD in January. Please keep him your prayers.

Wayne Hutchins' niece, **Janet Loclear**, has been diagnosed with cancer of a lung. The doctors cannot operate on her because her other lung is too close, so she will have to have Radiation and Chemotherapy. Please keep her in your prayers.

Carl and Doris Cooper's Great Grandchildren, **Henry and Valerie** have come down with a virus. Please keep the whole family in your prayers as it may pass on to their parents, Olivia and Michael Cooper.

**Polly Tatum** has had her first chemotherapy on Dec. 30th and would appreciate that the congregation would keep me in your prayers.

**Sharon York**, Ingrid Mock's daughter, is at home and trying to decide what treatments. Please continue to pray for me.

### **SPILLMAN NEW ADDRESS**

Please update the directory. The address is 319 Blevins Rd., Yadkinville, NC 27055. Thank you!

# *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:**

**January 9th-** The third quarter of NCSBS will begin on the 9th of January, 2023.

The Ladies Class will begin on Thursday.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

May 6 - Senior Rally

April 1 - Ladies Day - At Warners Chapel

#### **AREA EVENTS:**

**January 14, 2023** - LADIES BRUNCH *Hosted By Jericho church of Christ. Please come and join us for a Ladies Brunch where we eat, fellowship, and have a time of Devotion together. Ladies of all ages are Welcome to attend. (10:00 -10:10 - Arrival) - (10:10 - 11:30 - Dine and Divo!*

RSVP. . Lindsey Lipsey (804-216-0032)

124 Davie Academy Rd., Mocksville NC 27028

**January 21-22** - Oak Forest Church of Christ at Goldsboro, NC on Jan. 21-22, 2023. Theme: **Hope When Hurting— A Grief Seminar, with Jeff Jenkins. Saturday: 9:30 a.m. & Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Please register at [www.Oakforestcoc.church](http://www.Oakforestcoc.church).

#### **~In Sympathy~**

We are sorry to learn that Will Lucus's Grandfather, **Perry Lucus**, had passed away last week. Also recently Will's other Grandfather had come down with Covid-19. Please pray for the families of Will's Grandfathers.

#### **~In Sympathy~**

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Mary Elizabeth Hensley**, who passed away recently. Please pray for the family. Visitation will be on Friday at 6-8, and Boyers Church of Christ on Saturday.

**GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT,  
NOT WHAT'S LEFT!**

# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

January, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: DEVOTIONS FOR: JANUARY  
COMMUNION: JOHNNY SPILLMAN

## OPENING PRAYERS FOR: JANUARY

### SCRIPTURE

Jan. 1 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 8 - Mark Minor  
Jan. 15 - Andy Santiago  
Jan. 22 - Rodney Brown  
Jan. 29 - Johnny Spillman

### SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman  
Charley Belch  
Steve Tesh  
David Shoaf  
Gene Southern

### PRAYER

Todd Hinson  
Mark Roy  
Al Lawson  
Wes Garland  
David Moore

## OPENING PRAYERS FOR: JANUARY

### SUNDAY A.M.

Jan. 1 - Todd Hinson  
Jan. 8 - Triston Roy  
Jan. 15 - Mike Glenn  
Jan. 22 - Jason Allen  
Jan. 29 - Rodney Brown

### SUNDAY P.M.

Justin Little  
David Shoaf  
Bill Carothers  
Tim Allen  
Carl Cooper

### WEDNESDAY

Jan. 4 - D.C. Mock  
Jan. 11 - Gene Southern  
Jan. 18 - Bob Tesh  
Jan. 25 - Adam Warner

SECURITY AND GREETING: JODY EVERETT & ANDY SANTIAGO

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

## SONG LEADERS FOR : JANUARY

### SUNDAY A.M.

Jan. 1 - Tristan Roy  
Jan. 8 - David Shoaf  
Jan. 15 - Charley Belch  
Jan. 22 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 29 - Steve Tesh

### SUNDAY P.M.

Tristan Roy  
David Shoaf  
Charley Belch  
Wayne Allen  
Song & Prayer Sve.  
Coordinator: Charley Belch

### WEDNESDAY

Jan. 1 - Gene Southern  
Jan. 11 - Clayton Workman  
Jan. 18 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 22 - Wayne Allen

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“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*

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

### *DEACONS*

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner