

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**February 27, 2022**

## Identifying Characteristics of the New Testament Church

(Kevin’s Sermon Notes)

1. Why is it important to study the identifying characteristics of the church of the of the New Testament?
  - A. The identifying characteristics of the church are important because the church belongs to Jesus and He has authority over the church.
    1. Ephesians 5:23-33.
      - a. The church is important because Jesus is the groom and the church is the bride.
      - b. Jesus has authority over the church because He is the groom and the church is the bride.
    2. Ephesians 1:20-23
      - a. The church is important because Jesus is the head and the church is the body.
      - b. Jesus has authority over the church because He is the head and the church is the body.
  - B. The identifying characteristics of the church are important because there is only one church.
    1. Ephesians 4:4.
      - a. The body is the church. (cf. Ephesians 1:22-23).
      - b. There is one body. (Ephesians 4:4).
      - c. Therefore, there is one church.
    2. Matthew 16:13-20
      - a. Jesus is the only One who is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and therefore the only One with authority to establish the church.
      - b. Jesus promised to build His church, not give authority to people to come up with their own churches.

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- C. The identifying characteristics of the church are important because Jesus will judge the church by the standard of His revealed will.
1. Colossians 3:17.
    - a. We must look to Jesus for authority in all that we do.
    - b. His authority is expressed in the New Covenant (John 14:26; 16:13-15; Hebrews 1:1-3:6).
  2. John 12:48
    - a. The words of Jesus will judge us in the last day.
    - b. The Father has chosen Jesus to be the judge in the last day (Acts 17:30-31)
    - c. The church must be obedient in order to be saved (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
11. We can see identifying and distinguishing marks of the Lord's church in a discussion of its origin.
- A. Isaiah 2:1-4.
    1. This prophesy identifies Jerusalem as the location for the establishment of the house of the Lord.
    2. 1 Timothy 3:15 identifies the house of God as the church.
  - B. Daniel 2.
    1. This prophesy shows the establishment of the eternal kingdom in the days of the fourth kings (the Roman Empire).
    2. The Lord's church is sometimes referred to as the kingdom in the New Testament (Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:9)
  - C. Daniel 7:13-14.
    1. This prophecy shows the kingdom/church being given to Jesus Christ after His ascension into heaven.
    2. Acts 1 records the ascension of Jesus and Acts 2 records the establishment of the church.
  - D. Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4.
    1. The kingdom would come with power (Mark 9:1).
    2. The power would come with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8).
    3. The power and the Holy Spirit came on the first Pentecost after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:1-4).
    4. Therefore, the kingdom/church was established on that day.

**Conclusion:**

1. The one church which Jesus Christ established is the one we can read about in the New Testament.
2. Jesus' church was established on the first Pentecost after his resurrection which was approximately 1,989 years ago.
3. It is important to see the New Testament as the standard of authority for the church because the church belongs to Christ and the New Testament comes from Christ.

~Kevin Rutherford

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2022**

Feb. 28 - Mark 6:30-56  
 Feb. 29 - Mark 7:1-13  
 March 1 - Mark 7:14-37  
 March 2 - Mark 8:1-21



March 3 - Mark 8:22-38  
 March 4 - Mark 9:1-29  
 March 5 - Mark 9:30-50

## OUR SICK

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Todd O'Neal, Nikki Santiago, Toni Lucas, David Queen, Dianna Walker, Tim & Lisa Voyles, Russell Queen, Dianna Walker, Brian Weaver, Rose Whitt, Shiela Landman, Teresa Brown's mother, David Queen, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Beverly Allred, Eddie Manor, Johnny Allen, D. J. Harrison, Ronnie Knost, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Ellen Dull, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.

**Becky Allen** is having issues with her blood pressure. She was sent to the Forsyth Hospital this past Wednesday for observation. Please remember Becky and Wayne.

**David Warner** has come down with Covid-19 recently and was quite ill; his fever has broken and he is doing better. Please keep him in your prayers

**RJ Landry** is some better but still weak. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Mary Ellen Dull Update:** Mary Elle returned to the hospital this past Sunday with a bleeding ulcer but will hopefully return to the Trinity Elms Health and Rehab soon. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Bonnie Landreth's** shoulder surgery has been rescheduled for Monday, March 7th at the Clemmons Medical Center. Prayers are needed.

Dennis McBrayer's brother, **Johnny**, had been to the hospital for a knee replacement and had a massive blood clot. He was able to go home but had to return with severe swelling. Please pray for him.

Mary Anne Allen's mother, **Rowena Hayes**, is making good progress in her recovery from a stroke and is having therapy treatments at this time. Please keep her in your prayers.

Sherrill Stewart has requested prayers for **Barry Bowman** who is a member of his Honor Guard. He is having chemo treatments for leukemia. His address will be added to the Google sheets for cards. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please add Trooper **Josh Church** to your prayer list. He is a friend of Joe Byrd who has been diagnosed with multiple cancers.

**Jenna Stamper and husband** want to thank everyone for the cards they have received. She is now undergoing chemo for her cancer. Please remember this family in your prayers.

# 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.**

### AREA EVENTS:

March 5 - Ladies Day at Cary church of Christ on March 5th. Theme: "How to Train Your Dragon" Flyer on bulletin board.

March 12 - 21st Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship at Gold Hill Rd. church of Christ in South Carolina. Flyer on board in foyer.

April 29-30 - Gospel Meeting at Liledoun church of Christ in Taylorsville, NC. Flyer on the board in the foyer.

### OUR SICK . . . Continued

**Sandy Smith Update:** Please continue to keep Sandy in your prayers. Cards, phone calls (336-757-2544) and visits when possible will strengthen her during this difficult time. The address is: The Citadel at Winston-Salem, Room 220, 1900 West 1st Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27104.

Katerina Allen's father, **Tommy Forsberg**, is some better but has several issues and still in need of prayers.

**Daniel Lee**, the son of Kevin and Darla Lee, who were members here years ago before moving, is still in the hospital. He has Covid pneumonia and has blood coming from his lung. It's very serious and he may even have to have a lung transplant. Daniel has a wife and young daughter. **Prayers are requested.** He is said to be struggling.

Please remember **Jeff Chrysson's family** in your prayers. Mr. Chrysson passed away recently after having fought his cancer for almost two years.

### Message from Mindy Santiago:

If you can assist with some meal prep for **Jack Piper**, please contact Mindy. Thank you.

**SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS**  
**FEBRUARY, 2022**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: BRAD HOOTS**

**COMMUNION FOR FEBRUARY: ALLEN KNIGHT**

**DEVOTIONS:**

**SCRIPTURE**

Feb. 6 - Bill Carothers  
Feb. 13 - Randy Warner  
Feb. 20 - Shawn Thomason  
Feb. 27 - Brad Hoots

**SONG LEADER**

Charley Belch  
Clayton Workman  
Wayne Allen  
Justin Little

**PRAYER**

Tim Allen  
Andy Santiago  
Carl Cooper  
D.C. Mock

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**OPENING PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**SUNDAY A.M.**

Feb. 6 - Tim Allen  
Feb. 13 - Brian Byrd  
Feb. 20 - Justin Little  
Feb. 27 - RJ Landry

**SUNDAY P.M.**

Feb. 6 - Charley Belch  
Feb. 13 - Mike Lundgren  
Feb. 20 - Wayne Allen  
Feb. 27 - D.C. Mock

**WEDNESDAY**

Feb. 2 - David Moore  
Feb. 9 - Adam Warner  
Feb. 16 - Mark Minor  
Feb. 23 - Bob Tesh

**SECURITY AND GREETING: MARK MINOR & ED O'SHIELDS**

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

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**SONG LEADERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**SUNDAY A.M.**

Feb. 6 - Justin Little  
Feb. 13 - Wayne Allen  
Feb. 20 - Roger Allen  
Feb. 27 - Gene Southern

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Feb. 2 - Gene Southern  
Feb. 9 - Charley Belch  
Feb. 16 - Clayton Workman  
Feb. 23 - Roger Allen

**PLEASE, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!**

**“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