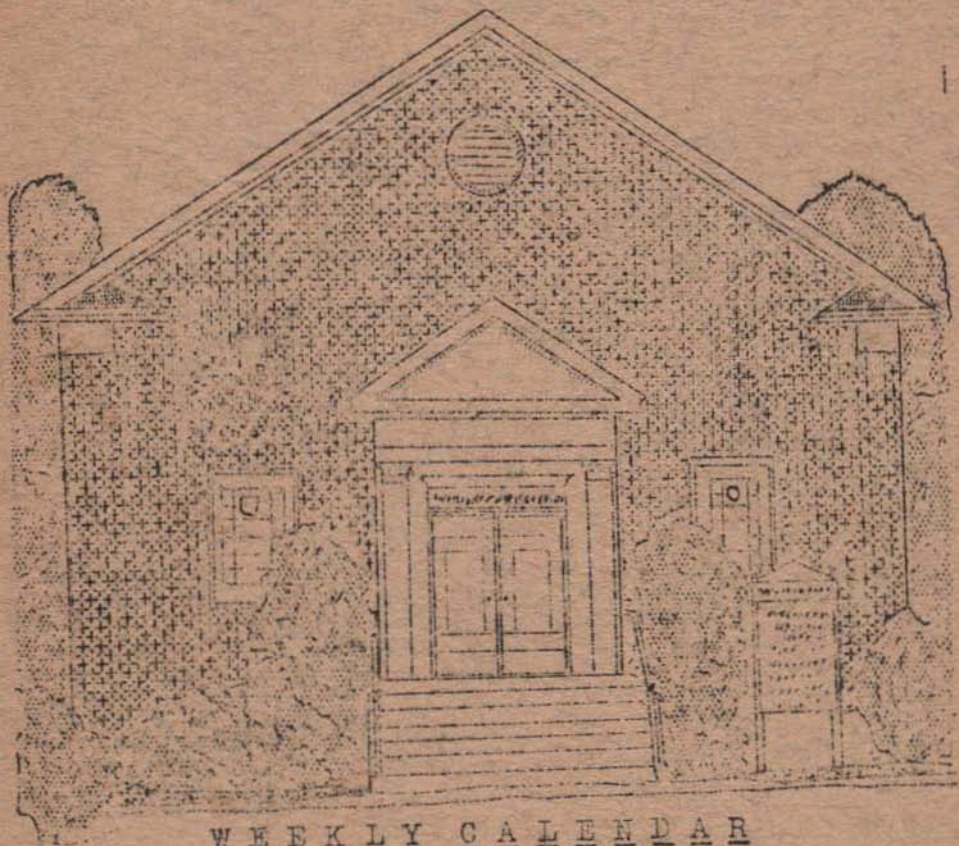


# WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST



## W E E K L Y   C A L E N D A R

Bible Study.....10:15 A. M.  
Morning Worship(Begins)....,11:00 A. M.

### P R E A C H I N G

First and Third Sundays....11:00 A. M.  
Second and Fourth Sundays.. 7:30 P. M.

### B I B L E   C L A S S E S

Monday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.  
Friday Evening..... 8:00 P. M.

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## VAIN WORSHIP

. "Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; and honor not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye Hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matt. 15:1-9.)

The scribes and Pharisees were very zealous to adhere strictly to the traditions of the elders. These traditions were handed down from generation to generation and were not a part of the commandments of God. Sometimes when a tradition conflicted with a commandment of God the scribes and Pharisees held to the tradition and ignored the commandment of God. Because of this Jesus said, "Thus ye have made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." (Matt. 15:6)

Jesus applied the prophecy of Isaiah to them, showing that such worship was vain. By vain Jesus meant that such worship based on the traditions of men rather than the commandments of God was unproductive of good. This worship was worthless, fruitless, useless and without any substantial foundation.

Many people today are worshipping God after the traditions of men and not according to the commandments of God. Dear reader, we beseech you to examine your worship to see if what you do as worship to God is founded on the commandments of God, or on the traditions of men.

We should have a "thus sayeth the Lord" for the things we do as worship. Just because something has been done for a long time, or because the majority of people do certain things does not prove that it is well pleasing to God. God has made known the things we are to do as worship to Him. It is man's duty to learn and obey these commandments.

May we take the New Testament for our guide in worship lest Jesus say to us, "Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition." (Mk. 7:7-9)

Continued next week "C. L. D."

## THE MID-WEEK SERVICE

The camel at the close of day  
Kneels down upon the sandy plain  
To have his burden lifted off  
And rest again.

My soul, thou too shouldst to thy  
knees,

When daylight draweth to a close,  
And let thy Master lift thy load  
And grant repose.

Else how couldst thou tomorrow meet,  
With all tomorrow's work to do,  
If thou thy burden all the night  
Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day  
To have his guide replace his load,  
Then rises up anew to take  
The desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at morning's  
dawn

That God may give thee daily care  
Assured that he no load too great  
Will make thee bear.

---Author Unknown.

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### I AM CALLING YOU

"I am the Good Shepherd"

"I am the resurrection"

I am the way, the truth and the life."

"I am the door."

"I am the vine."

"I am the bread of life."

"I am the light of the world."

'I Am the Christ

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