

Church of Christ

At

Warners Chapel

CLEMMONS, N. C.



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SUNDAY:

Bible Study	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:50 A.M.
Evening Worship	October thru May	7:00 P.M.
	June thru September	7:30 P.M.

WEDNESDAY:

Mid-Week Worship	7:30 P.M.
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YOU ARE WELCOME AT OUR SERVICES

One Who Wouldn't Do

A church was in need of a preacher. One of the elders was interested in finding out just what kind of a preacher the church wanted. In order to do this he composed a letter as though it had been received from a preacher and read it to the committee selecting a new preacher.

"Gentlemen:

Understanding that you need a preacher, I would like to apply for the position. I have many qualifications that I think you would appreciate. I have been blessed to preach with power and have some success as a writer. Some say that I am a good organizer. I have been a leader in most places I have gone.

Some folks, however, have some things against me. I am over fifty years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years at a time. In some places I have left town after my work caused riots and disturbances. I have to admit that I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any wrong doing. My health is not too good, though I still get a good deal done. I have had to work at my trade to help pay my way.

The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities. I have not gotten along too well with the religious leaders in different towns where I have preached, and I am sure that they will not recommend me. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taken me to court, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known even to forget whom I have baptized. However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you, even if I have to work to help with my support."

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The elder read this letter to the committee, and asked if they were interested in the applicant. They replied that they would never do for their church. They were not interested in any unhealthy, trouble-making, contentious, ex-jailbird; and were insulted that his application had ever been presented. But one of them did ask the preacher's name, and the elder replied, "The Apostle Paul."

Selected

M E N ' S T R A I N I N G C L A S S

For all male members of the church who are interested in making the services more profitable and edifying-- and themselves better servants of the Lord.

L A D I E S B I B L E C L A S S

Come with your husbands or "daddys" for a good study together, ladies.

BEGINNING TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 7:30 P. M.

IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST A
DENOMINATION?

When we read about the church described in the New Testament, we are impressed with the fact that it is not a denomination or sect or religious party. This church is simply the "called out", the saved ones who have obeyed the gospel of Christ and are walking in the way of Christ. Wherever the Word of God is preached and men believe and obey its message you will find the undenominational church of Christ! Jesus said: "The seed is the word" (Luke 8:11). In our modern world the word "denomination" has become synonymous with the Bible word "church". This is most unfortunate because the church which fits the New Testament description must be "non-denominational". It will have no head but Christ no earthly headquarters, no requirements for admission other than those laid down by Christ, no name but the names used in the New Testament, no organization other than the simple order described in the Scriptures, Christ wants all his followers to be just Christians, nothing more and nothing less. He does not want them divided into "sects", "denominations", "parties" with rival names, creeds, loyalties, and organizations. The church of Christ is non-sectarian. It is the body of Christ, the kingdom of Christ, the bride of Christ. Wherever men obey the gospel of Christ as they did on Pentecost God adds them to the church (Acts 2:47). As Christians they are bound together by their common loyalty to Christ and love for the brethren everywhere.

--20th Century Christian

This is a timely article. Our young people need to be taught that the church is not just another denomination; conversely, we are trying to restore the New Testament church, using God's word as the pattern. Some definitely have not this understanding. It shows up, too in such statements as: "We couldn't find a church of Christ (building) on our vacation, so we went to the _____ church. We wanted to go to church some where." or "Why doesn't our church do this or that like the other churches do?"

This points up a great need--having Bible study in our homes. Some children go from Sunday-to-Sunday without hearing a prayer, a verse of scripture or anything about the church. Parents, don't you think you will have to answer to God if your child departs from the faith because he was not taught at home? "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

GOLDEN TEXT. . .

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put as-
under." --- Mark 10:9