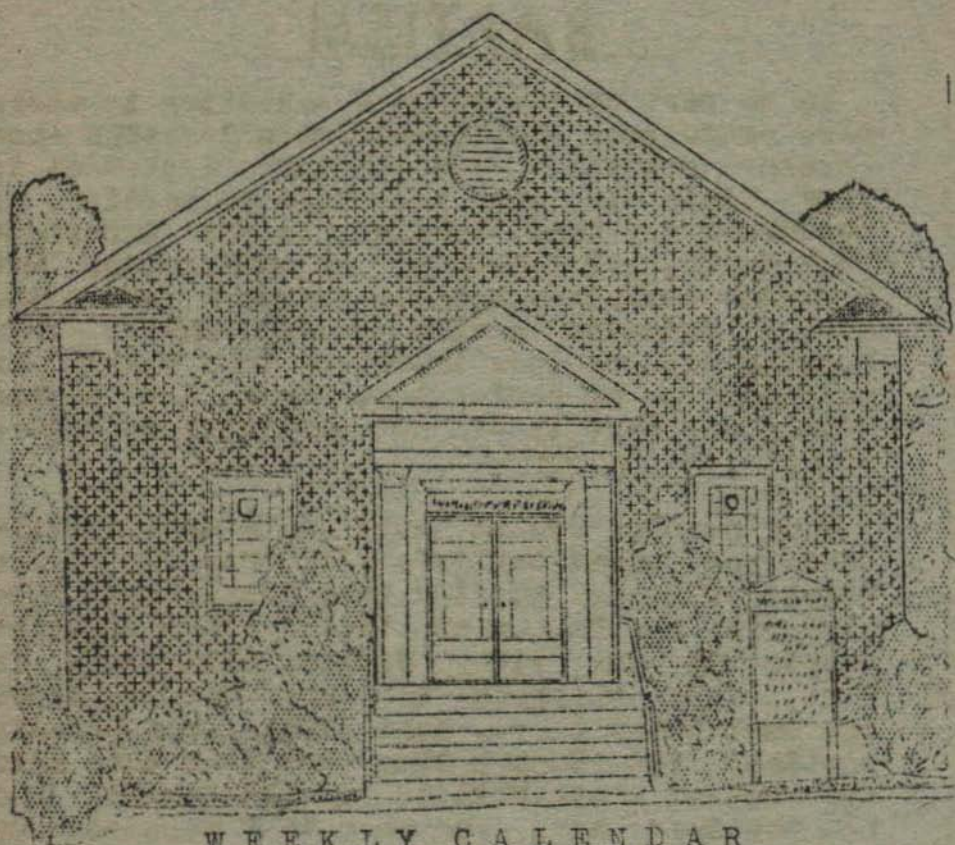


# WARNERS CHAPEL CHURCH OF CHRIST



## 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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# THE PLAN OF SALVATION

## NUMBER VIII

### BAPTISM

In no part of the plan of salvation is there more confusions and misunderstanding than concerning baptism. Yet the New Testament is very plain in its teachings on baptism. I would not say that baptism is more important than faith, or repentance or confession. But I would certainly hate to approach God on the day of Judgment having taught anyone that baptism was any less important than faith, or repentance, or confession, much less having taught men that it was not essential to salvation.

Many people are in doubt as to what constitutes scriptural baptism. The only way to determine this is to find what constituted baptism in New Testament times. John baptized people in the river Jordan. Matt. 3:6. In fact, John baptized in Aenon because there was much water there. John 3:23. When Phillip baptized the Eunuch they went down both into the water, both Phillip and the Eunuch; and he baptized him, and when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit caught away Phillip that the Eunuch saw him no more; and the Eunuch went on his way rejoicing. Acts 8:38,39. Romans 6:4 and Colossians 2:12 tell us that baptism is a burial. Scriptural baptism as far as the outward act is concerned requires (1) Water, (2) Much water, (3) Going down into the water, (4) Burial in water of the one to be baptized, (5) Coming up out of the water. Ephesians 4:5 tells us there is One Baptism. We have as much right to teach that there are many Lords and many Gods as we have to teach



there are many forms of scriptural baptism.

What is the purpose of Baptism? The purpose of baptism, 1. To obey God; God commands baptism. We are baptized to obey this command, therefore baptism is an act of faith.

2. We are baptized for the remission of sins. See Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16.

3. We are baptized to show our willingness to obey God in all things. In answer of a good conscience toward God. I Peter 3:21.

4. We are baptized to become a member of the Church, the Body of Christ. Acts 2:47 and Galatians 3:27.

Who may be scripturally baptized? Those who have:

1. Been taught. Matt. 28:19-20 & Mark 16:15-16
2. Believed. Mark 16:15-16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. When the Eunuch asked Philip what hindered him from being baptized he answered, "If thou believeth with all thine heart, thou mayest." Acts 8:37.
3. Repented. Acts 2:38. On the day of Pentecost those who heard and believed the Gospel preached by Peter asked what to do. Peter said: "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
4. Confessed their faith in Christ. See Matt. 10:32-33; Acts 8:37, and Romans 10:9-10.

From what does baptism save? Baptism saves the alien sinner from his past sins. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." I Peter 3:21 "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the



filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Many people wonder if baptism is essential to salvation. God commanded baptism through Christ and the Apostles. Is it essential to our salvation to obey God? Baptism is for the remission of sins. Is it necessary to have our sins forgiven or remitted to be saved?

Saul of Tarsus had believed, repented of his sins and confessed Christ as Lord. After three days he was found praying and yet Ananias told him to arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins calling on the name of the Lord. Acts 22:16. Was baptism essential to Paul's salvation? Peter said that baptism doth also now save us. I Peter 3:21. Next Week THE ERRING CHRISTIAN.

--- C. L. D.

### WHAT BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?

Below are the answers to the list of questions in last week's issue:

1. Does the postman bring? EPISTLES
2. Is used at funerals? LAMENTATIONS
3. Is found in a law court? JUDGES
4. Means "beginning"? GENESIS
5. Is sung at church? PSALMS
6. Means "good news"? GOSPEL
7. Is used in arithmetic? NUMBERS
8. Is a mineral? MICAH
9. Pertains to churches? ECCLESIASTES
10. Means a disclosure? REVELATION
11. Is a girl's name? RUTH or ESTHER
12. Is full of wisdom? PROVERBS
13. Means "history"? CHRONICLES
14. Is a ruler? KINGS
15. Means a race of people? HEBREWS
16. Is a boy's name? JAMES, AMOS, etc.

How many did you answer correctly?