

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

**December 25, 2016**

## ROLL THE GOSPEL CHARIOT ALONG

Many of you know the song children sing during VBS entitled, “Roll the Gospel Chariot.” This was one of my favorite songs as a young boy, especially when we got to the line that said, “When the Devil’s in the way, we will run right over him.” When we sang that line, we would roll our arms as fast as we could, imitating the turning of a wheel, and we would “run over the Devil” at high speed!

But what I could never understand as a child is why we would sing the line, “When the sinner’s in the way, we will stop and pick him up.” From my understanding at the time, I didn’t want to “stop and pick them up;” I wanted to “run right over them too!” I mean, why not? If we were going to run over the Devil in our “Gospel Chariot,” why wouldn’t we also run over a sinner who was behaving like the Devil?

As an adult, I understand what I didn’t as a child. We must learn to make distinction between the sin and the sinner. While we are to hate sin (Romans 12:9), we are to love the sinner (Romans 5:8; Luke 19:10). However, if truth be told, although we may understand the meaning of this song, we may in practice be guilty of “running right over the sinner” instead of “stopping and picking him up.”

Maybe we need to do a little introspection. Does your “Gospel Chariot” slow down for sinners, or mow them down? Give it some thought.

By Steve Higginbotham

# ELDERS CORNER:

## PAUL'S POLITICS

When it came to civil government, Paul's priority was to seek the best possible environment for sharing the gospel. He refused to allow the ill-will of officials to sidetrack his desire to preach Jesus.

Paul's eyes focused on seeking the lost wherever and whenever he could. To make that easier, he commanded Christians to submit to governing leaders and ordinances that did not violate their higher obligation to obey God (cf. Acts 4:19-20). They were also instructed to pay taxes (Romans 13:6-7) and to pray for their often hostile leaders (I Tim. 2:1-4). Then Paul encouraged them to be busy spreading the good news of Jesus with the world.

As a Roman citizen, Paul was not to be bound and publicly beaten. He asserted that right in Acts 22:24-29, which he used as an opening to address a Jewish audience. But he did not always use that privilege (cf. 2 Cor. 11:24-25). He chose not to demand his rights in Philippi, perhaps because to do so would require abandoning Silas (Acts 16:22-23).

He also had the right to escape prejudices of local officials by appealing directly to Caesar's court. However, Paul did not assert that right very often. It was only when he found himself in a situation that could have easily brought his evangelistic efforts to a premature end that he asserted this privilege (Acts 25:11-12). God used this situation to fulfill His promise at Paul's conversion, "to bear My name before ... kings" (Acts 9:15).

Today we live in an untested political environment. But we are still ruled by the same goals that motivated Paul. Twenty-first century Christians must ask which political candidate and party will create a better, more tolerant atmosphere for carrying out the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

—By David Bragg  
From BulletinGold

### READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2016-17

December 26 - Rev. 17  
December 27 - Rev. 18  
December 28 - Rev. 19  
December 29 - Rev. 20



December 30 - Rev. 21  
December 31 - Rev. 22  
January 1 - Acts 10:24-43



## OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

*Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Wanda Elam, Elwood Flinchum, Curtis Doss, and Mary Tesh in your prayers*

Please remember **Curtis Doss and family**. If you plan to visit, please call before going.

**Bob Plunk** was released from the hospital this past Monday. Please continue to pray for Bob and Carolyn.

**Charlie Parker** received a good report from the cardiologist. His echo cardiogram showed that the sarcoid in his heart is decreasing. The current plan is to continue the medication to eliminate the sarcoid so it will be in remission. It is not a curable disease but treatable by medication. He also has another kidney stone and has an appointment with a urologist. Thank you for your prayers.

**Dot Pegram** has fallen recently and injured her left shoulder. She is wearing a sling and in significant pain.

**Elwood Flinchum** has bronchitis. He was scheduled to see his doctor this past Thursday.

**Brad Hoots** was not able to attend Wed. evening because of a sore throat.

**Mildred Barker** is not doing well and prayers are requested.

**Don Minor** has had a stomach virus the last few days. He is doing better at this time.

**Graham Patterson** has developed a blood infection following his shoulder operation.

Please remember **Lisa Church**, Sandra's daughter-in-law, as she recovers from surgery.

Bonnie Landreth reported that her daughter, **Tammy**, has been in severe pain lately and has requested prayers in her behalf.

Ryan Davis' grandmother, **Irene Taylor**, continues in chemo for advanced-stage lymphoma and is having difficulty with side effects like nausea. Please pray that the physicians can get her side effects under control so she can be strong enough to continue regular chemotherapy.

Roger Allen's mother, **Edith Allen**, will be having some skin cancer removed in February. Prayers are requested.

Please remember a co-worker of Betty Hoots. Her son is battling drug addiction.

## SOUTHWEST FOOD PANTRY

92 items were delivered to the SW Elementary Food Pantry last week, for a total of 2,864 for the year (**April through December, 2016**)

For the month of November, the Food Pantry served a total of 28 families consisting of 152 individuals. All who brought food items are a vital part of this work. We will continue this program for 2017. If you are not able to bring items, that is OK. You can pray for this work.

The suggested items for January 2017 is **peanut butter and jelly** (in plastic containers. No glass containers allowed)

# 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:

**Dec. 25** - The Youth (6th grade & up) will remain in auditorium for classes today.

**Dec. 31** - "New Year Eve Fellowship"

1. Everyone is invited, please bring family & friends
2. We will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex.
3. We will eat shortly afterwards.
  - A. There will be a chili cookoff, we will have a sign-up sheet in the foyer. We will also have pizza & chicken wings. Please bring desserts and 2 liter drinks. There will be "ribbons" for the chili.
4. Around 7:30 p.m., we will have a "Family Feud" type of game. Please make your teams 3-5 people.
5. From 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. we will sing songs and have a devotional, by Alfred Huff.
6. We will have a fire pit and some outdoor games. (weather permitting)
7. Please bring board games and a smile.

## CUSCO MISSIONS BREAKFAST

"The Cusco church needs your help! Please join us Saturday, January 7th at 9 AM in the annex for a morning of food and fellowship as Cusco mission team member Ryan Davis presents a crucial project that the Cusco church is embarking on and how you can help."

## SHUT-INS

**Mildred Barker  
Lutrelle Chipman**

**Dot Pegram  
Eva Nelle Sidden**

*Please keep the shut-ins in your prayers and check the sign-up sheet to take communion to Dot Pegram if you are able. (sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board)*

## FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - Dec. 18, 2016	133
Sunday Morning Worship Service	159
Contribution for Dec. 18, 2016	\$7,248
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	31
Chapters Read:	507
Sunday Evening Worship Service	120
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 12-21-16	122

## Lord's Day Appointments For January, 2016

Serving the Lord's Table For January:

Al Lawson

Alfred Huff	Neal Harper
Wayne Allen	Jody Everett
	Lou Ann Harper
	Clayton Workman
	Shawn Thomason

Preparing Communion for January:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

## Lord's Day Appointments - January 1, 2016

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Rodney Brown	<b>Morning</b> - David Moore	<b>A.M.</b> - Roger Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Dwight Barringer
<b>Song Leader</b> - Wayne Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Mark Roy	<b>P.M.</b> - Jason Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Clayton Workman
<b>Prayer</b> - Steve Martin		<b>Wed.</b> - Mark Roy	

### Greeters for December:

Mike and Laura Cooper

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - January 1 -

**Wednesday:** - January 4 -

## Lord's Day Appointments - December 25, 2016

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
<b>Scripture</b> - Justin Minor	<b>Morning</b> - Mark Minor	<b>A.M.</b> - Jason Allen	<b>A.M.</b> - Bill Carothers
<b>Song Leader</b> - Jason Allen	<b>Evening</b> - Neal Harper	<b>P.M.</b> - Nathan Roy	<b>P.M.</b> - Roger Allen
<b>Prayer</b> - Shawn Thomason		<b>Wed.</b> - Song Req. Service Gene S. & Jason Allen	

### Opening and Closing Building

**Sunday:** - December 25 - Mark Minor

**Wednesday:** - December 21 - Mark Minor

### Greeters for December:

Nancy Cooper & Walter Cruz

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - Nursery open for small children during all services.

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b> Mid-Week Service	7:00 PM

**“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

### DEACONS

David Moore  
 Tim Allen  
 Joe Everett  
 Todd Hinson  
 Steve Tesh

Randy Warner  
 Keith Warner  
 Andy Santiago  
 Mark Minor  
 Jason Allen

Mike Cooper  
 Jody Everett  
 Gene Southern  
 Shawn Thomason