



Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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

A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU

February 5, 2017

“BY WHAT AUTHORITY”

The chief priests and the elders asked Jesus “by what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority (Matthew 21:23)?” Although the chief priest and elders may not have been sincere when they asked these questions, the questions are valid. With regard to our religious service to God today we should ask ourselves “by what authority do we do these things?”

God has given His Son all authority (Matthew 28:18). Jesus Christ exercises that authority through His law (Hebrews 1:1, 2). The Will revealed by God through His Son Jesus Christ is the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15-17). Therefore, the New Testament Scriptures must be held up as our standard authority. After all, it is the Scriptures that provide all that we need to be spiritually complete (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

When I engage in a particular practice in worship I need to know that I have authority for such practice. I have authority to sing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). I have authority to pray (Acts 2:42). I have authority for the Lord’s Supper (I Corinthians 11:23-26). I have authority for giving (I Corinthians 16:1, 2). I have authority for preaching (Acts 20:7) I have authority to assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25; I Corinthians 11:17, 18, 20, 33). I am to do that on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:1, 2).

Some today have suggested we can change our worship service to make it more vibrant. Perhaps if we add a thing or two we could have a worship service that is more “relevant” to our modern culture. There is nothing wrong with

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change as long as that change is scriptural. There is nothing wrong with engaging in a practice in worship as long as that practice is authorized. For those who want to add the choirs to our worship let me ask you where your authority is for such a practice? Nowhere does the New Testament authorize such a practice. The same can be said for man-made mechanical instruments of music. Where is your authority? We might say the same for clapping, screaming, and dancing in worship. Where is your authority?

Some will suggest that we do not need specific authority for practices in worship as long as the Lord did not condemn the practice. It is suggested that because the New Testament does not specifically say don't use instruments, or a choir, etc., then it is okay for us to do so. By this kind of reasoning we could add gymnastics, monster truck races, circus acts, rock concerts, Shakespearean plays, baseball games, etc., to our worship. God didn't say, "no monster truck races in worship."

If God were to have written a list of all of those things which He did not want to see in worship, we could not contain the Bible in the church building. God simply told us what He wanted and that eliminates all else.

When the chief priests and elders questioned Christ about His authority, they did not recognize that His authority came from the Father. God the Father authorizes today through the will set forth by His Son Jesus Christ. If we want to know that we have authority for a practice in worship, let us first find where the Scriptures gives us that authority. If we cannot find it, we must not do it.

Kevin Rutherford

SENTENCE SERMONS:

- Abraham did not know whither he went, but he knew with whom he was going.
- You can determine a man's illness by his absence from work ... not by his absence from church.
- Anger is only one letter short of danger.

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2017

February 6 - Matt. 23:23-39
February 7 - Matt. 24:1-28
February 8 - Matt. 24:29-51
February 9 - Matt. 25:1-30



February 10 - Matt. 25:31-46
February 11 - Matt. 26:1-25
February 12 - Matt. 26:26-50



OUR SICK Please Remember in Your Prayers

Please continue to keep Frank & Jane Shepard, Elwood Flinchum, Mary Tesh, Bob Plunk, Charlie Parker and Wayne & Cathy Hutchins in your prayers.

Gene Southern's surgery was very successful. He was released from the hospital this past Thursday.

Please remember Sherrill Stewart. He has been sick for over a week.

Please continue to pray for Bob & Carolyn Plunk to be in peace and strong at this time.

Jennifer Cruise requested prayers for the Deliah, a daughter of a friend of hers. Last week she was reported to be in the hospital with RSV and pneumonia.

Ellen Wingo's sister, Paula Reber, received great news after her surgery. All of the cancer was removed and she is cancer free. She wishes to thank everyone for their prayers.

Please pray for Linda Santiago (Andy's mother). She is too see a heart surgeon about two leaking heart valves. Please pray she will make the right decision concerning whether to have the procedure or not.

Shannon Harper's aunt passed recently. Please keep the family in your prayers, especially Susan Combs and son, John Bryon.



~IN SYMPATHY~

Our sympathy goes out to David, Dawn, and Derek Elam in the death of sister Wanda Elam who passed away on January 30, 2017. There will be a grave-side funeral this afternoon at 2 p.m. The visitation will follow in the Annex.

Brother Don Blackwell will be officiating.

**THE PRAYER LIST IS AVAILABLE ON
THE CREDENZA IN THE FOYER.**



SHUT-INS

Mildred Barker
Lutrelle Chipman
Di-Ann Moser

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)

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:

February 5 - Bundling of House to House in Annex following evening worship service.

February 7 - Sewing for Nicaragua from 9-12 a.m. in Annex.

February 7 - Youth Group Tuesday Night Bible Class: 6 p.m. ~ Acts Class; spaghetti dinner.

February 9 - The 50 and Over Class will meet at 10:30 in the Annex.

February 10 - (Friday at 6 p.m.) Ladies Day Work Day to prepare a craft gift for our **Ladies Day** on **March 4th**. Please bring scissors, glue guns and sticks, rulers, and paper cutters. For more information, please see Kathleen Warner or Kari Woodbury. Dinner will be provided by the elders wives.

February 25 - Cusco Missions Breakfast. Please join us Saturday, February 25th at 9 a.m. 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.

Southwest Food Pantry

The Food request for February is canned fruit

New Address:

Don Jackson's new address is:

3731 University Parkway
Apt. #112
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Please make this change to your address section of the Work Book.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study - January 29, 2017	117
Sunday Worship Service	167
Contribution for January 29, 2017	\$7,591
Daily Adult Bible Readers:	33
Chapters Read:	512
Sunday Evening Worship Service	130
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 2-01-17	117

Lord's Day Appointments For February, 2017

Serving the Lord's Table For February:

Roger Allen

Mark Minor	Walter Cruz
Jonathan Huff	Brad Hoots
Dana Hinson	
Todd Hinson	
Andy Santiago	

Preparing Communion for February:

Making Announcements on Sunday:

Making Announcements on Wednesday:

Lord's Day Appointments - February 12, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - John Allen	Morning - Jim Harrison	A.M. - Clayton Workman	A.M. - Bill Carothers
Song Leader - Clayton Workman	Evening - Don Minor	P.M. - Gene Southern	P.M. - Shawn Thomason
Prayer - Tommy Ridings		Wed. - Nathan Roy	

Greeters for February

Mark and Nancy Minor

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - Feb. 12	-	Justin Minor
Wednesday: - Feb. 15	-	Justin Minor

Lord's Day Appointments - February 5, 2017

DEVOTIONS:	OPENING PRAYER:	SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READERS
Scripture - Michael Cooper	Morning - Joe Everett	A.M. - Tim Allen	A.M. - Tommy Rose
Song Leader - Roger Allen	Evening - Mark Clemmons	P.M. - Roger Allen	P.M. - Keith Warner
Prayer - Tim Allen		Wed. - Clayton Workman	

Opening and Closing Building

Sunday: - January 29	-	Rick Clemmons
Wednesday: - February 2	-	Rick Clemmons

February:

Mark and Nancy Minor

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
WEDNESDAY: 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