

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ

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*"The churches of Christ salute you" Rom. 16:16*

**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

*January 15, 2023*

## **Do we have the ability to understand the Bible?**

It amazes me how many people in the world will make statements such as, "You cannot understand the Bible" or "We can't all understand the Bible alike". When people say these types of things, I do not believe that they fully understand the implications of such statements. They don't take into consideration the MAKER of the Bible nor His ABILITY when they make these statements. Today, we are going to look at some simple understandings that WE CAN understand the Bible and understand alike what it says.

I want to begin by bringing up the fact that we all understand and interpret certain things alike on some matters. It doesn't matter what age group or nation, EVERYONE understands that 12 inches equal a foot. A foot will NEVER equal anything but 12 inches. In the same fashion, 1+1 will ALWAYS equal 2. It will NEVER be the case that this will ever be anything but 2. So why is it that people say that when it comes to religious things, we can't understand the Bible or understand it alike? It is because people don't want to be forced to say that they are bound by any particular set of beliefs and that the Bible is right and others are wrong. But this is a very futile argument because Jesus states very clearly, "If you continue in MY WORD then are you My disciple indeed" (Jn. 8:31). And then He states that there is A TRUTH and only THAT TRUTH will set us free (Jn. 8:32). People don't want to acknowledge that they are being held accountable to a higher standard and therefore they plead ignorance as a justifiable means but doesn't work.

I want us to notice that when people state that we can't understand the Bible, they are attacking the very nature of God. They are implying that God, Who made us and every-

thing that exists, CANNOT communicate with His creation. They say that God is an ALL-POWERFUL GOD, but they are also saying that God is not powerful enough to speak to His creation understandably. How does this make sense? We see through numerous passages that God spoke to His creation and they understood what He said. For instance, when God told Adam and Eve not to eat from the forbidden fruit, they understood the command (Gen. 2:16-17, 3:2-3). They understood the instruction! When God spoke to Noah and told him to build the ark, NOAH BUILT THE ARK (Gen. 6:14-22)! When God told Abram to leave and go to a nation that He was going to show him, ABRAM WENT (Gen. 12:1-4)! When God told Joshua and the Israelites how they were to take Jericho, THEY CONQUERED IT THROUGH OBEDIENCE (Josh. 6)! Not being able to understand what the ALL POWERFUL GOD IS SAYING is nothing more than an excuse to not dig for true, real understanding. It is a lazy approach to the Bible. And another thing, what is the purpose of writing a book that we cannot understand? NOW people are attacking the methodology or workings of God as now meaningless. Our God does not require meaningless work or effort. He has a purpose and reason for EVERYTHING HE DOES!

Just as the people were able to understand what God said to them, we need to understand that the Bible is God's spoken word to us. ***2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*** If God was able to communicate to man and they understood it, then we can also read the spoken word of God and understand it as well. Not only can we understand it, but we MUST understand it to know what we need to do to go to Heaven. We are told that we can understand it in Ephesians 3:4. ***Ephesians 3:4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ).*** We must realize that God chose the message to separate those who are His and those who are NOT His. We see this in 1 Corinthians 1:18. ***1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.***

**Will we be the ones that listen and obey or will we make the excuse that we can't understand it and be lost for eternity? We choose!**

- Wes Garland

## **READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2023**

January 15 - Matt. 10:21-42  
January 16 - Matt. 11  
January 17 - Matt. 12:1-23  
January 18 - Matt. 12:24-50



January 19 - Matt. 13:1-30  
January 20 - Matt. 13:31-58  
January 21 - 14:1-21

***OUR SICK***  
***Please Remember***

Rick Maiers, Susan Huey, Chris Smith, Ed O'Shields, Edith Allen, Elizabeth Warner, Tish Clarke, Holly Tatum, D.J. Harrison, *Cleave Binkley, Jack Piper, Sandy Smith, Kathy and Wayne Hutchins.*

**Gene Southern** was taken to the ER this morning (Friday Prayers are requested for him.

**Don Minor** was not able to go church because he was not feeling well.

**Robin Hauser** was sick last week with COVID. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Jim Allen** will have surgery on his back on **February 6th**. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Roger Allen** had a PET SCAN which did not show that the cancer has not spread but small tumor deposits cannot be excluded. Being referred to radiation oncology to see if they need to kill anything that might be left also referred to Duke to get second opinion on my situation with Adrenal Cancer. He will have a 5-day radiation for 6 wks.

**Rick, Karen and Father, Eddie Drew** are all sick at home. Please keep them in your prayers.

**John Ransom** now at home but will go back for more more checking to see any more cancer is found. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Bobby Childress** is waiting for treatment for his COPID this month. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Bob Tesh** has recovered from the flu but has a melanoma taken care of. He is waiting for the pathology report. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Update on Sharron York** - Ingrid's daughter will start radiation treatments on January 17th. - 5 days a week for 6 weeks. Pray for being cancer free after the treatments.

Lori and Leslie's mother, **Diane Greeson**, is in the ER in Georgia with Sepsis, Septic shock and pneumonia. They are with their mother and asking for prayers. She is currently awaiting a ICU bed.

**Polly Tatum** has begun her chemotherapy on December 30th. Please keep me in your prayers.

*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:**

**April 1- Ladies Day - Tara Roy, Speaker**

**May 6 - Senior Rally - Billy Smith, Speaker**

(The ladies of Warners Chapel will have a short meeting following the January 18th Morning Worship Service).

**AREA EVENTS:**

**January 21-22 - Oak Forest Church of Christ at Goldsboro, NC on Jan. 21-22, 2023. Theme: Hope When Hurting- A Grief Seminar, with Jeff Jenkins. Saturday: 9:30 a.m. & Sunday: 10:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Please register at [www.Oakforestcoc.church](http://www.Oakforestcoc.church).**

**March 4 - Cary Church of Christ LADIES DAY! 6640 Tryon Road, Cary, NC 27518. WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT? EVERYTHING! Registration on Website: [carycoc.org](http://carycoc.org) or call for more information at 919-854-9988.**

**March 11- Carolina Men's Fellowship on Saturday, March 11. The Theme being "I Am ..." sponsored by Charlotte Avenue church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC.**

~ *IN SYMPATHY* ~

*We were very sadden to learn that Harold Doub had passed away on Wed. morning. He left the hospital and was moved to the Assisted Living At Trinity Elms in Clemmons. His daughter Marcia Doub Holt, wanted to mention to the people if they were going to see my father, that his hearing was not good and would need to talk close to him.*

*The family will have a visitation in the Warners Chapel Annex at 1 p.m. on Saturday following an indoor "graveside" service at 2 p.m. Also, in the Annex, Denny Landon will be conducting a short service at Harold's wishes. Harold Doub was 101 years old.*



# SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

January, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY: DEVOTIONS FOR: JANUARY  
COMMUNION: JOHNNY SPILLMAN

## OPENING PRAYERS FOR: JANUARY

### SCRIPTURE

Jan. 1 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 8 - Mark Minor  
Jan. 15 - Andy Santiago  
Jan. 22 - Rodney Brown  
Jan. 29 - Johnny Spillman

### SONG LEADER

Clayton Workman  
Charley Belch  
Steve Tesh  
David Shoaf  
Gene Southern

### PRAYER

Todd Hinson  
Mark Roy  
Al Lawson  
Wes Garland  
David Moore

## OPENING PRAYERS FOR: JANUARY

### SUNDAY A.M.

Jan. 1 - Todd Hinson  
Jan. 8 - Triston Roy  
Jan. 15 - Mike Glenn  
Jan. 22 - Jason Allen  
Jan. 29 - Rodney Brown

### SUNDAY P.M.

Justin Little  
David Shoaf  
Bill Carothers  
Tim Allen  
Carl Cooper

### WEDNESDAY

Jan. 4 - D.C. Mock  
Jan. 11 - Gene Southern  
Jan. 18 - Bob Tesh  
Jan. 25 - Adam Warner

SECURITY AND GREETING: JODY EVERETT & ANDY SANTIAGO

PLEASE OPEN BUILDING BY 10:30 A.M., 5:40 P.M., AND WEDNESDAY BY 6:40 P.M.

## SONG LEADERS FOR : JANUARY

### SUNDAY A.M.

Jan. 1 - Tristan Roy  
Jan. 8 - David Shoaf  
Jan. 15 - Charley Belch  
Jan. 22 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 29 - Steve Tesh

### SUNDAY P.M.

Tristan Roy  
David Shoaf  
Charley Belch  
Wayne Allen  
Song & Prayer Sve.  
Coordinator: Charley Belch

### WEDNESDAY

Jan. 1 - Gene Southern  
Jan. 11 - Clayton Workman  
Jan. 18 - Wayne Allen  
Jan. 22 - Wayne Allen

PLEASE, IF YOU SHOULD BE UNABLE TO BE HERE, ARRANGE COVERAGE!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE.

“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*

Tim Allen  
Todd Hinson  
Steve Tesh  
Andy Santiago

### *DEACONS*

Randy Warner  
Keith Warner  
Mark Minor  
Jody Everett

Gene Southern  
Shawn Thomason  
Mark Roy  
Adam Warner